

**Notice of Spring Election and
Sample Ballots
April 1, 2025**

**Office of the Waushara County Clerk
To the voters of Waushara County:**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Waushara County on April 1, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. 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, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their 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.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“*ImageCast Evolution-ICE*”) to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select 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 voter 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 voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.


After Voting the Ballot

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, the voter may insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils an **optical scan ballot**, they 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 voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melanie R. Stake", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melanie R. Stake,
Interim Waushara County Clerk

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office, Referendum, and Special Election for Partisan Office April 1, 2025

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	<p>Town Board Supervisor 1 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Heil</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>School Board Member Village and Town of Coloma, Portions of Richford, Richfield and Colburn Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Daniel Fenske</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p>Special Election for Partisan Office</p>	<p>County Clerk Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Desiree Acantilado (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>Referendum</p> <p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●</p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●</p>
<p>State Superintendent of Public Instruction</p>	<p>Town Board Supervisor 2 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Paulus, Jr.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>State</p>
<p>State Superintendent Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brittany Kinser</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Underly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>Town Clerk Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julia A. Staehler</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting." Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Judicial</p>	<p>Town Treasurer Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kristen JB Anderson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
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<p>Court of Appeals Judge District 4 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jennifer Nashold</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		

C A M P L E

<p align="center">Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office, Referendum, and Special Election for Partisan Office April 1, 2025 for</p> <p>Town of Richford, Wards 1&2 (Westfield) Waushara County</p> <p align="center">Ballot ID: 2131</p>	<p>Ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Initials of election inspectors</p>	For Official Use Only	
	<p>Absentee ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p>	<p>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	
	<p align="center">_____ If issued by SVDs, both must initial</p> <p>Certification of Voter Assistance</p> <p>I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Signature of assistor</p>	<p>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:</p> <p>_____</p>
			<p>_____</p> <p align="center">Initials of inspectors who remade ballot</p>
<p>Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. →</p>			



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Referendum (cont.)

School District

Question Number I: Shall the Wautoma Area School District, Waushara County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,400,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide school renovations, construction of secure entrances, capital maintenance improvements and repairs; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

Yes

No

Question Number II: Shall the Wautoma Area School District, Waushara County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,400,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a middle school addition, renovations, capital maintenance and site improvements at Wautoma High School; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

Yes

No

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for

Town of Richford, Wards 1 & 2
(Wautoma)
Waushara County

Ballot ID: 2130

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

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Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

