

To All Champaign County Voters:

Dear Voters,

For over thirty years, Champaign County voters have voted using punch card ballots. The procedures our office implemented for that voting system provided a high level of integrity and accuracy that prevented many of the problems that we saw in other places across the country.

I am confident that the new election equipment coming to Champaign County will maintain the same accuracy and integrity we have had in the past. At the upcoming General Primary Election on March 21, 2006 we will be introducing a new in-precinct Optical Scan voting system as well as the AutoMark Voter Assistance Terminal in all precincts. We have purchased these new systems to meet the many new requirements of the Federal Help America Vote Act, including allowing those who are blind to vote without assistance.

To decide what type of voting system would best meet the needs of the voters of Champaign County we assembled a committee of citizens to research the new technology available and present its recommendations. Our selection was based on a variety of criteria including ease of use for the voter, guarantees of integrity through a paper trail, and cost to the county. I am sure that after you use this system, you will be impressed with how easy it is to vote and you'll share my confidence in its integrity. We are also pleased that federal grants are paying almost all of the \$1.2 million price for the system.

We invite you to learn more about the system on our website or at our public education location at Lincoln Square at the times listed in this brochure.

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An Easy New Voting System: Just Fill in the Oval



Design by Ken Spiegel, Joliet

*Instructions for Casting
your Ballot Using
Champaign County's New
Optical Scan System*

*Optical Scan
Voting is as Easy as*

1-2-3!

1. Receive Your Ballot

Enter the polling place and give your name and address to an Election Judge. Complete and sign an Application to Vote. Upon verification, the election judge will give you:

- a paper ballot
- a privacy cover
- a pen

2. Enter the Voting Booth and Mark Your Ballot

Enter the voting booth. To vote the optical scan ballot, completely fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or public question of your choice. Be sure to mark both sides of your ballot if needed. If you make a mistake marking your ballot, return it to an Election Judge to receive a new ballot.



3. Vote!

Place ballot privacy cover on top of your ballot and insert the ballot into the ballot tabulator. The new Optical Scan System complies with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide voters an opportunity to check for and correct ballot errors (for example, casting more votes for an office than allowed). If an error is detected, the system will gently beep and give you the option to accept the ballot as is (the overvoted office will not count) or you may return the ballot to an Election Judge and receive a new ballot.



Visit the County Clerk's website, www.champaigncountyclerk.com for additional information on the new voting system.

**It's that
Easy!
Just Fill in the
Oval!**



*New Auto-
Mark Voter
Assistance
Terminal*

The new AutoMark Voter Assistance Terminal uses touch screen technology to mark the optical scan ballot for the voter. The ballot is then placed in the ballot tabulator. The AutoMark allows voters with disabilities and other special needs to vote independently with privacy. For the visually impaired, the AutoMark offers the ability to enlarge the ballot as well as change the contrast for better visibility. It also has an audio component which can be used with earphones and a keypad which includes Braille. The AutoMark also supports Sip-N-Puff and paddle technology.



Come and see the new election equipment and cast a sample ballot:

Feb. 27-March 10, 2006
10am-6pm
at our training facility next to the
Hallmark Store at Lincoln Square
in Urbana .
Enter from the south entrance to the mall.