

721—22.340(52) Processing. All scanners used to tabulate absentee and provisional ballots shall be configured to sort blank ballots and ballots containing marks in write-in vote targets for review by the resolution board. The scanners shall not be configured to sort ballots with overvotes. However, if it is not possible to configure the scanners used to count absentee ballots differently from those used at the polling places, the person operating the scanner shall override the scanner and accept overvoted ballots as they are processed. The resolution board shall follow the requirements of 721—subrule 26.2(2). The commissioner shall provide the resolution board with a copy of 721—Chapter 26, “Counting Votes.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 52.33 as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 369, section 9.