

49.57 Method and style of printing ballots.

Ballots shall be prepared as follows:

1. They shall be on paper uniform in color, through which the printing or writing cannot be read.
2. In the area of the general election ballot for straight party voting, the party names shall be printed in capital letters of uniform size, in not less than twelve point type. After the name of each candidate for a partisan office the name of the candidate's political party shall be printed in at least six point type.
3. The names of candidates shall be printed in capital letters, of uniform size throughout the ballot, in not less than ten point type.
4. On ballots that will be counted by electronic tabulating equipment, ballots shall include a voting target next to the name of each candidate. The position, shape, and size of the targets shall be appropriate for the equipment to be used in counting the votes. Where paper ballots are used, a square may be printed at the beginning of each line in which the name of a candidate is printed, except as otherwise provided.
5. A portion of the ballot, which can be shown to the precinct officials without revealing any of the marks made by the voter, shall include the words "Official ballot", a designation of the ballot rotation, if any, the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of the commissioner who has caused the ballot to be printed pursuant to section 49.51.
6. The office title of any office which appears on the ballot to fill a vacancy before the end of the usual term of the office shall include the words "To Fill Vacancy".

[C97, § 1109; S13, § 1109; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 775; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 49.57]

97 Acts, ch 170, § 44; 2002 Acts, ch 1134, §34, 115

Footnotes

Single voting target for certain paired offices, § 49.33

Signature in primary elections, § 43.36