

Defective Ballot Envelope

During the Election Day, place the following ballots into this envelope **with a note clipped to each ballot explaining why it is defective**. (As you place each ballot into the envelope, mark a tally next to the reason):

Tally	Total	Reason Ballot Defective
		Certificate envelope not signed by voter
		Ballot(s) not placed in certificate envelope
		Voter identified him/herself on ballot
		Other reason (specified on note clipped to ballot)
		Total Defective Ballots (Add this total to total number of voted ballots to reconcile with the Entrance Checklist)

When the polls close, total the number of defective ballots then add this number to the number of voted ballots and the total should match the entrance checklist.

These ballots can be examined during a recount but should not be counted.

Instructions for Recount (County Clerk):

Add the “Total Defective Ballots” number above to the total number of voted ballots in the bag to get the total of ballots to reconcile with the Entrance Checklist.

DO NOT COUNT the votes on the ballots that are in this envelope—Vermont law provides that the votes on these defective ballots cannot be counted.