

# Alaska's Hand Count System

Counts are recorded using tally marks in tally books that contain tally pages. One tall book is the official tally book and the second is a duplicate tally book. At the end of the count, both books should match.

Four workers are used to count paper ballots. One worker reads the ballot. One worker of a different political party observes the reading. One worker tallies in the original tally book. One worker tallies in the duplicate tally book.

NAME OF CANDIDATE	LINE								
	No.		5	5	5	5	5	5	5
CROWE, CAROL	1		III	III					
	2	100 and							
	3	200 and							
THOMPSON, LAURI	1		III	III	III	III			
	2	100 and							
	3	200 and							
BROWN, DOUG	1		III	III	III				
	2	100 and							
	3	200 and							
WRITE-IN	1		III						
	2	100 and							
	3	200 and							
BLANK	1		III						
	2	100 and							
	3	200 and							

Only those marks that are substantially inside the oval are counted. Improper or erasure marks invalidate only the section of the ballot where they appear. If more than one name is marked for a race, that section of the ballot cannot be counted.

### EXAMPLES OF VALID BALLOT MARKS

The marks must indicate clearly that the voter intended that particular oval to be designated.

Only the following ballot marks are valid:

Solid marks, diagonal, horizontal or vertical marks, "X" marks, stars, circles, asterisks, checks or plus signs.

-  CANDIDATE'S NAME
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### EXAMPLES OF INVALID BALLOT MARKS

Invalid marks only invalidate the section of the ballot in which they appear.

-  CANDIDATE'S NAME ~~X~~
-  CANDIDATE'S NAME ~~X~~
-  CANDIDATE'S NAME ✓
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-  CANDIDATE'S NAME ✓
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-  CANDIDATE'S NAME

Upon completion of the counting the ballots, the election workers call in the results to the regional elections office to be recorded in the Division of Elections statewide counting system.