

Example County Election Optical Scan Special Primary Ballot for 2023 Special Primary per M.R. 8250.1810

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 4: "...Instructions to voters. Under the heading at the top of each side of the ballot, the words "Instructions to Voters:" must be printed in bold and in as large as practicable but no smaller than 12-point bold type. The words "To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●" or a similar wording or mark if a different target shape is used by the electronic voting equipment must follow and be printed in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point bold type...."

M.S. §205.17, subd. 3: "Primary ballots...No blank spaces shall be provided for writing in the names of candidates."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 16: "The names of candidates to fill vacancies at a special election for...municipal offices must be listed under the heading "Special election for (name of office)," followed by "To fill vacancy in term expiring (date)" with the name of the office, the date of expiration of the term, and any other information necessary to distinguish the office...Vacant offices being filled by special election must be listed with other offices of that type but after any offices for which a candidate will be elected for a full term..."

**Official Ballot**  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Election Ballot**  
**County Election Ballot**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**County**  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**Instructions to Voters:**  
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

**County Offices**  
**Optional: County Name**

**Special Election for County Commissioner**  
**District n**  
**To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025**  
Vote for One

Candidate  
 Candidate  
 Candidate  
 Candidate

Precinct Name

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: "At the top of a ballot containing only nonpartisan offices, the words... "Primary Election Ballot" shall be printed, except for first-class cities which may use an optional heading..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3. **Ballot Heading:** "...When a county, municipal, school district, or hospital district election is held other than in conjunction with a federal or state office, the applicable words "County Election Ballot", "City Election Ballot", "Town Election Ballot", "School District", or "Hospital District Ballot" shall be printed..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp.5: "When more than one of the following types of offices is on the ballot, the offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows: ... **County Offices** **County Questions** The name or the number of the appropriate municipality, school district, or special district may be added directly under the office types listed in this subpart."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 6: "The offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold type. The office title must be shaded with a screen of at least ten percent: ... "Attorney General" "County Commissioner" "County Auditor" "County Treasurer..." Where nonjudicial offices are designated by number, those offices must be listed in numerical order and must be printed directly under the title of the office...If an office is not to be filled at a general election, the office must not appear on the ballot..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: "...Each ballot must have printed on it both the name of the precinct and an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator. A ballot style used in more than one precinct may have the names of all precincts in which it is used printed on the ballot. If multiple ballots styles are to be used in the same precinct for precincts split by school districts, each ballot style must include the precinct name and applicable school district number..."