










Ballot Error Messages

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<p>There are certain situations in which a ballot is not accepted. The ImageCast will notify you with a series of short, audible beeps combined with a warning message on the screen should any of these occur.</p>	
<p>There are three possible messages: The ballot is a Blank ballot. The ballot is an Overvoted ballot. The ballot was Misread.</p>	
<p>A Blank Ballot message is displayed when the scanner does not detect <i>any</i> voter choices on the ballot.</p>	
<p>The Blank Ballot warning is provided to alert you, in case you have accidentally omitted making any selections.</p>	
<p>A Blank ballot message gives you the option to return the ballot and receive a replacement, or cast the ballot ‘as is’.</p> <p>If you want a replacement ballot, press the Return button. The ballot is returned to you. Place it back into the privacy sleeve.</p> <p>You will then be directed to return the ballot to the Inspector who initially provided this ballot to you in order to have this ballot “spoiled” and receive a replacement ballot.</p> <p>If you choose to have the scanner accept the ballot ‘as-is’, you press the CAST button.</p> <p>Please note that after the ballot is cast, you <i>cannot</i> receive a replacement ballot.</p> <p>When the CAST option is selected, the system accepts and counts this ballot and automatically places it into the secure ballot box.</p>	
<p>An over voted ballot warning occurs when the scanner detects that you have selected more than the allowed number of candidates or ballot proposals for the contests indicated.</p>	

<p>Just like the blank ballot, you can choose to have the ballot returned and receive a replacement ballot, or elect to have the ballot cast 'as is'.</p>	
<p>Please note that if you choose to cast the ballot 'as is', the system accepts and counts this ballot only for the selections that are allowed.</p>	
<p>A misread message displays when the system does not recognize all of the features on the ballot,</p>	
<p>certain essential ballot identification marks are not found, or the scanner cannot properly read your ballot selections.</p>	
<p>Some of the reasons for this may include a physically damaged ballot, such as one that is torn or folded. This could also occur if ballot has been marked, but is not completely filled in, or has stray marks which might cause the ballot to be ambiguous.</p>	
<p>An ambiguous ballot means that the scanner has detected a mark that is unclear and that the system cannot be certain of your voting selection intent.</p>	
<p>A misread ballot could also happen if the ballot was inserted into the machine incorrectly.</p> <p>A Misread ballot is automatically returned.</p> <p>If you receive a Misread message, re-insert the ballot.</p>	
<p>If the ballot again generates a misread ballot message due to an ambiguous mark, you could choose to go back to the privacy booth or area to remark the ballot accordingly.</p>	
<p>If the ballot repeatedly generates a misread ballot warning message, return your ballot to the Inspector to receive a replacement ballot.</p>	