

AutoMARK Tabulation

The AutoMARK is a ballot marking device. The device does not tabulate votes. No votes are stored in the machine. The AutoMARK marks a paper optical scan ballot.

Ballot boxes for Paper and Punch Card counties may need to be adjusted to allow for a clean insert of the AutoMARK optical scan ballot.

- **ARROW BALLOTS** Tabulate with other Arrow Optical Scan ballots.
- **OVAL BALLOTS** Tabulate with other Optical Scan ballots.
- **PAPER BALLOTS** Tally by hand at precincts with other ballots.

PUNCH CARD BALLOTS - Options

- Tally at precincts, add to totals at county
- Collect Ballots from precincts, count centrally
- Purchase central count equipment with Title II funds and begin transition to Optical Scan system.
- Paper Ballot Tally Procedures shall be followed.

Section 34-2424, Idaho Code. Paper Ballots used in conjunction with voting machines,

In any election where voting machines or vote tally systems are used:

- (1) Paper ballots may be used to record the electors' votes for party offices.
- (2) Paper ballots may be used to record the electors' votes for or against municipal candidates or measures.
- (3) Paper ballots which are used in conjunction with voting machines may be returned to the office of the county clerk for counting by special counting boards. Ballots so counted shall be tallied and returned by precinct.
- (4) Ballots or ballot cards may be returned to the office of the county clerk for counting.
- (5) In the event that paper ballots are used in conjunction with voting machines or vote tally systems to record write-in votes, these paper ballots may be returned to the office of the county clerk for counting by special counting boards. Ballots so counted shall be tallied and returned by precinct

TALLYING PROCEDURE FOR THE PRIMARY

Suggested assignments — counting board duties.

1. One (1) clerk to read the voted ballots.
2. One (1) clerk to watch that the ballots are read correctly.
3. Two (2) clerks to record tally.

Procedure

1. Divide voted ballots into separate stacks by party. (Each stack thus separated will be read and tallied separately.)
2. Reading clerk reads from the voted ballot the candidates name after which the elector has placed a mark. If a person votes by writing the name of a candidate on the ballot such act shall constitute a vote for the person's name that appears.
3. After calling each ballot, the reading clerk should lay it face down to distinguish it from the uncounted ballots.
4. The two tally clerks will tally the vote in the appropriate tally books. When Republican votes are tallied, each tally clerk will have charge of a Republican tally book (EP-4). Thus, each vote cast is tallied by two members of the counting board in each of the Republican tally books. The same procedure is applicable to other parties and the judicial tally book. (Judicial tally book EP-3, Republican tally book EP-4, Democrat tally book EP-5)
5. As the candidate's name is called by the reading clerk, each clerk will place a short perpendicular line opposite the name of the candidate voted for. Every fifth vote for the same candidate shall be recorded by a horizontal line through the first four perpendicular lines. One of the clerks should clearly announce the fifth tally as the tallying proceeds.
6. The tally continues as long as the two tally clerks agree on the totals.
7. If there is any discrepancy, the cause must be identified and corrected before continuing with the tally.

TALLYING PROCEDURE FOR THE GENERAL

Suggested assignments — counting board duties.

1. One (1) clerk to read voted ballots.
2. One (1) clerk to watch that the ballots are read correctly.
3. Two (2) clerks to record tally.

Procedure

1. Reading clerk reads from the voted ballot the candidate's name after which the elector has placed a mark. If a person votes by writing the name of a candidate on the ballot, such act shall constitute a vote for the person's name which appears.
2. After calling each ballot, the reading clerk should lay it face down to distinguish it from the uncounted ballots.
3. The two tally clerks will tally the vote, each using a tally book (EG-3). Thus each vote is tallied by two members of the counting board in each of the two separate tally books.
4. As the candidate's name is called by the reading clerk, each clerk will place a short perpendicular line opposite the name of the candidate voted for. Every fifth vote for the same candidate shall be recorded by a horizontal line through the first four perpendicular lines. One of the judges should clearly announce the fifth tally as the tallying proceeds.
5. Yes/No votes on an issue will be tallied in the same manner as candidates in the tally book for Amendments and Initiatives (EG-3M)
6. The tally continues as long as the two tally clerks agree on the totals.
7. If there is any discrepancy, the cause shall be identified and corrected before continuing with the tally.

