

From: [Rick Weible](#)
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Subject: [EXT] 5:02:09.01.02 – Folds in Ballots issue
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 4:23:39 PM
Attachments: [SOSNotes20230626Testing.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Additional thoughts on testing for folded/mailed absentee ballots....please see attached.

Thank you,

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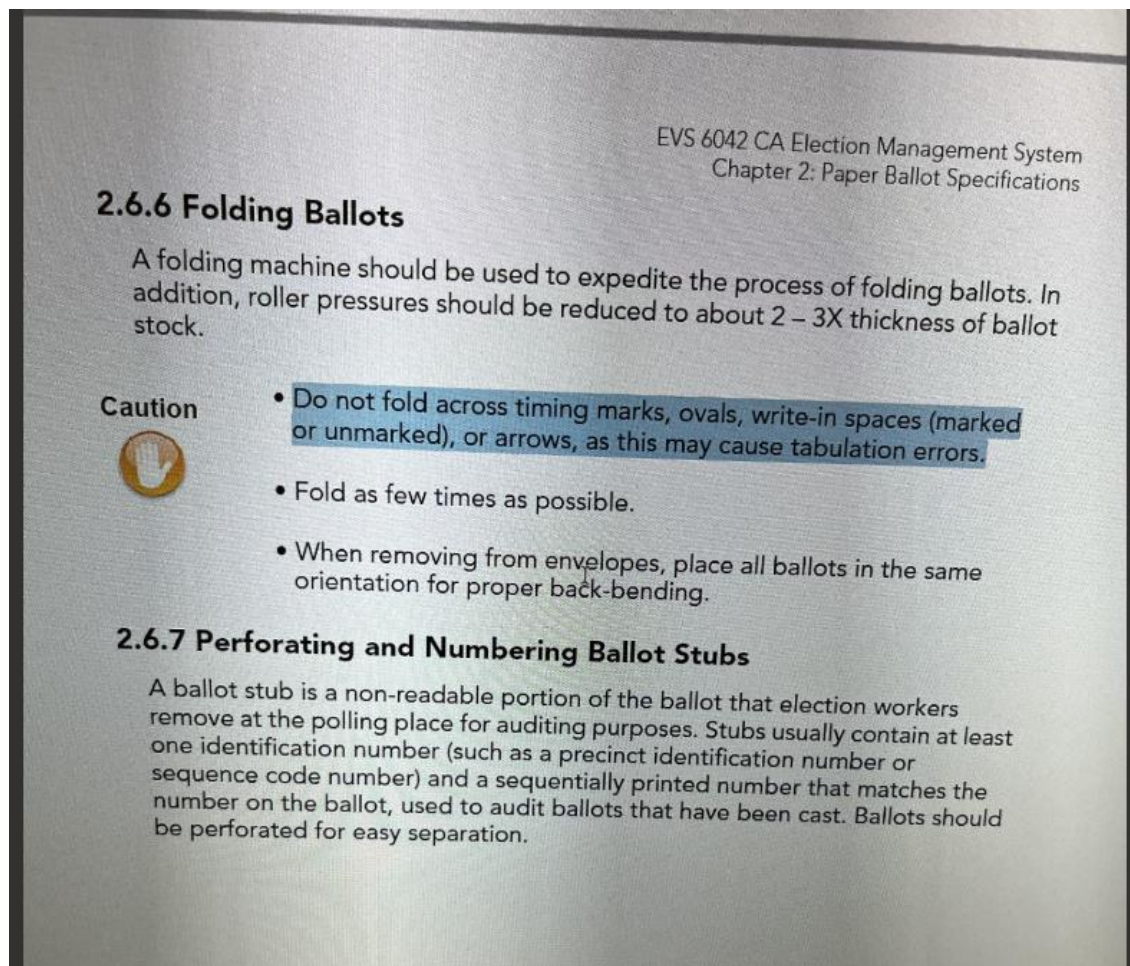
Good afternoon,

Here is evidence that folds do impact the performance of tabulators, with a direct warning from ES&S from their manuals and from Dodge County, WI Cast Vote Records with ballot images.

We must ensure that proper design and testing prevents this from happening to our voters in South Dakota.

5:02:09.01.02 –

- a. Ballot Folds should be discussed further, this is why cast vote records are needed for review.



- i.
- ii. We have observed the issue of the folds in Dodge County, WI on Cast Vote Record and Ballot ID 34,195. We can see that the tabulator in this case interpreted the fold as a vote and invalidated the vote that the voter had cast and considered it to be an overvote, to where the voter intent was lost and the vote for that race did not count.

Official Ballot Partisan Office November 8, 2022			
Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).			
General Instructions If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). 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 on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	Statewide <input type="radio"/> Josh Kaul (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Eric Toney (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	Congressional <input type="radio"/> Mike Van Someren (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Scott Fitzgerald (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	
When voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, you have one of two choices: • Vote for candidates on one ticket, or • Write in names of persons on both write-in lines. A write-in vote for only a Lieutenant Governor candidate will not be counted.	Statewide <input type="radio"/> Doug La Follette (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Amy Lynn Loudenbeck (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Neil Harmon (Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> Sharyl R. McFarland (Wisconsin Green Party) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	Legislative <input checked="" type="radio"/> John Jagler (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in: Representative to the Assembly District 37 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Maureen McCarville (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> William Penterman (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	
	Governor / Lieutenant Governor Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Tony Evers / Sara Rodriguez (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Tim Michels / Roger Roth (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Joan Ellis Beglinger / No Candidate (Independent)	State Treasurer Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Aaron Richardson (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> John S. Leiber (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Andrew Zuelke (Constitution) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	County Sheriff Vote for 1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Dale J. Schmidt (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	write-in: (Governor) write-in: (Lieutenant Governor)	Congressional <input type="radio"/> Mandela Barnes (Democratic) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ron Johnson (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	County Clerk of Circuit Court Vote for 1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kelly Enright (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	Typ: 01 Seq: 0071 Spl: 01		
	Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting at top of next column.	
Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡			

Governor / Lieutenant Governor Vote for 1	State Treasurer Vote for 1	<input type="radio"/> write-in:
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Tim Michels / Roger Roth (Republican)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> John S. Leiber (Republican)	Sheriff Vote for 1
<input type="radio"/> Joan Ellis Beglinger / No Candidate (Independent)	<input type="radio"/> Andrew Zuelke (Constitution)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Dale J. Schmidt (Republican)
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	Congressional	Clerk of Circuit Court Vote for 1
	<input type="radio"/> Mandela Barnes (Democratic)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Kelly Enright (Republican)
write-in: (Governor)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ron Johnson (Republican)	<input type="radio"/> write-in:
write-in: (Lieutenant Governor)	<input type="radio"/> write-in:	

iv.

Cast Vote Record: 34,195

Poll Place: Watertown W1&2

Precinct: C Watertown W1&2

Ballot Style: C Watertown W1&2 [Sheet Number 1]

Party: Nonpartisan

Tabulator CVR: 45e21200b3ab0caa

Machine Serial: DS200 - 0317350792

Blank Ballot: NO

Reporting Group: Election Day

Contests:

Gov/Lt. Gov (245)

Vote For: 1

Michels / Roth (369)

Overvoted

Write-in (247)

Overvoted

(Marked)

Attorney Gen (250)

Vote For: 1

Eric Toney (375)

Counted

Sec State (255)

Vote For: 1

Amy Lynn Loudenbeck (379)

Counted

v.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	Cast Vote Record	Precinct	Ballot Style	Gov/Lt. Gov (245)	Attorney Gen (250)	Sec State (255)	S
34177		34177 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		
34178		34178 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	REP Michels / Roth (CND REP Eric Toney (CND0005	REP Amy Lynn Loudenberg (CND		
34179		34179 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		
34180		34180 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	REP Michels / Roth (CND REP Eric Toney (CND0005	REP Amy Lynn Loudenberg (CND		
34181		34181 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		
34182		34182 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		
34183		34183 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	REP Michels / Roth (CND REP Eric Toney (CND0005	REP Amy Lynn Loudenberg (CND		
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34195		34195 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	overvote	REP Eric Toney (CND0005	REP Amy Lynn Loudenberg (CND	
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34200		34200 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		
34201		34201 C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004)	DEM Doug La Follette (CND		

- vi.
vii. Source of CVRS publicly available

<https://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/departments/departments-a-d/county-clerk/election-information/election-results/election-results-2022>

Thanks,

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