**Section 1600.725 Casting Votes**

A valid ballot, whether paper or electronic, must conform to the following requirements:

a) All choices of candidates must be clearly indicated as directed on the voting instructions. If paper ballots are not marked as directed, the marks are invalid and the associated votes will not be counted. An invalid mark for one candidate will not negate other valid marks on the ballot.

b) Each eligible voter is entitled to only one vote for any particular candidate.

c) With respect to a ballot on which more than one trustee is to be elected, each eligible voter may vote for only one candidate for each position to be elected. If more candidates are selected than the number of positions to be elected, the ballot is invalid and will not be counted. If the number of candidates selected is fewer than the number of positions to be elected, the selection or selections will each count as only one vote.

d) Only official SURS paper ballots or votes received via other authorized voting methods will be counted. Write-in candidates are invalid and will not be counted.

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