

VOTING EQUIPMENT

Carteret County voters have two options of voting machines when they go to the polls. Most voters will use paper ballots that are scanned into the M100 voting system. Voters who have vision or hearing disabilities can use the AutoMark system to easily cast a ballot. Headsets are available for those needing audio assistance.

M100

After you register, a poll worker will give you a paper ballot. Mark your selections on the paper ballot with the pen provided to you. Mark a selection for every contest by filling in the oval completely beside your selection of the candidate name or issue. You must fill in the oval completely and stay within the lines. Only select the number of choices allowed for each contest.

To write in a candidate, fill in the oval beside "write in" and fill in the name of your choice.

Review your selections. If you have errors, ask a poll worker for a new ballot. Now take our ballot to the M100 optical scan counter. Feed your ballot into the machine. Your ballot will be cast.

AutoMark System

After you register, a poll worker will give you a paper ballot. Insert the ballot into the voting machine. An instruction screen will appear. Review the simple instructions and then press the flashing "next" button.

To change the appearance of the screen, choose "zoom in" to enlarge or "high contrast" to change display to black and white contrast.

Now you can begin to make selections. Selections will be highlighted in yellow and a black oval will appear. To select an item, touch the candidate name or issue.

Note the number of candidates that you can vote for in each category. If you select too many, the machine will ask you to deselect. You can press the "back" button to go to previous screen.

To write in a candidate, touch the write-in option and a keyboard will appear on the screen. Once you have entered the candidate's name, press "OK." The name will appear on the ballot.

After completing the last page of the ballot, a summary screen will appear showing all the selections you have made. Review all the items. Then press the "next" button to return to the Summary screen.

When you are satisfied with your selections, you will need to mark your ballot. Press the flashing "next" button at the bottom of the screen, then touch "mark your ballot." You will then see a "Thank you" message.

The screen will return your ballot. Proceed to the tabulator and place the ballot in

the feeder. Unless a notice appears on the screen, your ballot has been cast.

If changes are required, please see a poll worker for assistance.