

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN OPTICAL SCAN BALLOT
CENTRAL COUNT SYSTEM:

Election Protection Efforts

1. Make sure that all vendor access to voting technology is carefully constrained and documented during any legally constrained period prior to and including Election Day and post election period that contest or legal challenges may be filed by interested parties.
2. Allow no uncertified changes to software installed to central tabulating systems.
3. Any wireless technology associated with any electronic voting technology should be disabled.
4. A documented chain of custody should be maintained for each packet of optical scan ballots and ballot marking items
5. Make sure that the central count tabulators can read to ballot marked with a number two soft lead pencil, which is recognized as a dark stroke crossing the voting target on its long dimension and half the width of the target should register as a vote.
6. Make sure that procedures are in place at the central tabulator facility to sort out ballots that register overvotes or no votes to check for discernable ballot markings by hand counting them.
7. Each package of optical scan ballots and ballot markers should have physical tamper detection measures applied to them.
8. Documented minimum of 3 hours of training for each poll worker.
9. Prepare incident report mechanism to allow the documentation of technical problems, which are reported by voters or poll workers. These reports should be sent to the US Election Assistance Commission for further evaluation and study.
10. Report the total number of optical scan ballots, federal and local provisional ballots provided to each polling location.
11. Make sure a report on the total number of voters who visit each polling location on Election Day, along with the total number of votes cast for each candidate or question on the ballot, the number of undervotes, overvotes, and no votes registered by race is immediately posted in a visible place outside of the polling location at the end of

the election so that any voter can see the results for that polling location and/or precinct.

12. Check the total number of unused and used ballots and ballot marking items returned from each polling location at the end of the election and compare.