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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4442 AS INTRODUCED 3-14-89

The bill would amend the section of the Michigan Election Law dealing with electronic voting systems to specify that a ballot that requires the voter to vote by making a mark with pen, pencil, or other instrument must have an incomplete arrow printed opposite each candidate and opposite the "yes" and "no" of a ballot question. The voter would then vote by connecting the appropriate arrow.

The bill would also establish a separate procedure for depositing ballots when the tabulating equipment used at a precinct automatically tabulates a voted ballot and deposits the voted ballot into the ballot box. The election law now requires a voter to return a marked ballot to an election inspector who then removes the stub and deposits the ballot. In cases involving automatic tabulating equipment, the voter would return the marked ballot to the election inspector who would remove the stub and then return the ballot to the voter. The voter would deposit the ballot into the automatic tabulating equipment. In such cases, the voted ballots would be placed in a ballot container and delivered to a place designated by the election clerk rather than delivered to a counting center.

The bill would also require that voting equipment that tabulates voted ballots as they are deposited must be constructed so as not to reveal the results of the tabulation while the polls are open.

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