

# Make sure your vote counts

Look for the number of ovals to fill in for each contest.

## Check the number of ovals you have filled in

If you fill in ovals for too many candidates in one contest, the scanner will display a message that you have an “Overvoted Ballot.” You can press “Return Ballot” to get your ballot back and correct it, or you can ignore the message and cast your ballot with votes that will not count.

Check your ballot carefully – in some contests, the candidates are listed in two columns.

United States Senator Vote for one		
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith ○	
Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe ○	Party E Mary Jones ○
Party C C ⚘	Party C John Smith ●	



**Correct number of ovals filled in.**  
This vote will count for John Smith

United States Senator Vote for one		
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith ○	
Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe ○	Party E Mary Jones ●
Party C C ⚘	Party C John Smith ●	



**Too many ovals filled in.**  
These votes will not count

## Do not vote more than once for the same candidate

In some contests, a candidate may be listed under more than one party. If you fill in more than one oval for a candidate in a contest, your vote will count for that candidate, but only under the party you selected listed first on the ballot.

United States Senator Vote for one	
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith ○
Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe ○
Party C C ⚘	Party C John Smith ●



**Correct number of ovals filled in.**  
This vote will count for John Smith under Party C

United States Senator Vote for one	
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith ●
Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe ○
Party C C ⚘	Party C John Smith ●



**Too many ovals filled in.**  
Your vote will count for John Smith under Party A, not under Party C.