

G. The names of all unaffiliated candidates, or candidates who decline to state a party affiliation shall be printed on the ballot as “Independent”, or abbreviated as “Ind.” and shall be positioned on the ballot below or after candidates affiliated with a political party, if any. In the event two or more independent candidates run for the same office, their names shall be located on the ballot in alphabetical order.

H. The sample ballot posted in each polling place and all sample ballots distributed to each polling place shall reflect the actual positioning of parties on the voting machine in that precinct.

I. When electronic vote recording and tabulating machines or electronic vote tabulating machines are used, the offices and candidates shall be printed on the ballot sheet or ballot card in a vertical position with the order of preference being from top to bottom.

J. When paper ballots are used in a general election, such ballots shall be printed and bound so that the ballots for each precinct shall reflect the actual positioning of parties as they appear on the voting machines in that precinct.

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