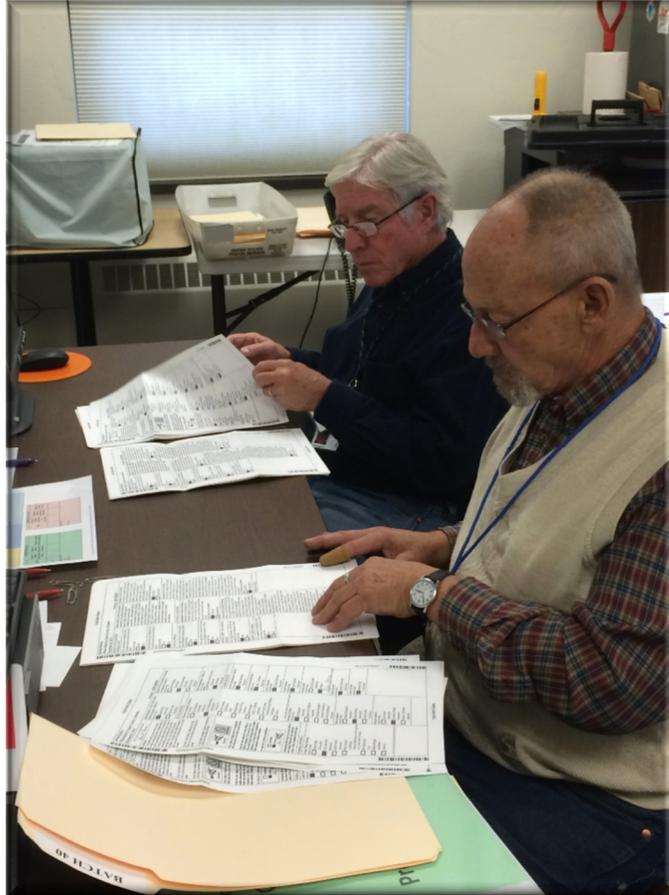


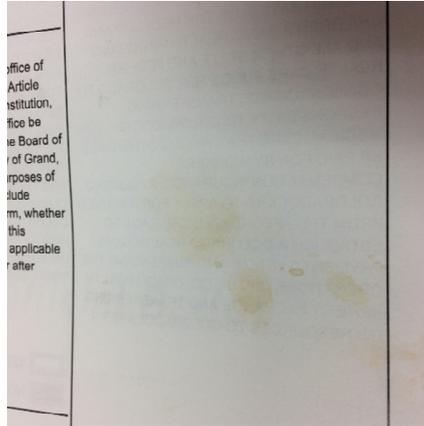
Ballot Review

After ballot processing is complete, the ballots must be reviewed by a bipartisan team of judges to ensure that they will be read by the scanner and to ensure they are not “unique”. Any ballots that could damage the scanner, that will not be read/understood by the scanner, or that are “unique” are removed from the batch to be replicated.



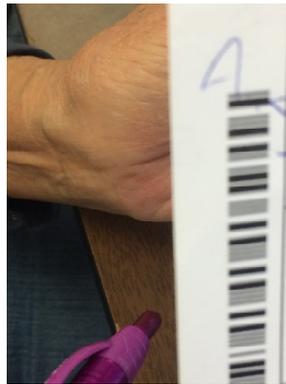
Gary McGraw (Republican) and Bob McVay (Democrat) review ballots

Damaged ballots are ballots with food stains, blood, dirt, white out, or other debris on them. Such ballots are removed from the batch and replicated to protect the scanner. Torn ballots are removed as well to be replicated.



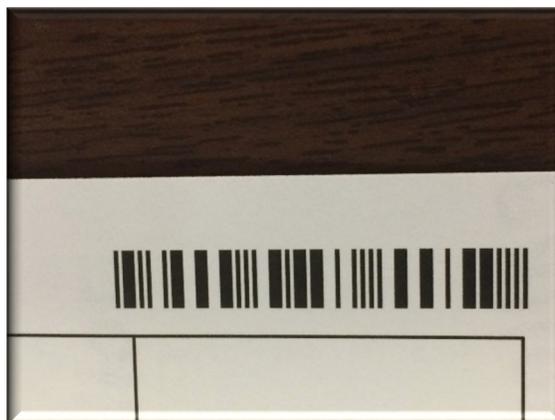
Soiled ballot

Ballots with stray pen marks in the ballot bar codes are not able to be read by the scanner so they are removed and replicated as well.



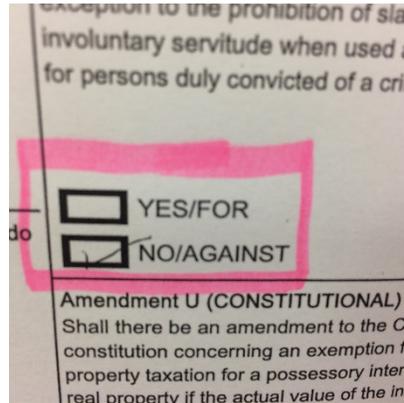
Bar code with stray marks in it

The bar code is necessary to ensure that only official ballots for the particular election are read. The bar code does not identify the voter. It only identifies the election, ballot style and page number for the ballot.



Barcode on a ballot

The votes on ballots that are marked in such a way that less than 5% of the response box is filled may not be picked up by the scanner. These ballots are removed for replication to ensure that the voters' vote will be counted.



Less than 5% of the response box is marked on this ballot.
This is an example of a ballot that would be pulled to be replicated.

Because ballots are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, any ballot that is marked in a way that is deemed “unique” will also be removed from the batch to be replicated. Examples of ballots that have been removed in the past include:

1. Ballots marked in unusual colors such as pink ink or green ink.
2. Ballots marked in different color inks in unique patterns – blue ink, black ink, blue ink, etc.
3. Ballots signed by a voter.
4. Ballots with messages written on them by a voter.

After the ballots have been reviewed, all ballots deemed ready for scanning are secured in the ballot box for scanning along with the ballot processing log. The ballots that must be replicated are secured in the ballot box for replication.