

Labels for Remade Ballots

At the Recount held in Dane County for the November 4, 2008, General Election, the Dane County Board of Canvassers struggled with the inconsistent or, at times, non-existent labeling of remade ballots and original ballots that had been duplicated.

To address this issue, the County Clerk has suggested using labels to identify the “bad” original ballots and the corresponding “good” remade ballots.

When a ballot needs to be remade, place a “bad” ballot label on the original ballot submitted by the voter. The corresponding “good” ballot label should be placed on the remade ballot that will be fed through the Tabulator. Place the sticker in the upper right-hand corner of the ballot, making sure you do not cover up the ballot header code.

The Election Officials who remake the ballot should **initial both the “bad” ballot and the “good” ballot labels**. The labels for this election do not have a line for initials, but you may initial anywhere on the label.

On the “good” ballot label, please **indicate whether the original ballot was an absentee ballot**. In a Recount, the Board of Canvassers needs to separate absentee ballots from ballots cast at the polls.

The “good” ballot gets fed through the Tabulator, and the “bad” ballot gets folded and placed in the envelope labeled, “Original Ballots That Have Been Duplicated.”

As always, **note any duplicated ballots on the Inspectors’ Statement**, along with the initials of the Election Officials who remade the ballot.

If you have any feedback on these labels, please put it on your comment sheet. You are the first Election Officials in Dane County to try out this new procedure.

Thank you!

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|  <p>Bad Ballot #1 <i>Original ballot that has been duplicated</i> Initials: _____</p> |  <p>Good Ballot #1 <i>Remade ballot</i> Absentee? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Initials: _____</p> |
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