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I am submitting this message as an email testimony in the event that I am unable to attend in person for testimony...

The language in this Bill should be modified to specify that the use of the X or checkmark on a paper ballot would only be in the event of hand counted ballots.

Optical scan ballots must be marked in pen with the oval colored in.

The tabulators already have issues when ovals are not filled in properly. If a voter places an X or checkmark in the oval, likely their vote will not be counted. If the ballot is read by the tabulator and the mark creates an "unclear mark" the ballot should be sent to the "out bin" or top tray to be reviewed by the resolution board but not every county uses the same settings and each tabulator could have different sensitivity settings.

Please consider amending or modifying SB20 to include this corrective language.

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