



Commissioners
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Directions on... How to use an AVM Voting Machine

- While there are different types of mechanical lever machines in use, the procedures for operating the machines are essentially the same. To cast a vote on a mechanical lever machine you push down “voting levers” to indicate your choices. After indicating your choices, you operate a lever or switch to pull back the curtain of the voting machine. Opening the curtains with the curtain mechanism records your votes and resets the machine for the next voter.



- After **signing in** at your polling place, an election worker will direct you to a voting machine.

Move the curtain lever or switch to the **right** and leave it there. This closes the curtains and unlocks the machine.



- **To vote**, push down the levers that correspond to the candidates you wish to vote for and the “yes” or “no” lever for any proposals. Your vote will not count unless the lever is left down. **Do not push any of the levers you select back up** unless you wish to remove a vote you have indicated.

- If you wish to vote for a person whose name is **not printed on the ballot**, open the metal slide that corresponds to the office involved. After opening the metal slide, write the name of the candidate name on the exposed paper.



- Mechanical lever machines prevent you from spoiling your ballot by prohibiting you from voting for more candidates than allowed in a particular office or for voting for candidates in more than a single political party in a partisan primary. When you **have finished voting**, leave the voting pointers down and move the curtain lever or switch to the **left**. This opens the curtains and records your votes.