

49.84 Marking and return of ballot.

After receiving the ballot, the voter shall immediately go alone to one of the voting booths, and without delay mark the ballot. All voters shall vote in booths. No special lines shall be used to separate voters who state that they wish to vote only a portion of the ballot.

Before leaving the voting booth, the voter shall fold the ballot or enclose it in a secrecy folder to conceal the marks on the ballot. The voter shall deliver the ballot to one of the precinct election officials. No identifying mark or symbol shall be endorsed on the back of the voter's ballot. If the precinct has a portable vote tallying system which will not permit more than one ballot to be inserted at a time, the voter may insert the ballot into the tabulating device; otherwise, the election official shall place the ballot in the ballot box.

This section does not prohibit a voter from taking minor children into the voting booth with the voter.

[C51, § 257; R60, § 492; C73, § 617; C97, § 1117, 1119; S13, § 1119; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **801**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 49.84]

94 Acts, ch 1180, §16; 2002 Acts, ch 1134, §41, 115