

Can we design a better ballot?

How changes in design change the outcomes of elections

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WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

To vote for a write-in candidate, follow the
directions on the long stub of your ballot card.

Step 3. To vote in a race, you must write
your name in the circle and the office on the page.

You cannot vote for a candidate whose
name is in a circle and write in a candidate whose
name is in a circle and neither vote will count.

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Shall each of the persons listed be retained in office as Judge of the Circuit Court, Cook County Judicial Circuit?

Judy I. Mitchell-Davis

Mary Ellen Coghlan

Sebastian Thomas Patti

Michele Francene Lowrance

Kathleen Marie McGury

James P. O'Malley

Shelley Lynn Sutker-Dermer

Gay-Lloyd Lott

Lynn Marie Egan

Gerald C. Bender

Andrew Berman

Patricia Martin Bishop

Diane Gordon Cannon

Evelyn B. Clay

Sharon Johnson Coleman

Clayton J. Crane

Wilbur E. Crooks

Daniel P. Darcy

Donald M. Devlin

Vote Yes Or No
VOTE SI O NO

YES (SI)	267	→
NO (NO)	268	→
YES (SI)	269	→
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YES (SI)	271	→
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**If you spoil your ballot,
ask the judge for a new one.**

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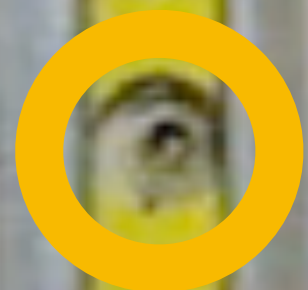


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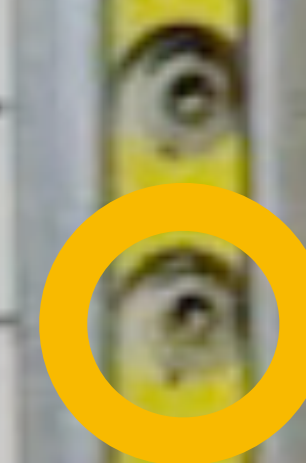


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	(SOCIALIST WORKERS)	11➡			
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Good public administration

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Not ideal design

Every design decision
makes a difference

Democracy is a
design problem.

The Help America Vote Act
did not solve this problem

Every voter is affected by poor ballot design

- Thousands of votes are lost
- All technologies are affected
- Greater risk for some groups of voters

Why do ballots look the way
they do?

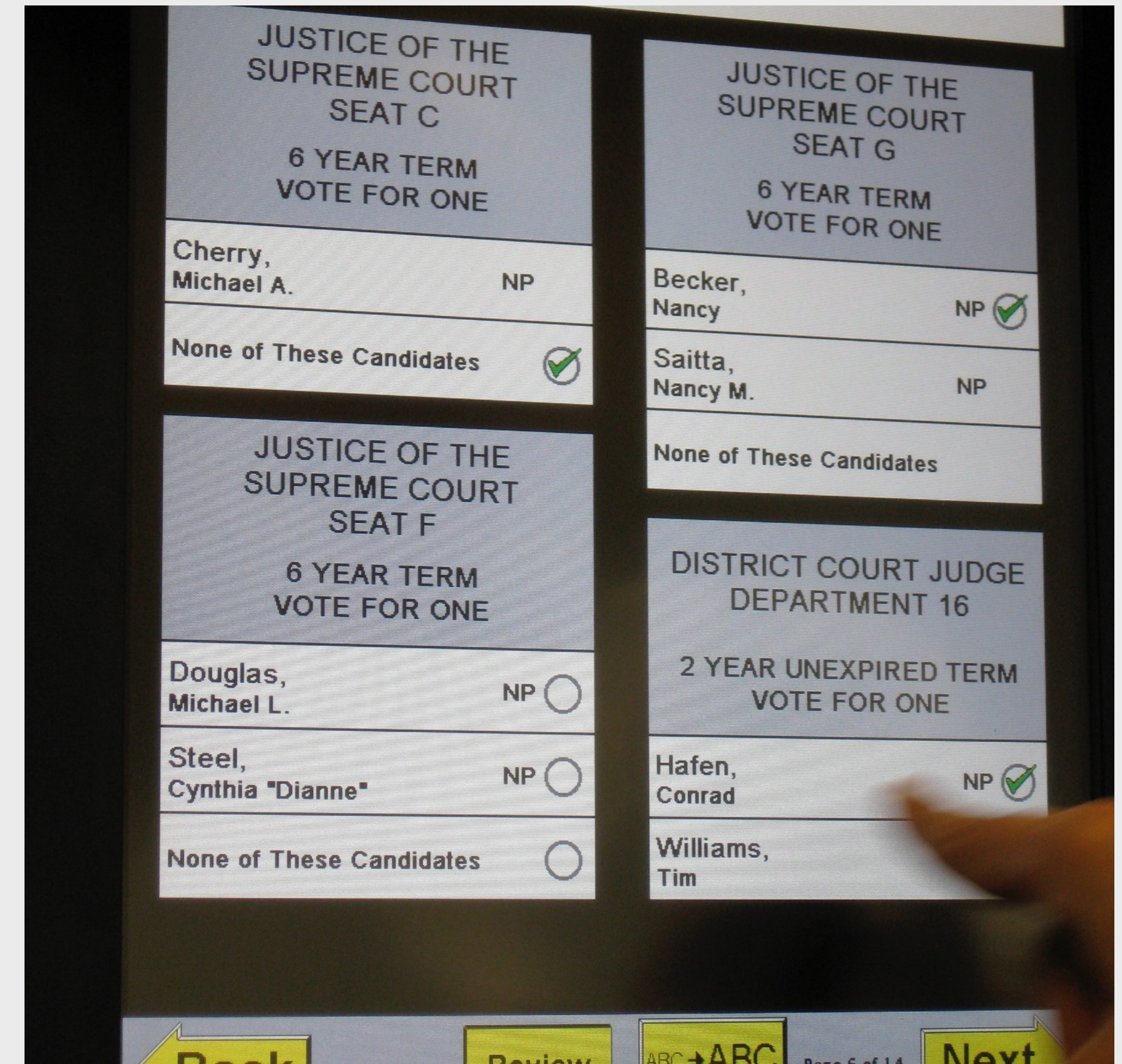
19:14-16. Style of type, rulings and spacings

The words to be printed on the perforated coupon shall be printed in twelve-point bold-faced capital letters and the figures in eighteen and twenty-two-point bold-faced ▶type◀. At the head of the ▶ballot◀ the words "Official General Election ▶Ballot◀" shall be printed in at least thirty-point bold-faced capital letters. The name of municipality, ward, election district, and date shall be printed in twelve-point bold-faced capital letters. The words "Instructions to the voter" shall be printed in twelve-point bold-faced capitals and small letters, while the instructions embraced within the brackets shall be printed in eight-point bold-faced capital and small letters. The column designations shall be printed in eighteen-point bold-faced capital letters and the accompanying instructions shall be printed in eight-point capitals and small letters. The titles of office and accompanying instructions shall be printed in ten-point bold-faced capital and small letters. When there is no nomination made at the primary for an office, the title shall be printed in the space where such title should appear, and the words "No Nomination Made" in ▶type◀ large enough to fill the entire space or spaces shall be printed therein. The names of all candidates shall be printed in ten-point capital letters. The designations following the candidates' names in the nomination by petition column or columns shall be printed in ten-point capitals and small letters, except that where they overrun the space within the column the designations may be abbreviated, and all spaces between the two-point hair line rules not occupied by the titles of office and names of candidates shall be printed in with scroll or filling to guide the voter against wrongly marking the ▶ballot◀. On the foot of the ▶ballot◀ the words "Public Questions to be Voted Upon" shall be printed in eighteen-point bold-faced capital letters. The accompanying instructions shall be printed in eight-point capital and small letters. The public questions to be voted upon shall be printed in ten-point capital and small letters, and the words "Yes" and "No" shall be printed in twelve-point bold-faced capital letters.

Legislation

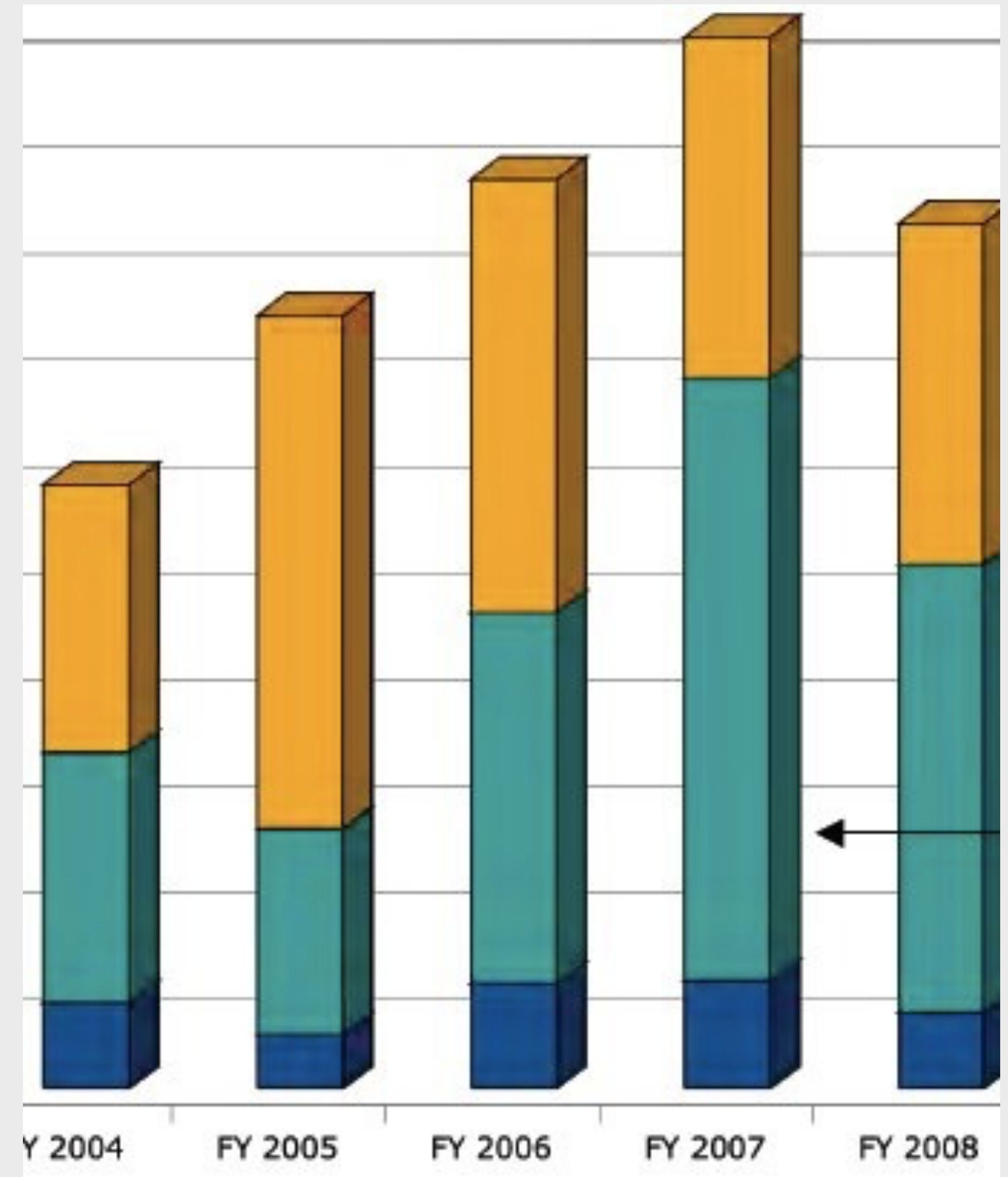
Voting systems

- All have technical constraints
- Based on aged technology
- Certification testing needs to catch up



Costs

In Maryland, cost per voter increased by 179% going from paper-based systems to touchscreens



Costs

Paper has costs, too

- printing
- postage
- storage



[Insert Chinese Translation]
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History



Skills

- There are 1000s of election jurisdictions
- State heads of elections often issue ballot standards and templates
- Counties design, print, and distribute ballots
- There are many more elections every year than most people realize

Poor design decisions can get
in the way of voter intent

Poor ballot design

- Frustrates voters
- Undermines confidence
- Contributes to election day problems and downstream counting

Ballot anatomy

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SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEAT 1
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☐ Carolyn J. Mason

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DEM

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NPA

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD
DISTRICT 1
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REP

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DEM

COUNTY

HOSPITAL BOARD
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NONPARTISAN

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

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DISTRICT SEAT 4
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REP

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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD
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REP

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DEM

HOSPITAL BOARD
AT LARGE SEAT 2
(Vote for One)

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REP

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Contests

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOVEMBER 4, 2008		
PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> John McCain	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Barack Obama	DEM	
<input type="radio"/> Gene Amundson	PRO	
<input type="radio"/> James Harris	SWP	
<input type="radio"/> Chuck Baldwin	CPF	
<input type="radio"/> Bob Barr	LIB	
<input type="radio"/> Gloria La Riva	PSL	
<input type="radio"/> Alan Keys	AIP	
<input type="radio"/> Cynthia McKinney	GRE	
<input type="radio"/> Thomas Robert Stevens	OBJ	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in		
SHERIFF (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Thomas Knight	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Curt Lavarello	DEM	
TAX COLLECTOR (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Donna Clarke	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Barbara Ford-Coates	DEM	
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Kathy Dert	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Barry Sullivan	DEM	
<input type="radio"/> Levko Kios	NPA	
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAT 1 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Carolyn J. Mason	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Jono Miller	DEM	
<input type="radio"/> John E. Mullarkey	NPA	
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Matthew J. Fountain	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Ryan Starley	DEM	
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Cathy Layton	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Virginia Hoffman-Meketon	DEM	
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Frank Moore	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Bryan K. Worthington	DEM	
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Jud Boedecker	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Jamie Hif Wilson	DEM	
CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 5 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Marie Nisco	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Ramon H. Porter Jr.	DEM	
HOSPITAL BOARD CENTRAL SEAT 1 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Dave Couch	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Teresa Carafelli	DEM	
NONPARTISAN		
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		
Shall Justice Charles T. Wells of the Supreme Court be retained in office?		
<input type="radio"/> YES		
<input type="radio"/> NO		
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL		
Shall Judge Chris W. Altenbernd of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?		
<input type="radio"/> YES		
<input type="radio"/> NO		
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Shall Judge Carolyn K. Fulmer of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?		
<input type="radio"/> YES		
<input type="radio"/> NO		
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL		
Shall Judge Morris Silberman of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?		
<input type="radio"/> YES		
<input type="radio"/> NO		
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL		
Shall Judge James W. Whatley of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?		
<input type="radio"/> YES		
<input type="radio"/> NO		
INGLEWOOD FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT SEAT 4 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Charles H. Bray		
<input type="radio"/> Jeff Kern		
INGLEWOOD FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT SEAT 5 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Denise Hawkins		
<input type="radio"/> Michael McMahon		
CONGRESSIONAL		
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 13 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Vern Buchanan	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Christine Jennings	DEM	
<input type="radio"/> Don Bakdauf	NPA	
<input type="radio"/> Jan Schneider	NPA	
STATE		
PUBLIC DEFENDER 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Larry Eger	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Adam Tebrugge	DEM	
LEGISLATIVE		
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 23 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Nancy C. Detert	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Morgan R. Bentley	DEM	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> Ken Roberson	REP	
<input type="radio"/> Phyllis J. Cobb	REP	

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- Placing targets on both sides of names
- Using arrows rather than bubbles or rounded rectangles
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- Inconsistency in format and style
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- Not writing in short, simple instructions
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- Not telling voters how to correct paper ballots

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		<input type="radio"/> Peggy A. Lautenschlager (Democratic)		<input type="radio"/> Susan Hilsabeck (Democratic)	
Blacken the oval to the LEFT of the name of the candidate. When voting for governor and lieutenant governor, you may vote only for the candidates on one ticket jointly or by writing in the names of persons on the lines provided and blackening the oval.		<input type="radio"/> Vince Biskupic (Republican)		<input type="radio"/> Alan J. Lasee (Republican)	
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<input type="radio"/> DEMOCRATIC		SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote For One)		REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT #1 (Vote For One)	
<input type="radio"/> REPUBLICAN		<input type="radio"/> Douglas La Follette (Democratic)		<input type="radio"/> Tom Hermann (Democratic)	
<input type="radio"/> WISCONSIN GREENS		<input type="radio"/> Robert Gerald Lorge (Republican)		<input type="radio"/> Garey D. Bies (Republican)	
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DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLICAN

WISCONSIN GREENS

LIBERTARIAN

CONSTITUTION

STATEWIDE

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote For One)

Jim Doyle

Barbara Lawton

(Democratic)

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

STATEWIDE (CONT.)

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (CONT.)

Ty A. Bollerud

(Independent)

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Vote For One)

Peggy A. Lautenschlager

(Democratic)

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT #8

(Vote For One)

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(Democratic)

Mark Green

(Republican)

Dick Kaiser

(Wisconsin Greens)

LEGISLATIVE AND STATE

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT #1

(Vote For One)

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(Democratic)

Alan J. Lasee

(Republican)

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(Vote For One)

Tom Hermann

(Democratic)

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(Vote For One)

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Congressional
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District Attorney Vote for One
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- ☐ Republican
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- ☐ Libertarian
- ☐ Constitution

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Attorney General Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/>	Peggy A. Lautenschlager <small>Democratic</small>
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Secretary of State Vote for One	
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State Treasurer Vote for One	
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Congressional	
Representative in Congress District #8 Vote for One	
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Legislative and State	
State Senator District #1 Vote for One	
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District Attorney Vote for One	
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☐

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DEM

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Bill McCollum	REP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walter "Skip" Campbell	DEM	<input type="checkbox"/>

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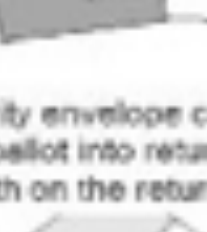


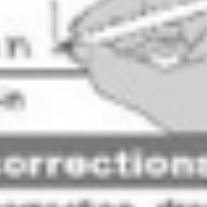


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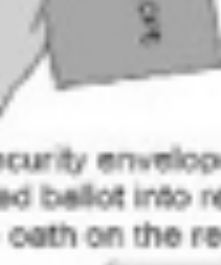


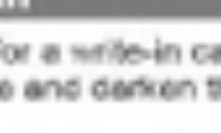
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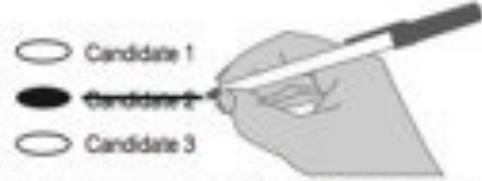

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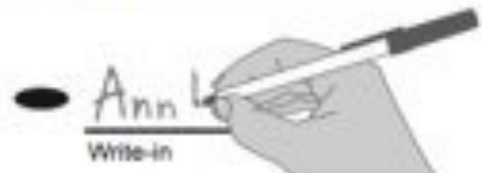
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- Use lowercase letters
- Avoid centered text
- Pick one sans-serif font
- Use big enough type
- Support process and navigation
- Use clear, simple language
- Use accurate instructional illustrations
- Use informational icons (only)
- Use contrast and color functionally
- Decide what's most important

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Principles and Guidelines

Principle 1: HIGH QUALITY DESIGN

The voting system is designed to accurately, completely, and robustly carry out election processes.

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Research and standards

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/TGDC_Recommended_VVSG2.0_P_Gs.pdf

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Common Ballot Design Flaws and How to Fix Them

Poor design can confuse voters and cause their votes to be discounted, but common problems are often easily resolved.

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Use lowercase letters.

Lowercase letters are more legible than ALL CAPITAL LETTERS because they make shapes that are easier to recognize.

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This Line is Upper and Lowercase.



Answering voters' questions

Elections = process

- Register
- Voting options
- Polling place locations
- Voter ID
- Current office holders
- Military and overseas voters
- Sample ballot
- Language access

Voters are ballot-centric

Based on what's on the ballot, people decide whether to invest time and energy

Most voters don't know everything
that's on the ballot until they're in the
voting booth

Infrequent voters face a more challenges

- **Information: the Goldilocks problem**
It's a lot of information, but don't leave anything out
- **Reach: the source of information**
It's hard to find unbiased, authoritative sources. Who is talking to me?
- **Experience: getting ready to vote**
Help me be ready, so I know what will happen and what I have to do

Themes from interviews with voters

- Use of sources - no surprises
- Value information that uses visual layout to signal content
- Experience with elections determines the type of information voters want

Make it clear and simple

Design in the context

Make sure it's implementable

Build on existing work

Test, test, test

We can design a better
voter experience

Thank you!

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