

HD 3A Special Primary Example Ballot Explanations

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- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “The ballot shall be printed with black ink on white paper.”
- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “The ballot shall be printed so as to be easily legible, with suitable lines for divisions between candidates, offices, instructions, and other matter proper to be printed on the ballot.”
- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 17: “**Extraneous marks.** No election official may place marks on the ballot other than those provided in Minnesota Statutes section 204C.09, subdivision 1, or 206.86, subdivision 5.
- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 18: “**Example Ballot.** The secretary of state shall supply each auditor with a copy of an example ballot by May 1 of each year. The example ballot must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the primary and general elections that year. The county auditor shall distribute copies of the example ballot to municipal and school district clerks in municipalities and school districts holding elections that year. The official ballots must conform in all respects to the example ballot.”

#2 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...On the front of the ballot the words “OFFICIAL BALLOT” must be printed in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type with lines for initials of at least two election judges.”

#3 – M.S. 204D.25 – “...The ballots shall be headed “Special Primary Ballot” or “Special Election Ballot” as the case may be, followed by the date of the special primary or special election...”

#4 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...The ballot heading must be printed in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 18-point type...”

#5 – M.S. 206.90, subd. 6: “...On the front of the ballot must be printed the words "Official Ballot" and the date of the election and lines for the initials of at least two election judges....”

#6 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...The name of the jurisdiction preparing the ballot may be added within the heading in no smaller than 8-point type. The date of the election must be printed within the heading in no smaller than 8 point type....”

#7 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 4: “**Instructions to voters.** Under the heading at the top of each side of the ballot, the words “INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:” must be printed in uppercase bold in as large as practicable but no smaller than 12-point bold type. The words “To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this (R).” or a similar wording or mark if a different target shape is used by the electronic voting equipment must follow and be printed in upper and lowercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point bold face type....”

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- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 2A: “On the partisan primary ballot, the names of the political parties that head the political party columns must be printed in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 14-point bold face type and must be shaded with a screen of 30 percent.

- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 2A: “When a party does not have candidates within a given precinct, the party headings are to remain on top of each column, regardless of whether the party has a contest on the given ballot.

#9 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 5: “**Order and form of office type.** When more than one of the following types of offices is on the ballot, the offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 14-point bold face type:

FEDERAL OFFICES
STATE OFFICES
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
COUNTY OFFICES
COUNTY QUESTIONS
CITY OFFICES
CITY QUESTIONS
TOWN OFFICES
TOWN QUESTIONS
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES
SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES
SPECIAL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
JUDICIAL OFFICES

The name or the number of the appropriate municipality, school district, or special district may be added directly under the office types listed in this subpart.”

#10 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 6: “**Order and form of offices.** The offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in uppercase letters and printed in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold face type. The office titles must either be shaded with a screen of ten percent or less, or printed white on black:

“PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT”
“UNITED STATES SENATOR”
“UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE”
“STATE SENATOR”
“STATE REPRESENTATIVE”
“GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR”
“SECRETARY OF STATE”
“STATE AUDITOR”
“ATTORNEY GENERAL”
“COUNTY COMMISSIONER”
“COUNTY AUDITOR”

“COUNTY TREASURER”
“COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER”
“COUNTY RECORDER”
“COUNTY SHERIFF”
“COUNTY ATTORNEY”
“COUNTY SURVEYOR”
“COUNTY CORONER”
“COUNTY PARK COMMISSIONER”
“SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR” or
“CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR” where allowed by statute
“COUNTY QUESTIONS”
“MAYOR”
“COUNCIL MEMBER”
“CITY CLERK”
“CITY TREASURER”
“CITY QUESTIONS”
“TOWN SUPERVISOR”
“TOWN CLERK”
“TOWN TREASURER”
“TOWN QUESTIONS”
“SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER”
“SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS”
“HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER”
“HOSPITAL DISTRICT QUESTIONS”

Judicial offices must follow special district offices and appear in the following order:

CHIEF JUSTICE – SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE – SUPREME COURT
JUDGE – COURT OF APPEALS
JUDGE – DISTRICT COURT...”

#11 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 4: “...Immediately under each office title and district identified, one of the following instructions must be printed in uppercase and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type:

VOTE FOR ONE TEAM
VOTE FOR ONE
VOTE FOR UP TO ... followed by the number of candidates to be elected.”

#12 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 12: “**Vote targets.** The target used to indicate to the voters where to mark their votes may be either a horizontal oval next to the candidate name or a similar target if used by certified equipment. The target may be highlighted or outlined in a color that does not affect the ability of the ballot counter to read the ballot.”

#13 – M.S. 204D.08, subd. 4 – “If there are only two major political parties to be listed on the ballot, one party must occupy the left-hand column, the other party must occupy the right-hand column, and the center column must contain the following statement:

“Do not vote for candidates of more than one party.”

The names of the candidates seeking the nomination of each major party shall be listed in that party’s column. If only one individual files an affidavit of a candidacy seeking the nomination of a major political party for an office, name of that individual shall be placed on the state primary ballot at the appropriate location in that party’s column...The party columns shall be substantially the same in width, type, and appearance. The columns shall be separated by a 12-point solid line...”

#14 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 6: “...Directly underneath the titles of the offices of United States representative and state senator and representative must be printed in uppercase letters and numbers the district (for example: “DISTRICT 6”) that the person elected will represent.”

#15 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 16: “**Order and form of special election ballot.** The names of candidates to fill vacancies at a special election for county and municipal offices must be listed under the heading “Special election for (name or office),” followed by “To fill vacancy in term expiring (date)” with the name of the office, the date of expiration of the term, and any other information necessary to distinguish the office....”

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- M.S. 206.61, subd. 4: “Subd. 4. **Order of candidates.** On the "State Partisan Primary Ballot" prepared for primary elections, and on the white ballot prepared for the general election, the order of the names of nominees or names of candidates for election shall be the same as required for paper ballots. More than one column or row may be used for the same office or party. Electronic ballot display and audio ballot readers must conform to the candidate order on the optical scan ballot used in the precinct.”
- MS. 204D.08, subd. 3: “Subd. 3. **Rotation of names.** On state primary ballots the name of each candidate for nomination to a partisan or nonpartisan office shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for nomination to that office so that the name of each candidate appears substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and at each intermediate place in that group of candidates. If the number of candidates for an office is equal to or less than the number to be elected, no rotation of candidate names is required and the official preparing the ballot shall determine the position of the candidates by lot.”

#17 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “Each ballot must have printed on it both the name of the precinct and an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator. A ballot style used in more than one precinct may have the names of all precincts in which it is used printed on the ballot. If multiple ballots styles are to be used in the same

precinct for precincts split by school districts, each ballot style must include the precinct name and applicable school district number. Only the electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator is required on a presidential only or federal only absentee ballot.”