

**Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots  
August 11, 2020**

OFFICE OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY CLERK  
TO THE VOTERS OF PORTAGE COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in Portage County on August 11, 2020, at which the nominees for the offices 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 under the appropriate party, each in its proper column, 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 partisan primary, the voter shall select the party of his or her choice.** Voting for candidates of more than one party may invalidate the ballot. The voter must cast a vote for individual candidates.

**Where Paper Ballots are Used**

- The voter shall choose the ballot of the party of his or her choice.  
**If the voter votes on more than one party ballot, no votes will be counted.**

On the party 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 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.

**Where Optical Scan Voting is used**

- If a party preference *is designated*, and votes are cast for ballot candidates of another party or write-in votes are cast in another party, only votes cast in the designated party will count.
- If a party preference *is not designated*, and votes are cast for candidates (or write-in votes are cast) in more than one party, no votes will be counted

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 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 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 at the party of his or her choice. The voter shall then touch the screen at 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.

**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 then deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and deposit the 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 then 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 ballot:

Kayla R. Filen  
Portage County Clerk