



Democracy Suite 4.14

Amended Certification and Overvote Processing Procedures

Wisconsin Elections Commission

February 10, 2021

Agenda

- Overview
- February 3, 2021 Commission meeting
- Administrative procedures
- Remaking ballots
- Next steps and implementation timeline
- Canvass tips



Overview

- 2020 General Election post-election voting equipment audit
 - Issue discovered with ImageCast Evolution
- The issue
 - Absentee ballots with heavy creases in write-in area
 - Ballots were not “true” overvotes, but were not remade
 - Administrative procedures were not followed

February 3, 2021 Meeting
of the Wisconsin Elections
Commission



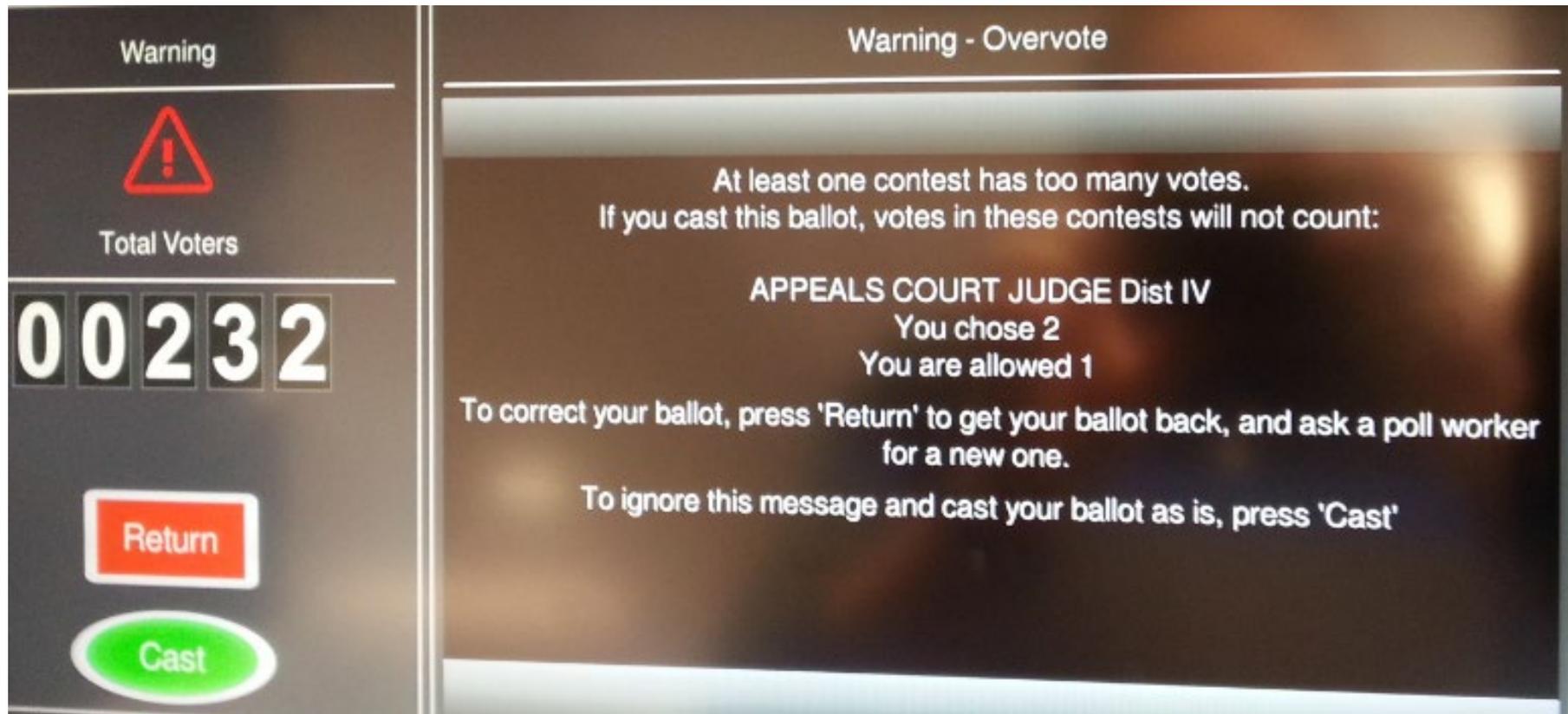
- Commission was presented with issue in final audit report
- Amendment to state certification of Dominion Democracy Suite
- Increased training and focus on administrative procedures
 - WEC staff
 - County clerks
 - Municipal clerks



Administrative Procedures

Overvote **Warning!**

What is the appropriate procedure to follow when this screen appears?



Overvote Overview

- Return ballot
- Physical review
- Determine voter intent
- (Potentially) remake
- Reinsert ballot
- Override when appropriate
- Page 106 in Election Day Manual

Municipalities that Allow for the Use of the Override Function

If the voting equipment is programmed to permit the use of the override function to tabulate overvoted ballots and ballots with crossover votes, that function may be used instead of remaking ballots for which the elector's intent regarding the contest(s) in question cannot be determined. To avoid confusion and any

Remaking Ballots

- At least two EIs necessary
- Reason for remake noted in endorsement section
 - Original and remade ballot
- Voter intent
- Transfer all votes
- Duplicate ballot inserted into tabulator
- Original ballot retained in envelope
- Document on EL-104
- Page 104 of Election Day Manual

Procedure

To remake a ballot, the following steps should be followed:

1. At least two election inspectors (if party-affiliated inspectors are present, use one of each party) must participate in this process.
2. Election inspectors shall announce to observers, if present, that a ballot is being remade and the reason for doing so.
3. Note and select a reason for remaking the ballot in the endorsement section of the ballot.

Incident Log

(Please refer to the Election Day Manual for detailed procedures!)

Incident Number	Incident Code (See glossary)	Description of Incident	Time Incident Occurred	Election Officials Initials
1	X	Polls open 7:02, no poll book	a.m. p.m. 7:02	AC
2	R	OV ballot remade optical scan	a.m. p.m. 8:30	SG
3	X	Voting Equipment jams, ballot reinserted	a.m. p.m. 10:00	AC
4	X	WEC conducts an accessibility audit	4:00 a.m. p.m.	MCS

Next Steps



- Programming change
- Implementation timeline
 - Must be in place for April 6 Spring Election
 - No changes for February Primary



Canvass Tips

- Review your overvotes
- High overvote rates in specific contests should be investigated further
 - Polling place
 - Municipality
 - County

Questions?

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