

McHenry County's Optical Scan Voting

To Vote:

Use only the marking pen provided to vote your ballot.

Completely fill in the preprinted oval opposite the candidate(s), proposition(s) of your choice.

Carefully read how many candidates you may vote for in each office.

If the ballot is two-sided, be sure to vote both sides.

If you wish to vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot you may write or print the name of a candidate in the blank space below the office. Fill in the oval opposite the name with the marking device provided. Write-in votes are counted only for those candidates who file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Important!

You cannot erase or cross out. Any mark placed anywhere on a ballot which serves to identify and therefore distinguish it from other ballots shall not be counted. Letters of the alphabet, an "X", a check mark or other symbol, are examples of an identifying mark.

If you spoil your ballot, return it to the Judges of Election and request a new one:

The Judges of Election will make an "X" in the proper space of your registration card in the precinct binder in the General Election, and an "R" or "D" in the proper space of your registration card in a Primary Election, if your vote is not challenged. If your right to vote is challenged, you will not receive a ballot until you have established your right to vote by affidavit or otherwise.

Before entering the voting booth, each voter, upon request, shall be offered instruction.

When you receive your ballot sheet and ballot secrecy sleeve, retire at once, alone, into the voting booth. Proceed to vote the ballot sheet in the following manner: Select the candidate(s) of your choice. Use only the marking pen provided. Fill in the preprinted oval that is opposite the candidate of your choice. Be sure to check the back of the ballot sheet for possible additional candidates and/or propositions.

After the regular party slate you may find nonpartisan or proposition type ballots. You may vote these ballots in the same manner.

If nonpartisan or proposition type issues are to be voted at a Primary Election you may apply for those ballots only, and you are not required to affiliate with a party.

You may vote for any candidate not found on the ballot by "write-in" vote. Write or print your candidate's name in the blank space provided below the office and fill in the oval opposite the name you have written in. **Write-in votes are recorded only for those candidates who file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.**

If you make an error while voting your ballot, return it to the Judges of Election and receive another ballot.

You may **not** vote for more candidates than the number specified under the title of that office. If you do so, your vote cannot be counted for that office.

You may **not** use any instrument other than the marking pen provided. You must not make any marks on the ballot sheet outside the areas so designated for casting a vote. This may cause your ballot to be rejected.

You must **not** occupy a booth for more than 10 minutes if no other voters are waiting; however, if there is someone else waiting to vote, you must finish voting all ballots in 5 minutes.

You must **not** re-enter the enclosed space after voting; nor take a ballot from the polling place; nor vote any ballot except the one received from the Judges.

If you declare upon oath that you require assistance by reason of blindness, physical disability or inability to read, write or speak the English language, you may, upon request, be assisted by two Judges of different political parties or by a relative or friend of your selection other than your employer or an agent of that employer or officer or agent of your union. Intoxication will not be regarded as a physical disability, and if intoxicated, you will receive no assistance in marking your ballot.

If you desire to vote you must state your name and residence to the Judges of Election, and if you vote in a Primary Election, you must also state the party ballot of your choice. As a voter you must sign the appropriate Certificate of Voter, certifying that you are a registered voter of that precinct and qualified to vote at this election.

The provisions of Articles 4, 5 and 6 apply to all voters except non-registered military (must have maintained residence within precinct for at least 30 days), and non-registered veterans separated within 60 days from the military, may vote without being registered. Their spouses or dependents must be registered to vote in person.

There are heavy penalties for: electioneering within 100' of the polls, hindering a voter who is going to vote, inducing a voter to tell how he is going to vote, showing a ballot after it has been voted, and making a false statement concerning inability to mark the ballot.

When you have completed voting, you must place the ballot sheet in the ballot secrecy sleeve, leave the booth, show the ballot to the Election Judge in charge of the ballot box and then insert your ballot into the ballot box.

Please be advised, at the discretion of the election authority, the Election Judge in charge of the ballot box may be requested to insert your ballot into the ballot box.