

NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY AND SAMPLE BALLOT

February 19, 2013

OFFICE OF THE BARRON COUNTY CLERK

TO THE ELECTORS OF BARRON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Barron County on the February 19, 2013, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, 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 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 primary 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 **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 question, or the elector shall

touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should 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 casting his or her vote 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 the 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 casting 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 the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and 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.

*NOTE – Only voters that reside in the Rice Lake School District will vote on the referenda question

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk