

**Notice of Spring Election,
Presidential Preference Vote, Referendum,
and Sample Ballots
April 7, 2020**

OFFICE OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY CLERK

TO THE VOTERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election, a Presidential Preference Vote, and a referendum election to be held in Portage County on April 7, 2020, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum in the sample ballots below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot, except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE

A voter may cast only one vote in the presidential preference primary.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

To vote for president, the voter shall choose the ballot of the party of his or her choice on which to vote. *If you vote in more than one party, your vote will not be counted.* On the ballot of his or her choice, the voter shall make an **(X)** or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, make an **(X)** or other mark in the square next to the words "Uninstructed delegation," or write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, fill in the oval next to the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or write in the name of a person of his or her choice for a candidate in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select the party of his or her

choice. Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, touch the screen or use the keypad to select the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or type in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

AT THE SPRING ELECTION & REFERENDUM

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided, and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question or fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use they keypad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote shall not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan ballot**, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter

shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or the deliver the ballot to an election inspector for deposit and deposit any un-voted ballots in the discard box. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, the voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following are samples of the official ballots:

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