

Andrea Gyger

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To: Andrea Gyger
Subject: Election Rulemaking Hearing August 2, 2011

Dear Secretary Gessler,
I would like to include my support for the Changes in Rule 27.

Rule 27.4.1(a) states that voters whose ballots are rejected or sorted by the precinct counter as a blank or overvoted ballot shall be given the opportunity to correct their ballot.

If you were to program the optical scans to sort out undervoted ballots (write-ins that do not have target areas marked would be included in this), the optical scan would reject the ballot for every undervote. This would be very time consuming. I tried doing this in a Primary Election in 2004 with our AccuVote optical scanners; fortunately the turnout was very low. The voters were very irritated that their ballot was being rejected for undervotes. They did not like people knowing that they were not voting for every race. It was also very time consuming as you would correct one undervote and then it would reject again for the next undervote. Voters often only vote for a few races and have several undervotes on their ballots.

Thank you.

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