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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill repeals an existing law that prohibits a voter from placing a signature or another identifying mark on a ballot.

#### Section

- 1**      **Ballots; identifying marks; penalty.** Eliminates a prohibition on a voter placing an identifying mark on the voter's ballot. Identifying marks placed by election judges and other individuals would continue to be prohibited.
- 2**      **Repealer.** Repeals a subdivision of law providing that a ballot is defective (and therefore, must not be counted) if it contains marks indicating the voter intended to identify the ballot.  
  
Under existing law, review of ballots for identifying marks could occur during a recount, a postelection review of the voting system, or during an election contest.
- 3**      **Effective date.** Provides that the bill is effective the day following final enactment and applies to ballots cast at elections conducted on or after that date.