

## **March 4 2008 Presidential Primary Election Overvote Summary Report**

Of the 436,609 ballots counted in the Official Canvass of the March 4, 2008 Presidential Primary Election, 1412 ballots (0.32% of the total ballots cast), contained 2877 overvoted races. Of these, 407 overvotes (1/7th) occurred in Presidential races. There was an average of 2.04 overvoted races on each overvoted ballot.

During the Unofficial Count, the M650 Optical Scan units were programmed to accept and count overvotes, allowing all ballots to scan through the machines without stopping. A total of 4,117 overvotes were recorded within the 406,450 votes counted in the Unofficial Canvass, equaling 1.01% of the total votes cast.

During the Official Canvass, the scanners were set to reject any ballots containing overvoted races. All ballots containing overvotes were examined by a BOE Management Team to determine whether the voter clearly intended to vote for a single candidate. Of the 4,117 overvotes, it was determined that 1,240 contained a clear indication of the voter's intent. These ballots were remade consistent with the Board's authorization, reducing the overvote total to 2,877.