



DIRECTIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

NUMBER: 2026-09
DATE: September 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Official Ballot Statement for the General Election on November 3, 2026

The Secretary of State, in carrying out the duties of the office, shall issue detailed directives necessary to maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of Oregon election laws.¹

The information provided here is an official directive of the Secretary of State.

Enclosed and made part of this directive is the Official Ballot Statement required by [ORS 254.085](#), which serves as a guide for preparing the county's ballot. The state Official Ballot Statement consists of Partisan and Nonpartisan Candidates.

A list of [open offices](#) for the November 3, 2026, General Election is also enclosed for reference.

This directive provides instructions for processing the Official Ballot Statement for the 2026 General Election.

The instructions address the following:

- Ballot Label Style
- Ballot Specifications
- Ballot Arrangement
- Ballot Measure Formatting
- Numbering System
- Random Ordering of Candidate Names
- Printing Candidate Names
- Multiple Party Nominations
- Judicial Candidates "Incumbent" Designation
- County Nonpartisan Candidates
- Lines for Candidate Write-In Votes

Consistent with the instructions, the provisions of [ORS 254.108](#), [254.125](#), [254.135](#), [254.145](#), [254.155](#), [254.195](#), and [260.675](#) should be reviewed prior to preparing the county's official ballot.

¹ [ORS 246.110](#); [ORS 246.120](#).

The Secretary of State directs the following:

BALLOT LABEL STYLE

The official General Election Ballot shall be styled “Official Ballot” and shall state the name of your county and the date of the election. See [ORS 254.135](#) for further requirements.

BALLOT SPECIFICATIONS

All official General Election ballots shall be printed in black ink on good-quality material, as required by [ORS 254.195\(1\)](#).

Ballots shall be printed on white paper.

BALLOT ARRANGEMENT

The offices shall be arranged in the sequence shown on the enclosed Official Ballot Statement. Offices are listed in the following order:

1. Federal Office

- US Senator
- US Representative

2. State Office

- Governor

3. Legislative Office

- State Senator
- State Representative

4. County Office – if partisan

5. City Office – if partisan

6. Nonpartisan Office – the sequence of all nonpartisan offices shall be as follows:

a. State Office

- None at this election

b. State Judicial Office

Contested races appear before uncontested races for the same office type.

[ORS 254.125\(2\)\(a\)](#).

- Contested Circuit Court positions
- Uncontested Circuit Court positions

c. District Attorney

d. Nonpartisan County Offices

- County Assessor
- County Clerk
- County Surveyor
- County Treasurer
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner, if nonpartisan
- County Judge
- Justice of the Peace

Note: County offices may vary by county.

e. Nonpartisan City Offices

f. Special District Offices – if any

7. Ranked Choice Voting Contests

Note: Election officials may adjust the placement of contests to accommodate ballot design or administrative needs. Ranked Choice Voting contests may appear on a separate ballot card or in an alternate location on the ballot.

Any adjustment must preserve the hierarchy of offices in this directive. A contest may not appear above the level of office to which it belongs. Lower-level contests cannot be placed above higher-level offices. For example, local district contests may not appear above statewide or congressional offices.

8. Measures

- State (None at this election)
- County
- City
- Multi-County Special District
- Single County Special District

If the ballot arrangement described above would create administrative or printing difficulties, please contact this office for further guidance.

BALLOT MEASURE FORMATTING

There are no statewide measures on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot.

The Secretary of State requires the following formatting for statewide ballot measures to promote consistency and readability for voters: Ballot measure headers and the ballot title captions should be printed in boldface, mixed-case type rather than in all uppercase. Mixed case means that the first letter of a phrase or sentence, and only certain words within a sentence, may be uppercase, with the remaining letters lowercase. This requirement does not apply to local ballot measures. However, the Secretary of State encourages consistent formatting for local measures to promote readability for the voters.

NUMBERING SYSTEM

The number assigned to each local (county, city, and district) measure must be preceded by your unique county prefix number (i.e., Baker County is number 1, Benton is number 2, and so forth, numbered consecutively in alphabetical order until Yamhill County, which is number 36). [ORS 254.108\(1\)](#).

If a district or city is located in more than one county, the County Election Official who is the filing officer shall immediately certify the district or city measure and number to the County Election Official of any other county in which the district or city is located. The same measure number shall be used in all counties in which the election is conducted for that measure. [ORS 254.108\(2\)](#).

RANDOM ORDERING OF CANDIDATE NAMES

The names of the candidates shall be ordered as provided for in [ORS 254.155](#). On August 27, 2026, this office sent a memo to all County Election Officials giving the random ordering of the letters of the alphabet for candidates on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, General Election.

The random order of the alphabet in which candidates' names will appear on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, General Election is as follows:

1. S	6. I	11. M	16. J	21. Q	26. R
2. K	7. W	12. D	17. E	22. A	
3. B	8. Y	13. N	18. H	23. U	
4. G	9. V	14. X	19. T	24. F	
5. P	10. C	15. Z	20. O	25. L	

For candidates whose last names begin with the same letter(s) of the alphabet, whose surnames are identical, or whose first and last names are identical, follow the procedure contained in [OAR 165-010-0090](#).

[ORS 254.135\(3\)\(F\)\(e\)](#) requires that, if two or more candidates for the same office have the same first and last name, the location of their places of residence shall be printed with their names to distinguish one from another.

The Official Ballot Statement for federal and state candidates has been prepared by the Secretary of State using the random sequence.

PRINTING CANDIDATE NAMES

The names of candidates shall be printed on the county's official ballot as indicated in the Official Ballot Statement.

[ORS 249.031](#) allows a candidate to use the name by which the candidate is commonly known.

The names of candidates and candidate office titles must be in **boldface and mixed-case type** rather than in all uppercase, for the purpose of better readability. Mixed case means the first letters of these names shall be uppercase with the rest lowercase (unless within the name an uppercase letter is specified by the candidate, such as "McVan").

[ORS 254.145\(2\)](#) provides that no title or designation may be included in the candidate's name (such as Dr, Mr, PhD, Senior Vice President, etc.). A suffix (such as Jr, Sr, III, IV, etc.) is allowable if it is part of the name by which the candidate is commonly known.

Additionally, **candidate names must not contain any punctuation, with the exception of accent marks, hyphens, apostrophes, parentheses, and commas**. Accent marks, hyphens, and apostrophes may be used when they are part of the standard spelling of a candidate's legal name or the name by which the candidate is commonly known. Parentheses may be used to include a nickname in connection with a candidate's full name, consistent with [ORS 249.031](#). Commas are allowed preceding a suffix but are not required.

Other punctuation marks, including but not limited to exclamation points, quotation marks, symbols, or periods, are not permitted in candidate names on the ballot.

Note: If no candidate has filed for an office, the ballot must include "No Candidate Filed."

MULTIPLE PARTY NOMINATIONS

Candidates may be nominated by multiple political parties. Up to three parties may be listed after a candidate's name, as indicated in the Official Ballot Statement. If the candidate was nominated by the party they are a member of, that party will be listed first, followed by two or fewer additional parties in alphabetical order or as specified by the candidate. If individual electors or an assembly of electors nominate a nonaffiliated candidate, "nonaffiliated" will be listed first, followed by two or fewer additional parties in alphabetical order or as specified by the candidate. [ORS 254.135\(3\)](#).

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES "INCUMBENT" DESIGNATION

The information for state candidates for Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and Circuit Court positions shall include a designation of "Incumbent" for each candidate who is the regularly elected or appointed judge of the court to which the candidate seeks election. [ORS 254.125\(2\)\(b\)](#). The Official Ballot Statement provides this designation. Please note that justices of the peace, county judges, and municipal court judges do not have the "Incumbent" designation.

COUNTY NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Review [ORS 249.091](#) to determine whether county nonpartisan candidates (Sheriff, County Treasurer, or County Clerk) or candidates seeking to fill a vacancy in a nonpartisan office are required to be listed on the General Election ballot.

LINES FOR CANDIDATE WRITE-IN VOTES

[ORS 254.145\(3\)](#) provides for the write-in of names in the appropriate place on the ballot. Allow one blank line for each position to be filled. Example: "Vote for Three. " In this case, you will provide three blank lines following the list of candidates for that office. Blank lines shall not be numbered, except for the precinct committeeperson's office.

Offices that have been certified as "No Candidate Filed" must still appear on the ballot with the appropriate number of write-in lines. "No Candidate Filed" may appear on the line where the candidate's name would otherwise appear.

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact our office.

APPEAL

This directive 2026-09 may be appealed to the Marion County Circuit Court under [ORS 246.910](#).

Tobias Read

Oregon Secretary of State



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Elections Director

Candidate Ballot Statement

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US Senator	Vote for one
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David Brock Smith	Republican
Jeff Merkley	Democrat, Working Families
Gary Lyndon Dye	Libertarian
Chris Henry	Progressive, Pacific Green

US Representative, 1st District	Vote for one
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Barbara J Kahl	Republican
Suzanne Bonamici	Democrat, Working Families

US Representative, 2nd District	Vote for one
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Chris Beck	Democrat, Independent
Cliff Bentz	Republican

US Representative, 3rd District	Vote for one
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Maxine E Dexter	Democrat
Loran Ayles	Republican

US Representative, 4th District	Vote for one
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Monique DeSpain	Republican, Libertarian
Val Hoyle	Democrat, Working Families
Justin Filip	Pacific Green, Progressive

US Representative, 5th District	Vote for one
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Janelle S Bynum	Democrat
Andrea Townsend	Pacific Green
Patti Adair	Republican, Libertarian

US Representative, 6th District	Vote for one
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Andrea Salinas	Democrat, Independent
David Russ	Republican

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Governor	Vote for one
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Brett Smith	Pacific Green
Tina Kotek	Democrat, Working Families
Christine Drazan	Republican, Libertarian

State Senator, 3rd District	Vote for one
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Denise D Krause	Democrat
Clay Bearnson	Independent, Pacific Green
Brad Hicks	Republican, Libertarian

State Senator, 4th District	Vote for one
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Floyd Prozanski	Democrat, Republican
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State Senator, 6th District	Vote for one
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Sierrah Williams	Democrat, Working Families
Jack Tibbetts	Republican
Caleb Ticer	Libertarian

State Senator, 7th District	Vote for one
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James I Manning Jr	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Jack (Jake) D Huff	Republican

State Senator, 8th District	Vote for one
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Sara Gelser Blouin	Democrat
Valerie Draper Woldeit	Republican

State Senator, 10th District	Vote for one
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Deb Patterson	Democrat, Working Families
Angela Plowhead	Republican, Libertarian

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State Senator, 11th District		Vote for one
Virginia Stapleton	Democrat, Working Families	
Tracy M Cramer	Republican	
State Senator, 13th District		Vote for one
Tim E Nelson	Libertarian	
Courtney Neron Misslin	Democrat, Working Families	
Glenn Lancaster	Republican	
State Senator, 15th District		Vote for one
Myrna A Munoz	Democrat, Working Families	
Harold Hutchison	Republican	
State Senator, 16th District		Vote for one
Courtney Bangs	Republican	
Rachel Armitage	Democrat	
Melisa Finkle	Independent	
State Senator, 17th District		Vote for one
John A N Chee	Republican	
Lisa Reynolds	Democrat	
State Senator, 19th District		Vote for one
Rob Wagner	Democrat	
Mary Dirksen	Republican	
State Senator, 20th District		Vote for one
Michele Stroh	Republican	
Mark Meek	Democrat	

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State Senator, 24th District		Vote for one
Kayse Jama	Democrat, Working Families	
State Senator, 26th District		Vote for one
Nicole Bassett	Democrat, Independent, Working Families	
Jeff Helfrich	Republican	
State Representative, 1st District		Vote for one
Court Boice	Republican	
Bret Cecil	Democrat	
State Representative, 2nd District		Vote for one
Virgle J Osborne	Republican, Democrat	
State Representative, 3rd District		Vote for one
Dwayne Yunker	Republican	
Susan Fischer-Maki	Democrat	
State Representative, 4th District		Vote for one
Alek Skarlatos	Republican	
State Representative, 5th District		Vote for one
Alexander Krigsvold	Republican	
Pam Marsh	Democrat, Independent	
State Representative, 6th District		Vote for one
Kim Wallan	Republican	
John P Holm	Democrat	

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State Representative, 7th District	Vote for one
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Adam Wilson	Republican, Libertarian
Kori Rodley	Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 8th District	Vote for one
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Bill Vivian	Republican
Lisa Fragala	Democrat

State Representative, 9th District	Vote for one
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John Ezra Scheirman	Democrat
Claire Lynn	Republican

State Representative, 10th District	Vote for one
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David Gomberg	Democrat, Independent, Republican
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State Representative, 11th District	Vote for one
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Ivan Maluski	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Ken Jackola	Republican

State Representative, 12th District	Vote for one
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Amber Smith	Democrat
Darin Harbick	Republican

State Representative, 13th District	Vote for one
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Nancy Nathanson	Democrat
Jonathan T Abrahamsen	Republican

State Representative, 14th District	Vote for one
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Kevin T Burton	Republican
Julie Fahey	Democrat

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State Representative, 15th District	Vote for one
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Shelly Boshart Davis	Republican
Joanna Robinson	Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 16th District	Vote for one
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Sarah Finger McDonald	Democrat, Republican
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State Representative, 17th District	Vote for one
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David Nelson	Democrat
Dan Farrington	Republican

State Representative, 18th District	Vote for one
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Amanda Staehely	Republican
Roy Kaufmann	Independent, Working Families, Democrat
Patrick Marnell	Libertarian

State Representative, 19th District	Vote for one
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Anna Munson	Republican, Libertarian
Tom Andersen	Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 20th District	Vote for one
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Paul Evans	Democrat, Working Families
Andrew Fudge	Republican, Independent
Taylor A Rickey	Libertarian

State Representative, 21st District	Vote for one
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Michael Welsh	Democrat, Working Families
Kevin L Mannix	Republican

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State Representative, 22nd District	Vote for one
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Lesly M Munoz	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Noemi Legaspi	Republican, Libertarian

State Representative, 23rd District	Vote for one
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Anna M Scharf	Republican
Kriss Wright	Democrat

State Representative, 24th District	Vote for one
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Lucetta A Elmer	Republican
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State Representative, 25th District	Vote for one
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Ben Bowman	Democrat, Working Families
Bob Niemeyer	Republican

State Representative, 26th District	Vote for one
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Stephanie Carkin	Republican, Libertarian
Steph Terrio	Pacific Green, Progressive
Sue R Rieke Smith	Democrat, Independent

State Representative, 27th District	Vote for one
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Tammy Carpenter	Democrat, Progressive, Working Families
G Mark Norman	Republican

State Representative, 28th District	Vote for one
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Dacia Grayber	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Randall Fryer	Republican

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State Representative, 29th District		Vote for one
Brian Schimmel	Independent, Republican	
Susan McLain	Democrat	
State Representative, 30th District		Vote for one
Nathan Sosa	Democrat	
Charles A Ross	Republican	
State Representative, 31st District		Vote for one
Darcey Edwards	Republican	
Tom L Forest	Democrat	
State Representative, 32nd District		Vote for one
Max Sherman	Republican	
Cyrus Javadi	Democrat, Independent	
State Representative, 33rd District		Vote for one
Shannon Jones Isadore	Democrat	
Ciatta R Thompson	Republican	
State Representative, 34th District		Vote for one
Mari Watanabe	Democrat	
Shaunie Cousins	Republican	
State Representative, 35th District		Vote for one
Farrah Chaichi	Democrat, Working Families	
Dan Martin	Republican	
State Representative, 36th District		Vote for one
Hai Pham	Democrat	
Michael Orth	Republican	

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State Representative, 37th District	Vote for one
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Chad Parker	Republican
Jules Walters	Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 38th District	Vote for one
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Daniel Loc Nguyen	Democrat, Republican
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State Representative, 39th District	Vote for one
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April Dobson	Democrat, Republican, Independent
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State Representative, 40th District	Vote for one
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Michael W Sugar	Democrat, Working Families
Adam Baker	Republican
Pat Hubbell	Independent

State Representative, 41st District	Vote for one
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Mark Gamba	Democrat, Working Families
Elvis Clark	Republican

State Representative, 42nd District	Vote for one
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Morey Straus	Libertarian
Rob Nosse	Democrat

State Representative, 43rd District	Vote for one
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Tawna Sanchez	Democrat
Tim LeMaster	Republican

State Representative, 44th District	Vote for one
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Travis Nelson	Democrat, Working Families
Margo Logan	Republican

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State Representative, 45th District	Vote for one
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Jason Boyce	Republican
Thuy Tran	Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 46th District	Vote for one
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Willy Chotzen	Democrat, Working Families
Leo Morley	Republican

State Representative, 47th District	Vote for one
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Andrea Valderrama	Democrat
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State Representative, 48th District	Vote for one
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Lamar Wise	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Andrew Morrison	Republican

State Representative, 49th District	Vote for one
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Ann Walker	Republican
Zach Hudson	Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 50th District	Vote for one
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Brian Gray	Republican
Ricki Ruiz	Democrat, Independent

State Representative, 51st District	Vote for one
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Matt Bunch	Republican
Darla Mead	Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 52nd District	Vote for one
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Hank Sanders	Democrat, Independent
Scott C Hege	Republican

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State Representative, 53rd District	Vote for one
Michael Summers Emerson Levy	Republican, Libertarian Democrat, Independent
State Representative, 54th District	Vote for one
Jason Kropf	Democrat
State Representative, 55th District	Vote for one
Colby M Simmons E Werner Reschke	Democrat Republican
State Representative, 56th District	Vote for one
Emily G McIntire	Republican
State Representative, 57th District	Vote for one
Greg Smith Josiah Dean	Republican Pacific Green
State Representative, 58th District	Vote for one
Brian Campbell Bobby Levy	Democrat Republican
State Representative, 59th District	Vote for one
Vikki Breese-Iverson Lawrence Jones	Republican Democrat
State Representative, 60th District	Vote for one
Beth Spell Mark Owens	Democrat Republican

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 2

Vote for one

Diane S Sykes
Laura Maurer Rowan

Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 14

Vote for one

Elizabeth Savage
Joseph Hagedorn

Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3

Vote for one

Thaddeus Betz
Sonia Huntsman
Raun Atkinson
Keith A Leitz

Judge of the Circuit Court, 2nd District, Position 14

Vote for one

Nathan J Lichvarcik **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 6

Vote for one

Sonia A Montalbano **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 5th District, Position 5

Vote for one

Kara A Brooks **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 20th District, Position 1

Vote for one

Zohra Tourville **Incumbent**

District Attorney, Curry County

Vote for one

Kevin Kelley

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District Attorney, Jefferson County

Vote for one

Eric J Nisley

District Attorney, Lake County

Vote for one

Lane W Simpson

Rami Amaro