Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots
August 11, 2020
OFFICE OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK
TO THE VOTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY:
Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in Columbia 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, together with the questions submitted to a vote, if any, in the sample ballot 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 from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, the voter shall register to vote at the polling place before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, the voter shall register to vote at the polling place before being permitted to vote. Upon entering 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 entering the polling place, a voter shall 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 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. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall 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 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. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at “no” if opposed to the question.
The voter should 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 an 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 optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device, or deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

For offices where a voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote, the voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote. 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.

A complete listing of all sample ballots for upcoming election can be viewed on the Columbia County Website at www.co.columbia.wi.us.

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