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Overview

- There is always an August Partisan Primary
- The partisan primary has been in place in WI since 1915.

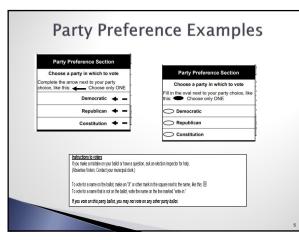
Reminders!

- > Votes are cast for candidates in one political party.
- There has been no straight party ticket voting since 2011, but there is a party preference option.
- The party order on the ballot is determined by which party received the most votes in the last gubernatorial election.

What is the Party Preference?

- In the Partisan Primary, voters may vote in only ONE party's primary.
- If a voter chooses a party preference, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.
- If a voter does not choose a party preference, and votes in more than one party, no votes will be counted (except for nonpartisan contests or referenda, if present),
- Voters must still vote for individual candidates!

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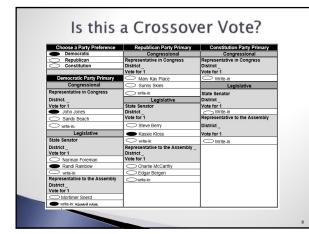
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What is a Crossover Vote?

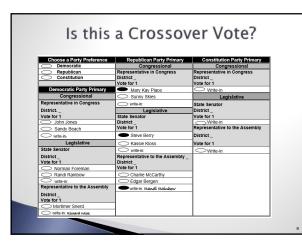
- A ballot with a crossover vote is a ballot where the voter has not selected a party preference and has voted in more than one party, which is prohibited by state law.
- A ballot where the voter has not selected a party preference and has written in a ballot candidate from another party is not a crossover vote.

Choose a Party Preference	Republican Party Primary Congressional	Constitution Party Prima Congressional
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 Sandy Beach 		Representative to the Assemb
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Legislative	 Kassie Kloss 	Vote for 1
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District _ Vote for 1	Representative to the Assembly District _	-
Norman Foreman	Vote for 1	
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write-in:	C Edgar Bergen	_
Representative to the Assembly	write-in:	_
District _ Vote for 1		
Mortimer Snerd	1	
write-in: Richard Wick	-	





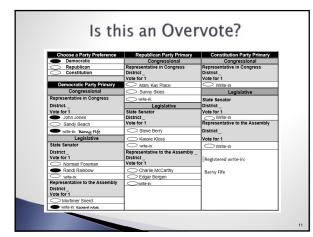




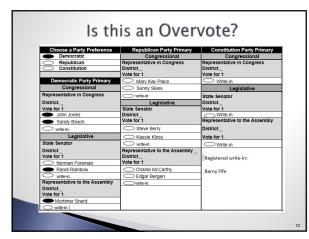




- Ballots with at least one instance in which the elector has voted for more than the maximum number of selections allowed in a contest.
- Election inspectors may be required to remake ballots with overvotes.
- A contest is not considered an overvote if the election inspectors, after reviewing the ballot for voter intent, are able to count a vote(s).



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Who

Election Official

Why

- Voter made a mistake (overvoted, crossover vote)
- Voting equipment cannot "read" the ballot
- Voter marked the ballot incorrectly, for example, used red pen or circled a candidate
- · Voter didn't fill in circles or arrows on ballot
- Ballot was damaged

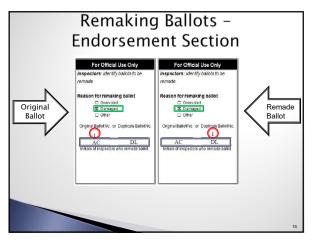
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Remaking Ballots on Election Day

- At least two election inspectors participate in the process
- If party-affiliated inspectors present, use one of each party
 Inspectors announce that a ballot is being remade and why
- Inspectors note a reason in the endorsement section of the ballot
 - Overvoted (OV)
 - Damaged (DM)
 - Other (OT)
- Ballots labeled original ballot #(serial number) and
- duplicate ballot #(serial number)
- Both inspectors initial the ballots in the endorsement section

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Remaking Ballots on Election Day

How (con't)

- Inspector transfers votes based on voter intent from the original ballot to the duplicate ballot
- Note on the Inspectors' Statement why the ballot had to be remade
- The remade ballots are inserted into the tabulator
- The original ballots are bundled together, marked
- and placed in the "Original Ballots Envelope."The "Original Ballots Envelope" is placed in the ballot container

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Overriding Ballots on Election Day

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Election Official

Why

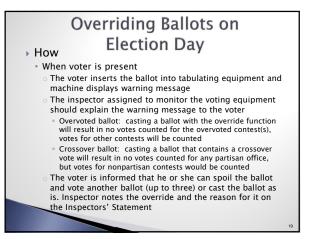
 Municipality allows for the use of the override function to tabulate overvoted ballots and ballots with crossover votes when voter intent cannot be determined.

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Overriding Ballots on Election Day

How

- Absentee Ballots
 - Inspector inserts the ballot without inspection into tabulating equipment and machine displays warning message
 - Inspector selects the option to return ballot
 - Inspectors review the ballot to determine voter intent
 If voter intent can be determined, ballot is remade
 - If voter intent can be determined, ballot is remade
 If voter intent cannot be determined, the ballot is not remade
- Inspector reinserts the ballot into the tabulating equipment and casts the ballot using the override function
- Inspector notes the override and the reason for it on the Inspectors' Statement



Counting Write-In Votes -In General

- Each party's primary is considered a separate election.
- The Four Principles of Counting Write-in Votes apply separately to the contests for each party.

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The Four Principles for Counting Write-in Votes

- #1 If one or more ballot candidates of a specific party are listed under a given office—
 Only votes for registered write-in candidates are eligible for counting in that party's contest.
- #2 If one or more ballot candidates of a specific party are listed under a given office, but one or more are deceased—

All write-in votes are eligible for counting in that party's contest.

The Four Principles for Counting Write-in Votes

- #3 If there are no ballot candidates of a specific party listed under a given office—
 All write-in votes are eligible for counting in that party's contest.
- #4 If there is at least one write-in vote cast for an office in a specific party *(regardless of the eligibility of the write-in vote)*
 - No votes for ballot candidates may be considered in that party's contest.

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Party Preference - General Rules

- At a partisan primary, another facet is added to counting votes scenarios—the Party Preference.
- Selecting a party preference will preserve the votes cast in the preferred party even if the voter crosses over and votes in another party.
- Casting votes for candidates of only one party, is the same as selecting a party preference. For paper ballot municipalities, voting on only one ballot is choosing a party preference.
- If no party preference is selected, and the voter marks more than one party's ballot, no votes will count.

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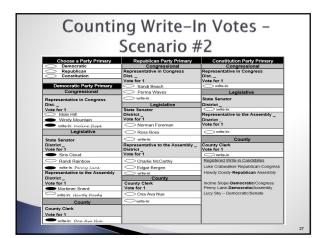
Party Preference - General Rules

- If no party preference is selected, and the voter marks only one party's ballot, but on that same party ballot writes in the name of a ballot candidate or registered write-in candidate of another party, all votes are counted except the write-in vote.
- Regardless if a party preference is selected, the name of a ballot candidate or registered write-in candidate of Party X written on a Party Y ballot will never count.
- Within the same party, a voter may write in the name of a ballot candidate or registered write-in candidate for an office under a different office, but it is counted only if there are no ballot candidates for the different office or if a ballot candidate has died.

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Counting Write-In Votes -Scenario #1 Answer

- Party preference: Republican. Votes in other parties are ignored.
 Congress: Only registered write-ins count; Luke is registered. Count the write-in vote for Luke. Voting equipment saw 2 filled in ovals and counted nothing. Adjust tape to add a vote for "write-in"
- for Congress.
 State Senate: Soupy is not a registered write-in so his vote is not counted. Even though the write-in is not eligible to be counted, it still cancels the vote for the ballot candidate. No votes count. Voting equipment saw the filled in oval. Subtract a vote from Norman Foreman on the tape.
- Assembly: Howdy Doody is a registered write-in. Count the vote for Howdy. Voting equipment saw an overvote and counted nothing. Adjust tape to add a vote for "write-in" for Assembly
- County Clerk: Rocky Road is not a registered write-in. No votes are counted. Voting equipment saw no filled in ovals and counted nothing. No tape adjustment required



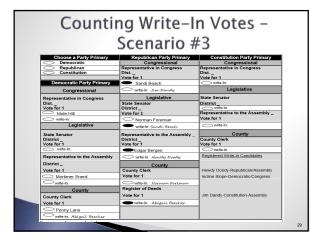


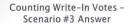
Counting Write-In Votes -Scenario #2 Answer

No party preference selected, but voter cast votes only in the Democratic Party. The other parties may be ignored.

- other parties may be ignored. **Congress:** Only registered write-ins count; Incline Slope is a registered Democratic write-in candidate. **Count the write-in vote for Incline.** Voting equipment saw 2 filled in ovals and counted nothing. Adjust the tape to add a write-in vote. **State Senate:** Penny Lane is a registered Democratic write in for Assembly, not Senate, but within the same party a vote can be counted for a different office than the one the candidate is registered for. However, Penny is not registered as a write-in candidate for Senate, so **Penny's vote does not count**. Even though the write-in vote cannot not be counted, it still cancels the vote for the ballot candidate. Siris. **No votes are counted**. Voting equipment saw two filed in ovals and recorded nothing. No tape adjustment required.
- Assembly: The write-in vote for Howdy Doody is not counted as he is a registered Republican write-in for Assembly. However, the presence of a write-in, counted or not, means the vote for Mortimer is not counted. Voting equipment recorded a vote for Mortimer Snerd, so the tape needs to be adjusted. No votes are counted. County Clerk: Ona Ava Nue is a Republican ballot candidate. Her vote cannot be counted. Voting equipment
- recorded a write-in vote. Adjust the tape to subtract a vote from the write-in votes for this office.
- Note: The voter pulled a candidate from another party into the party they voted in. Only the vote for that office does not count. This is not a crossover, because the voter only marked on party.

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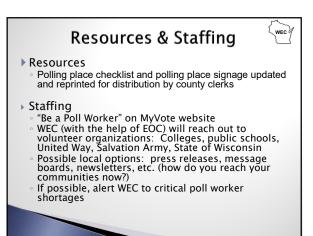


- No party preference selected.
- Voter cast votes primarily in the Republican Party but wrote in a name for County Clerk on the Democratic Party. Note: The voter physically voted on two party ballots. This makes it a crossover.
- No votes on this ballot count.

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Representative to the Assembly District _ Vote for 1	County Clerk	
Mortimer Snerd write-in:	Vote for 1	-
County County Clerk	Register of Deeds Vote for 1	-
Vote for 1	write-in:	
Penny Lane	-	

Counting Write-In Votes -Scenario #4 Answer

- Voter selected the **Democratic Party** as their preference, voted *primarily* on the Democratic ballot but filled in an oval in the Republican Party. The voting equipment is only looking at the Democratic Party. It will not even notice the oval in the Republican Party. This is not a crossover for two reasons: 1) because the voter selected a party preference and 2) because a filled in write-in oval without a name is not considered a vote.
- preference and 2) because a finited in write-in oval writhout a name is not considered a vote.
 Congress: Only registered write-ins count; Mole Hill is not a registered write-in for this office. He is a ballot candidate for this office. The voter's intent is clearly to vote for Mole Hill. Voting equipment saw 2 filled in ovals and counted nothing. Adjust the tape to add a vote to Mole Hill's total.
 State Senate: Penny Lane is Democratic State Senator. Writin the same party a vote can be counted nothing. Adjust the tape to add a vote to Mole Hill's total.
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Reminders: Pre-Election Tasks

- Review the ballot with election workers!
- Have election workers participate in the pre-election testing of voting equipment, so they know how it works.
- Prepare a list of any registered write-in candidates for the August Primary.
- Communicate any updates to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals decision that affects Election Day procedures.
- The absentee ballot log should be updated as necessary and sent to the polls.

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Reminders: Election Day

- Election workers may only share the list of registered write-in candidates if asked by a voter.
- Check the absentee ballot log for every voter.
 If a voter has returned an absentee ballot, they may not vote at the polls.
- The address on the photo ID does not have to be current.



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