

Elections: What's New in 2014



Welcome to the New Ballot Style

Ballots will now be printed on thinner, white paper and will always be 8 1/2" wide, may vary in length, and may be printed on both sides. For elections with different contests by Ward, a color stripe will differentiate those voting districts. Ovals will need to be filled in by the elector; completing arrows has been eliminated. An even bigger change this year is with the tabulator equipment.

Official Ballot for Nonpartisan Office and Referendum 0079

Notice to voters: This ballot may be invalid unless initialed by 2 election inspectors. If cast as an absentee ballot, the ballot must bear the initials of the municipal clerk or deputy clerk.

<p>Instructions to Voters</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this <input type="radio"/> .</p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space marked "write-in," and fill in the oval next to the name like this <input type="radio"/> .</p> <p>Mistakes</p> <p>If you make a mistake or have a question, see an election inspector. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>Verona Area School District School Board Member At Large Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Derrell Connor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <hr/> <p>Verona Area School District School Board Member Portion 3 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dennis Beres</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERENDUM</p> <p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to 'YES.' To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to 'NO.'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dane County</p> <p>QUESTION 1: "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>QUESTION 2: "Should the state government enact legislation legalizing marijuana?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>JUDICIAL</p> <p>Court of Appeals Judge District 4 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gary E. Sherman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <hr/> <p>Circuit Court Judge Branch 1 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John W. Markson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <hr/> <p>Circuit Court Judge Branch 7 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William E. Hanrahan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY</p> <p>County Supervisor District 32 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pat McPartland</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Willett</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">MUNICIPAL</p> <p>Town Board Supervisor Seat 3 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Manfred R. Enburg</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <hr/> <p>Town Board Supervisor Seat 4 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark Geller</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>

Official Ballot for Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2014

for

(Municipality and Ward #(s)) _____

Ballot issued by _____

(initials of election inspectors) _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____

(initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk) _____

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked this ballot at the request and direction of a voter, who is authorized under the law to receive assistance.

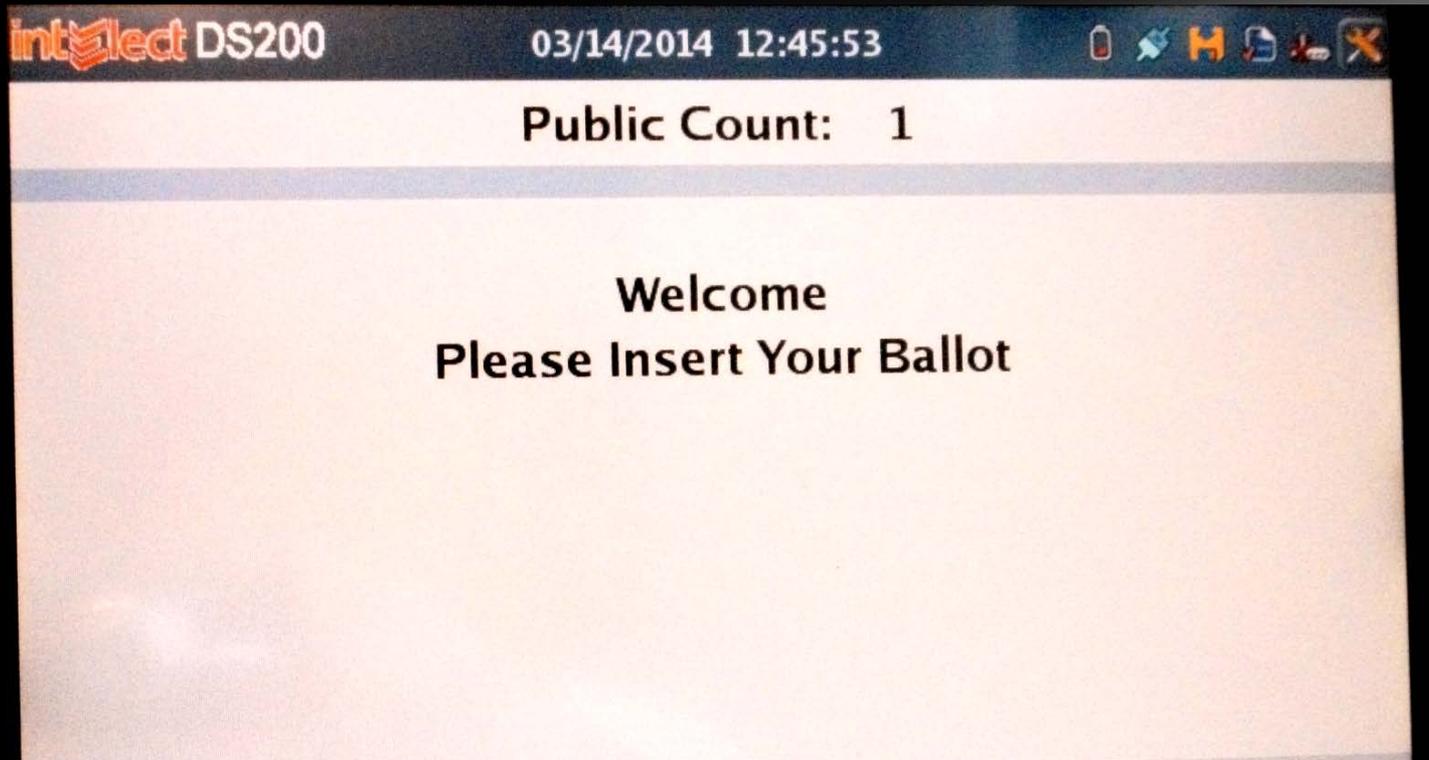
(signature of assistor) _____

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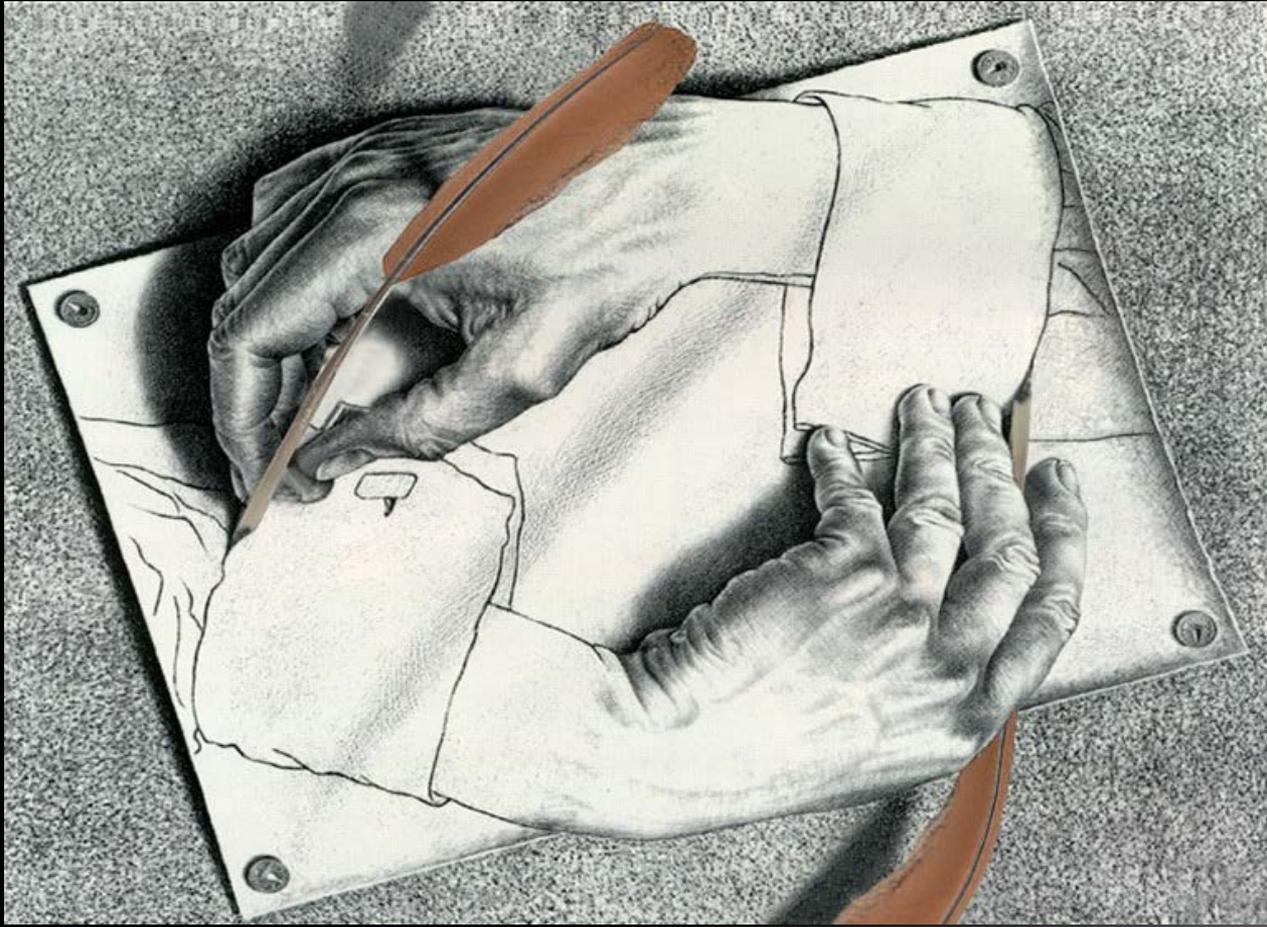
Welcome to the DS-200



Unlike the Op-Tech Eagle utilized in past elections, the DS-200 has a touch screen to relay messages to the voter and election officials. Notice that the date, time, and voter count are clearly visible.



Marking the Ballot



Fill in Ovals per the Ballot Instructions with the Black Marker/Black Pen Provided in the Booth

Instructions to Voters

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this ●.

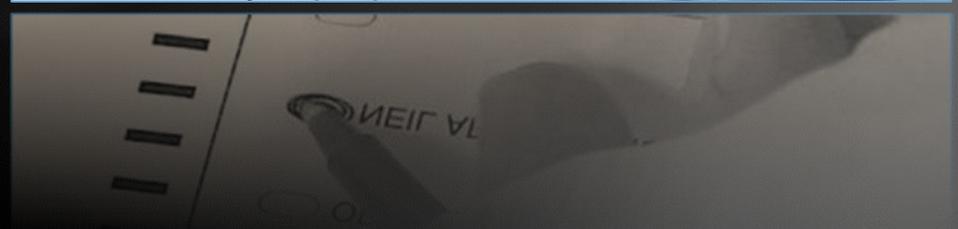
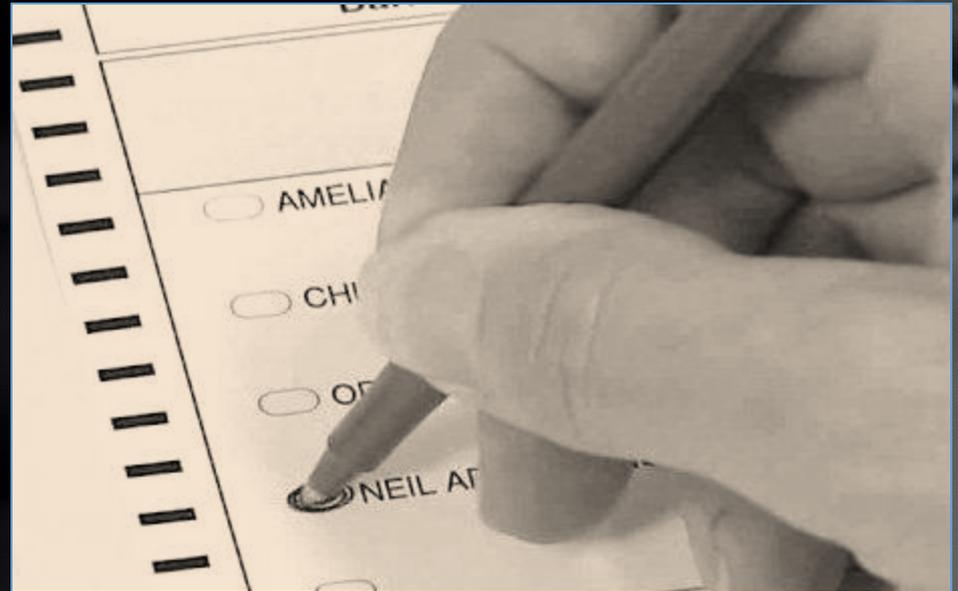
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space marked "write-in," and fill in the oval next to the name like this ●.

Mistakes

If you make a mistake or have a question, see an election inspector. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

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Voting for Write-in Candidates

If your candidate's name does not appear on the ballot, you may fill in the oval for a write-in candidate and print the name of the individual you want to cast a vote for in the provided space. If you do not write in a name, but have filled in the oval, the machine will record the choice as a write-in.

However, when the write-ins are recorded by hand by the designated poll workers at the end of the evening, the blank write-in line will then be tallied as an undervote. Please check your ballot to ensure you have written in your write-in choices before placing it through the DS-200.

BEST ICE-CREAM FLAVOR Vote For ONE	
<input type="radio"/>	CHOCOLATE
<input type="radio"/>	STRAWBERRY
<input type="radio"/>	VANILLA
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<u>Pistachio</u>
Write-in	

How to Assure Your Vote Will be Counted



No



No way



Nada



Nyet



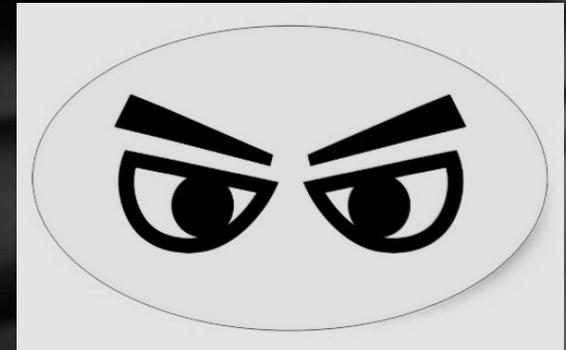
Nein



Yes: the scanner will read an oval that is filled or slightly overfilled and count the vote

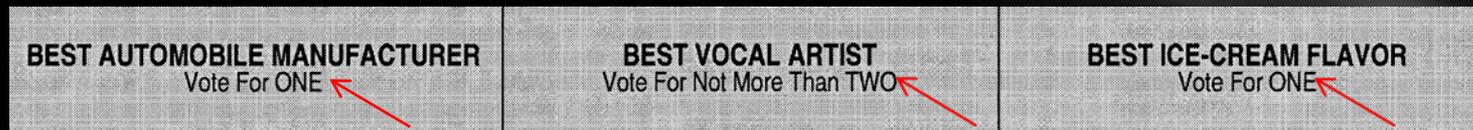
What If I Don't Want to Vote for Any Candidate; Will a Blank Oval Create Problems or Invalidate My Other Choices?

There is no requirement to vote for every issue/office on a ballot. Leaving some choices blank has no effect on your other choices. Some voters choose to leave an entire ballot blank so that they remain active within the voter registration system.

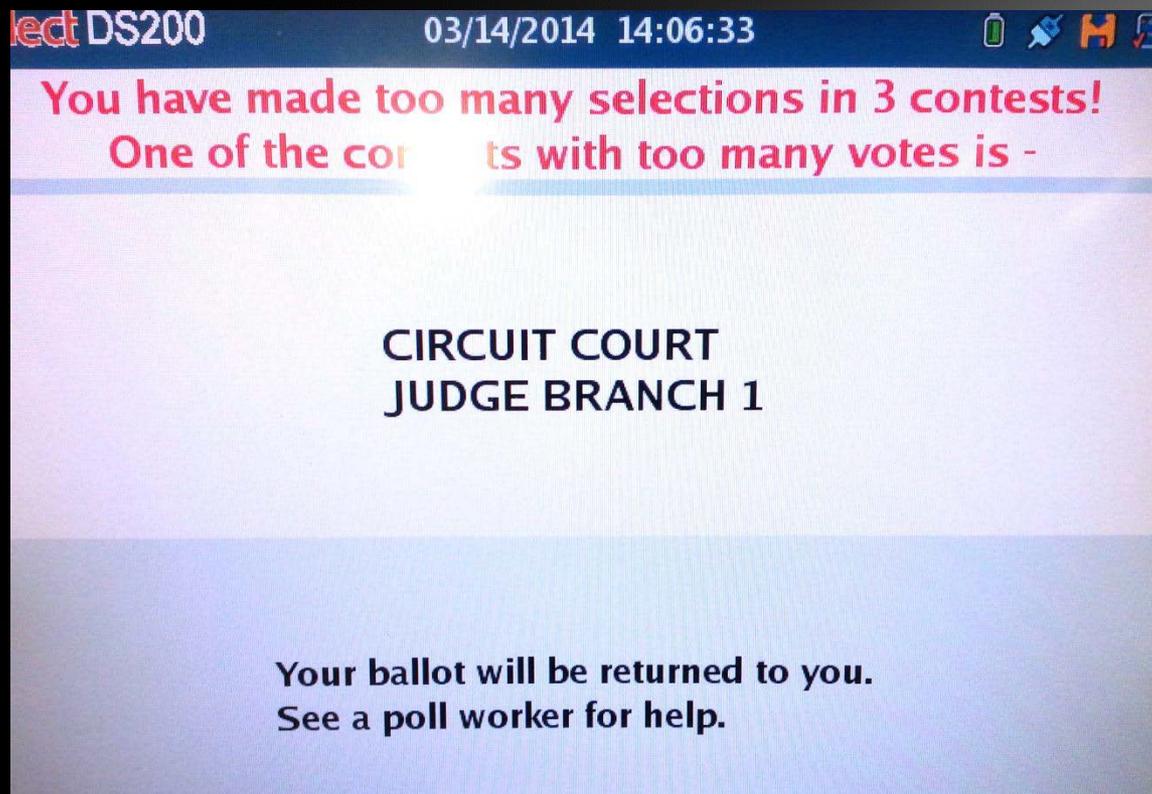


Voters who do not cast a ballot within a four-year period of their registration date may be inactivated. The voter will be contacted by postcard at the end of that period; the voter can opt to continue as an active participant by signing and returning a postage paid postcard. If the voter does not mark a choice or if the postcard is undeliverable, the voter's status will be changed to inactive. Inactive voters can vote in future elections if they re-register.

Follow the Directions on the Ballot Closely to Avoid an Over-Voted Ballot



An over-voted ballot will be rejected by the DS-200 and an error message will appear on the screen; see example below:



What Do I Do with the Over-Voted Ballot Returned by the DS-200?

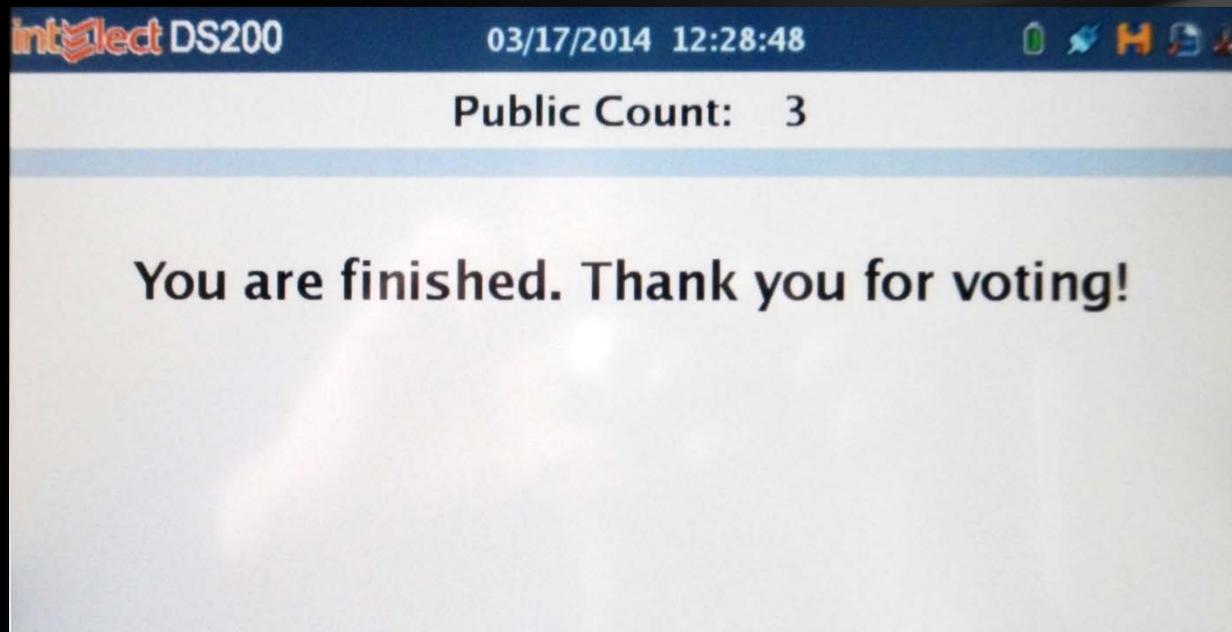
The over-voted ballot will need to be returned to the Election Inspector. The Inspector will consider the over-voted ballot to be “spoiled” and a new blank ballot will be issued to the voter with an explanation as to why the error occurred and how to avoid repeating the error.

The elector has two more opportunities to correct an error; otherwise, the third over-voted ballot will be considered “defective” and will be remade by two poll workers when there is a lull in the voting.



What Happens to the Defective Ballot?

The defective ballot is retained and labelled to identify it as defective, but not counted. Instead, when the ballot is remade, the over-voted item or items are eliminated by leaving those un-voted. The remade ballot will contain the elector's choices for all other items not over-voted. Please note: an under-voted ballot will not produce an error message; the ballot will be accepted by the DS-200 and cannot be returned to allow for corrections. It is critical with the new voting equipment, therefore, that the elector wait for their ballot to be accepted before leaving the area. This message appears when the ballot is accepted:

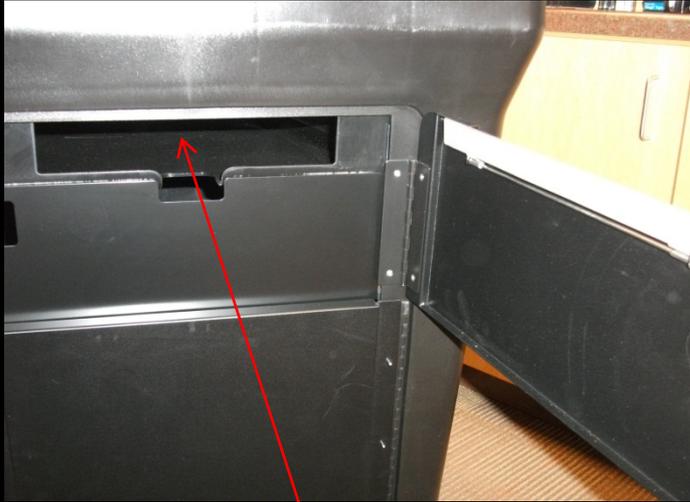


What Happens if the Power Goes Out?

Like the Op-Tech Eagle that the DS-200 replaced, this unit has a battery backup. Previously recorded votes are stored on an encrypted memory stick device and will not be affected by a power outage. If the power is not immediately restored, the Chief Inspector will announce that the auxiliary door on the DS-200 storage bin will be opened for temporary storage of voted ballots until the power is restored.



The Chief Inspector Prepares for the Collection of Ballots in the Auxiliary Bin



Ballots will temporarily be stored here



Auxiliary flap will be lowered and outer door locked

When power is restored, the Chief Inspector will enter a password on the touchscreen to resume the election, unlock the auxiliary bin to retrieve the stored ballots, place the flap in the upright position, lock the bin, and feed the ballots through the DS-200. Regular voting can now resume.

What Happens if the Machine Stops Working?

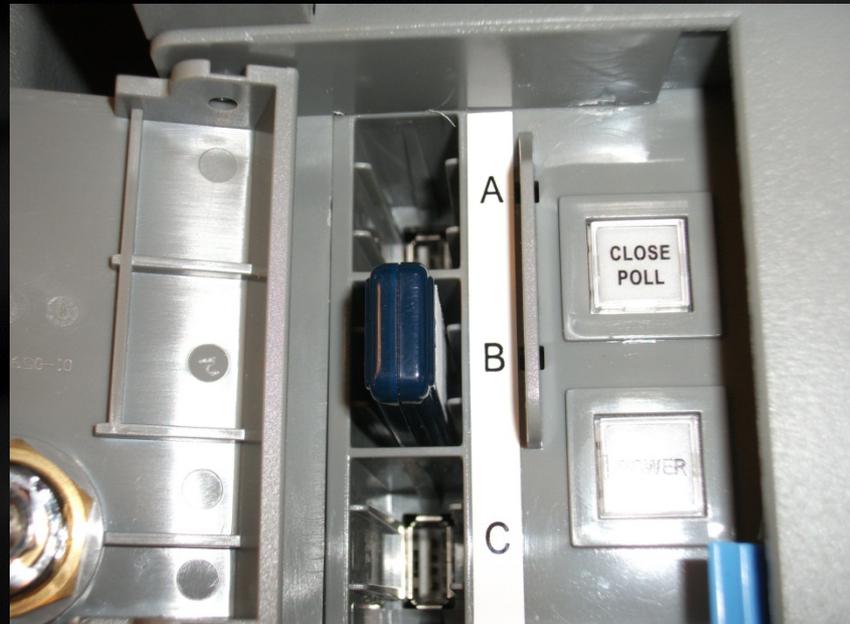
Voted ballots will be stored in the same manner described in the contingency of a power outage. Every effort will be made cooperatively on the municipal level, Dane County Clerk's Office, and dedicated staff at ES&S to troubleshoot the problem and restore the equipment to working order. If it is determined the machine cannot be restored, then voting will continue through the use of the auxiliary bin until the tabulator is replaced with equipment stored at the Dane County Clerk's Office.



The unit will be powered down, the memory device removed, and the unit locked so it can be exchanged with another unit.

Resuming the Election with Replacement Equipment

The encrypted memory stick that was removed from the defective DS-200 will be inserted into the appropriate USB slot of the replacement unit; the lid will be closed, locked, and sealed with a security device. The Chief Inspector will enter the appropriate password and the election will resume with all election results before and after the malfunction stored on the same memory device.



How Will Initial Election Results be Relayed to Dane County?

Election night results will be sent to Dane County using the internal modem. Provisional ballots that could not be counted the night the election was closed will be tallied the following Monday by the Municipal Board of Canvassers.



Conclusion

The DS-200 has been in use by other states, other counties within Wisconsin, and by other municipalities within Dane County for the February 18, 2014 Primary (not required in the Town of Verona). Please be patient with our poll workers the day of the Spring 2014 Election as they further familiarize themselves with the equipment and procedures beyond the training they have already received. We think you will be pleased with the new equipment and ballot layout!

If you need to check your registration status, you may contact our office located at 335 N. Nine Mound Rd., Verona between 8 AM and 2PM, M-F, (608) 845-7187. You can also check your status online at the following website:
<https://myvote.wi.gov/>.

