From: Rick Weible
To: Elections

Subject:[EXT] 5:02:09.01.02 - Folds in Ballots issueDate:Tuesday, June 27, 2023 4:23:39 PMAttachments:SOSNotes20230626Testing.pdf

Good afternoon,

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

Thank you,

Rick Weible 612-306-4555

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.

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

EVS 6042 CA Election Management System Chapter 2: Paper Ballot Specifications

2.6.6 Folding Ballots

A folding machine should be used to expedite the process of folding ballots. In addition, roller pressures should be reduced to about 2-3X thickness of ballot stock.

Caution



- Do not fold across timing marks, ovals, write-in spaces (marked or unmarked), or arrows, as this may cause tabulation errors.
- Fold as few times as possible.
- When removing from envelopes, place all ballots in the same orientation for proper back-bending.

2.6.7 Perforating and Numbering Ballot Stubs

A ballot stub is a non-readable portion of the ballot that election workers remove at the polling place for auditing purposes. Stubs usually contain at least one identification number (such as a precinct identification number or sequence code number) and a sequentially printed number that matches the number on the ballot, used to audit ballots that have been cast. Ballots should be perforated for easy separation.

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.

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	Official Ballot Partisan Office November 8, 2022	
Notice to voters: If you are voting on E voting absentee, your ballot must be in without initials (see end of ballot for init General Instructions	lection Day, your ballot must be initiale itialed by the municipal clerk or deputy tials). Statewide	d by two (2) election inspectors. If you are clerk. Your ballot may not be counted Congressional
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help		外报
(absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).	O Josh Kaul (Democratic)	Mike Van Someren (Democratic)
To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this:	● Eric Toney (Republican)	 Scott Fitzgerald (Republican)
To vote for a name that is not on	o write-in:	O write-in:
the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this:		Legislative
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When voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, you have one of two choices:	 Amy Lynn Loudenbeck (Republican) 	o write-in:
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both write-in lines. A write-in vote for only a	Sharyl R. McFarland (Wisconsin Green Party)	Maureen McCarville (Democratic)
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	Andrew Zuelke (Constitution)	
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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

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34194	34194	C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C	DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004	DEM Doug La Follette (CND
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34201	34201	C Watertown W1&2	C Watertown W1&2	DEM Evers / Rodriguez (C	DEM Josh Kaul (CND0004	DEM Doug La Follette (CND

vii. Source of CVRS publicly available

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

Thanks,

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