

ATTENTION VOTER: This is an electronic absentee ballot for the General Election. Please vote and then print your ballot to mail to the election office at 215 South 4th Street, Suite C, Hamilton, MT 59840.

We MUST receive your ballot by **8:00 p.m.** (Mountain Time) on **NOVEMBER 4, 2015**, so please plan accordingly. **LATE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Election Administrator, at (406) 375-6550.

Example GENERAL ELECTION

STATE ADMINISTRATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC BALLOT

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE VOTING

Exhibit No. 3
Date 3/9/2015
Bill No. HB 400

YOUR VOTING PACKET CONTAINS:

1. Your official ballot
2. Affirmation Sheet
3. Secrecy Envelope

TO VOTE:

STEP 1 -- Read the ballot and decide how you choose to vote.

STEP 2 --- Mark your ballot using your computer. Fill in the oval before the name of the person or issue you intend to vote for. If you write in a candidate name you still must fill in the oval before write-in name for this vote to be counted.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED VOTING:

Return voted ballot by postal mail to the **Ravalli County Election Office, 215 South 4th Street, Suite C, Hamilton, MT 59840**. When mailing your ballot, postage required is 49 cents (if mailed within the United States). If mailing from outside the United States, international postage rates may apply. Please place your ballot in the attached secrecy envelope and include your Affirmation sheet in the return envelope. Be sure to write "**OFFICIAL BALLOT**" on the outside of the return envelope.

RETURN IMMEDIATELY: If your ballot is not received before the polls close on Election Day, your ballot cannot be counted.

YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS REQUIRED!!

If you need assistance or have questions regarding voting your ballot, you can contact the Election Office at (406) 375-6550 or by email: elections@rc.mt.gov.



Ravalli County, Montana
PROPOSED HB 400 AFFIRMATION SHEET EXAMPLE

~~TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR~~

Note to Elector: If you agree to the following statement, please complete the form and return it, along with your voted ballot, to the Ravalli County Election Office via MAIL ONLY. Be sure **OFFICIAL BALLOT** appears on the outside of your return envelope:

To: Ravalli County Election Office
215 South 4th Street, Suite C
Hamilton, MT 59840

_____, hereby declare that I
(Please print name)

reside/resided at _____
(current Montana street address/home of record/last U.S. residence address)

In the town of _____, County of Ravalli, State of Montana, and am entitled to vote in the election.

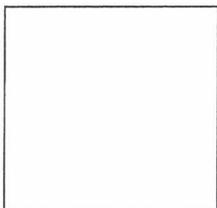
I understand that by choosing the option to submit my electronically voted ballot by mail, my ballot will not be secret in that it will be received by the election administrator and my marked ballot will be transcribed to an original ballot by a panel of no less than three election judges.

Voter please sign the affirmation by fingerprint, mark, or agent or provide a driver's license number or last four digits of your social security number.

Signature or Printed or Typed Name of Elector

Montana Driver's License Number or
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number

Date



X _____

Witness signature

Voter Fingerprint or
Identifying Mark



Ravalli County, Montana

PROPOSED HB 400 SECRECY ENVELOPE

Top flap of the envelope. This is the flap that opens and closes.

Fold first.

SECRECY ENVELOPE

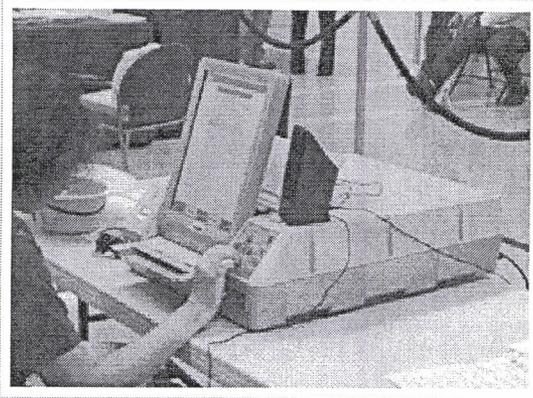
Fold second.

← Attach adhesive here.

After attaching adhesive, fold this flap up and adhere the adhesive sides to the small flaps you just folded. Fold down the top flap and voila! A lovely envelope.

← Attach adhesive here.

The AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) is an optical scan ballot marker designed for use by people who are unable to personally mark an optical scan ballot due to physical impairments or language barriers. Originally patented by Eugene Cummings in 2003 and developed by Vogue Election Systems, the AutoMARK ballot marking device received certification to the 2002 VSS in 2005 and later changed its name to AutoMARK Technical Systems. ES&S announced its purchase of AutoMARK Technical Systems on January 28, 2008. While the AutoMARK is most often used in configuration with optical scanners manufactured by ES&S, it is also used together with scanners from Sequoia and Premier/Diebold in some jurisdictions.



The AutoMARK is a hybrid of several devices: a scanner, printer, touch screen display, and input device. The data for a given election is stored on a compact flash card. Using the system software, an election official is able to convert election data created for use in the AutoMARK. During this process it is also possible to customize the election data, including adding translations or phonetic pronunciation of difficult names for use with the synthesized speech. Once the flash card has been programmed, it is inserted and locked into the AutoMARK. Secure electioneering is verified by a special program that fills in each oval on a ballot along with the candidate's name.

Accessibility features include a touch screen with a zoom and contrast feature, multiple language translation, keypad marked with Braille, puff-sip interface as well as an audio ballot feature. The AutoMARK prevents over-voting and users are prompted visually and audibly if they attempt to under-vote. Undervoting is allowed only after the user is prompted unless otherwise required by the election jurisdiction. Before any mark is made on the ballot, the voter is shown a verification screen where each race is displayed along with their selections. Under-voted races are clearly identified by different colors on the touch screen as well as the audio ballot prompt. The AutoMARK marks the optical scan ballot for the voter including any write-ins. For voter verification purposes, the user may also re-insert their marked ballot in order to verify that their intent was accurately captured. In the event of a mis-marked ballot the voter may spoil the ballot, obtain a new ballot and restart the voting process.

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 Automark
 2014 maintenance General
 \$ 1619.10
 2014 General Programming
 \$ 2027.50