

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE

April 3, 2012

OFFICE OF THE BARRON COUNTY CLERK
TO THE ELECTORS OF BARRON COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a nonpartisan spring election and a Presidential Preference Vote to be held in the several wards in the County of Barron on April 3, 2012, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast his or her ballot, except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector 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 Spring Election

Where **paper** ballots are used, the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square 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 elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where an **optical scan** system is used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow 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 elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided, and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where **touch screen** voting systems are used, the elector shall touch the screen 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 elector 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 elector shall touch the screen next to "yes" if in favor of the questions, or the elector shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

At the Presidential Preference Vote:

Where **paper** ballots are used, the elector shall make a cross (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice, within the party of his or her choice; or shall in the alternative, make a cross (X) in the square next to the words "Uninstructed delegation," within the party of his or her choice; or write in the name of his or her choice for a candidate in the space provided, within the party of his or her choice.

Where an **optical scan** system is used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice, within the party of his or her choice; or shall, in the alternative, fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the words "Uninstructed Delegation," within the party of his or her choice; or write in the name of his or her choice for a candidate in the space provided, within the party of his or her choice.

Where **touch screen** voting systems are used, the elector shall touch the screen next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice, within the party of his or her choice; or shall in the alternative, touch the screen next to the words "Uninstructed Delegation," within the party of his or her choice; or type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote, within the party of his or her choice. On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

**AN ELECTOR MAY CAST ONE VOTE ONLY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE PRIMARY.**

The vote shall 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 elector 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.

If an elector spoils a **paper or 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 elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place. After the elector has cast his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot, and promptly leave the polling place.

The elector may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the booth, deposit his or her folded ballots in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballots to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the elector shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve. Where a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver it to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballots:
(please insert sample ballot here)

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk