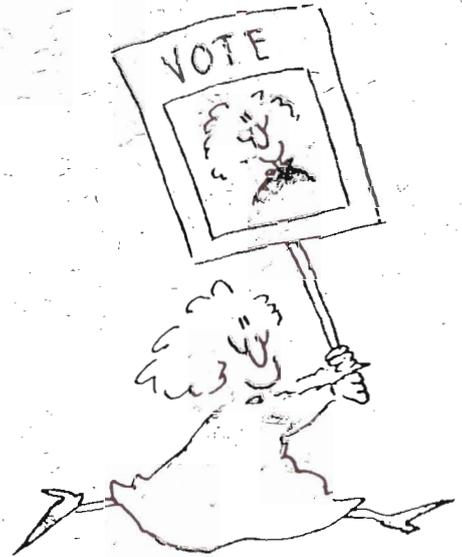


RUNNING FOR OFFICE AS A STICKER OR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

CHECK LIST

Type	Slate	Sticker	Write-In	Must Designate Office
Paper	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Automatic	No	Yes	Yes	No
Shoup	No	Yes	Yes	No
Scanner	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
IBM, CES, EVM, Datavote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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☆☆☆ Running for office as a sticker or a write-in candidate

First, check with local election officials about any particular local technicalities involved, and notify officials of your intention to run as a write-in or sticker candidate. They can then inform precinct officials to carefully count all write-ins or stickers.

Informing the public of your candidacy will be your primary activity. Voters are being asked to extend themselves beyond customary voting practices and should be informed of the procedures they must follow so that their votes are valid.

All write-in or sticker votes should include the correct name and address of the candidates, but the courts have decided that a vote should be counted whenever the intent of the voter can reasonably be determined, even if the voter omits the candidate's address or makes a mistake in the name or address.

To be nominated in a primary if no candidate's name is printed on the ballot you must receive a number of write-in votes at least equal to the number of signatures (which would have been required on nomination papers to place your name on the ballot for that primary.) Of course, you must also receive more votes than any other candidate for the nomination. If you win the primary, you must file a written acceptance of the nomination within six days after a local primary with the city or town clerk and within thirteen days after a state primary with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. For a state primary, you must also file a receipt from the State Ethics Commission showing that you have filed a statement of financial interest. Also, you should file these documents if you are petitioning for a recount or challenging the election in court. Otherwise, your name will not appear on the final election ballot. Political party ward and town committee candidates in the presidential primary do not need to file any written acceptance.

To be elected in a general election you must receive more votes than any other candidate for that office

whose name is either printed on the ballot or written in. There is no minimum number of votes required. If you are running for the same office as part of a slate or group, consult with others on the same slate to determine the mechanism (write-in or sticker) and decide how to inform the voters. A single sticker can be used on paper ballots, optical scan ballots and with punch card marking units, but not with voting machines (Automatic and Shoup).

☆☆☆ Paper Ballots

If paper ballots are used in your community, the techniques of a write-in campaign are simple. The voter writes in the name and address of the candidate with no political party or other designation, in one of the spaces provided below the list with the candidates for that office. The voter is not required to mark an "X" beside the name.

If you wish to run a sticker campaign where paper ballots are used, comply with the following requirements:

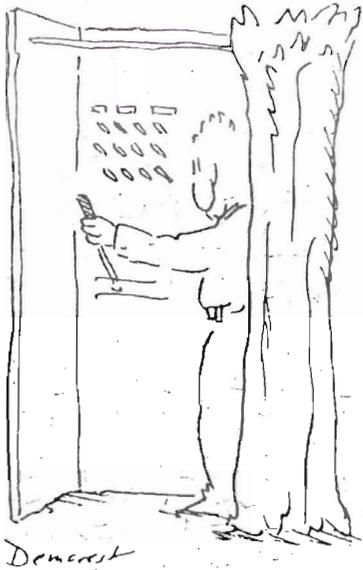
1. The sticker for an individual candidate should be 4" long by 5/16" high to fit in the ballot space, even though the law allows a sticker to be 4 1/2" long by 1/2" high. A preprinted "X" is not required but may be printed on the right side of the sticker.
2. The name of the candidate shall be printed in black ink exactly as it appears on the voting list, in capital letters 1/8" to 1/4" in height. The number and street (if any) and city or town where the candidate resides shall be added after the name in smaller case type than the name.

Example:

JOHN JONES 12 Cherry St., Acton	
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No political party or other designation (such as republican, veteran, present representative, etc.) shall appear.

3. Voters should be instructed how to affix the sticker, depending on whether it is the self-adhering type or the type which must be moistened. Sticker directions may be attached to a card, which may also contain information about the candidate.



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4. Voters should be instructed to place the sticker in one of the spaces provided beneath the list of candidates for that office. The voter is not required to mark an "X" in the box on the right side of the sticker.
5. Stickers must not be distributed inside the polling place, within the building in which the polling place is located, or less than 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

Where paper ballots are used, a slate of candidates may run on a single sticker. The slate sticker may be of a size to accommodate the entire slate; multiply the 5/16" height by the number of candidates and follow the instructions above.

☆☆☆Voting Machines

For a write-in campaign where lever-type voting machines are used, a slot is provided above or to the left of the titles of the office the candidate seeks, and the voter must be instructed to write the name and address of the candidate, with no political party or other designation, on the paper in that slot. "X" is not necessary on a machine. Close the slot firmly after writing in the name and address. In a sticker campaign where voting machines are used, please comply with the following instructions:

1. Find out from local election officials the exact size necessary for the sticker to fit into the slot. An "X" is not necessary.
2. The name of the individual candidate shall be printed in black ink exactly as it appears on the voting list, in capital letters 1/8" to 1/4" in height.
3. The number and street (if any) and city or town where the candidate resides shall be added after the name in smaller type size. No political or other designation shall appear.
4. Voters should be instructed to open the slot above or to the left of the title of the office the candidate seeks, and told how to affix the sticker securely on the paper in the slot, depending on whether the sticker is self-adhering or the type which must be moistened. Stickers and directions may be attached to any card, which may also contain information about the candidate.
5. On Automatic machines voters should open the slot at the top of the machine, which is allotted for that particular office and affix the sticker in that space.
6. On Shoup machines, voters should open the slot of the allotted space at the extreme left of the machine and affix the appropriate sticker.
7. Stickers must not be distributed inside the polling place, or within the building where the polling place is located, or less than 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

A slate of candidates cannot use a single sticker with a voting machine because the slots only have space for one name. Each candidate must have a separate sticker.

☆☆☆Scanner

If a scanner voting system is used in your community the techniques for a write-in campaign are similar to those used for paper ballots. The voter writes in the name and address of the candidate with no political party or other designation, in the space provided

below the list of candidates for that office. The voter can join together the arrow pointing to the candidate written-in or fill in the oval next to the candidate written in. Although, this is not necessary for the vote to be valid.

If you wish to run a sticker campaign where a scanner system is used, you must comply with the following requirements:

1. The sticker for an individual candidate should be 2 1/4" long by 1/4" high to fit the space on the ballot.
2. The name of the candidate shall be printed in black ink exactly as it appears on the voting list, in capital letters 1/8" to 1/4" in height. The number and street (if any) and the city or the town where the candidate resides shall be added after the name in smaller type size than the name. No political or other designation (such as republican, veteran, present representative, etc.) shall appear.
3. Voters should be instructed how to affix the sticker, depending on whether it is self-adhering or the type that must be moistened. Sticker directions may be attached to a card, which may also contain information about the candidate.
4. Voters should be instructed to place the sticker in one of the spaces provided beneath the list of candidates for that office. The voter is not required to join together the arrow pointing to the candidate, or fill in the oval next to the candidate.
5. Stickers must not be distributed inside the polling place or within the building in which the polling place is located, or less than 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place. When and where a scanner system is used, a slate of candidates may run on a single sticker. The slate sticker may be of a size to accommodate the entire slate; multiply the 1/4" height by the number of candidates and follow the instructions above.

☆☆☆Punch Card Voting

Where IBM, CES, EYM or Datavote punch card systems are used, the voter uses the inside of the ballot envelope for write-ins. The title of the office must be included as well as the name and address of the candidate. The voter is not required to place an "X" beside the name. For a sticker campaign, comply with the following instructions:

1. Find out from local election officials the exact size necessary for the sticker to fit on the envelope.
2. The name of the candidate shall be printed in black ink exactly as it appears on the voting list, in capital letters 1/8" to 1/4" in height.
3. The title of the office the candidate seeks must be included and may be printed on the left side of the sticker.
4. The number and street (if any) and city or town where the candidate resides shall be added after the name in smaller case type than the name. No political or other designation shall appear.
5. Voters should be instructed how to affix the sticker to the inside of the envelope, depending on whether the sticker is the self-adhering type or the type which must be moistened. Stickers and instructions may be attached to a card which may also contain information about the candidate.
6. Stickers must not be distributed inside the polling place, or within the building where the polling place is located, or less than 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.