

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION, REFERENDUM AND SAMPLE BALLOTS NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Office of the Pepin Clerk
To the voters of Pepin County:

Notice is hereby given of a General Election and Referendum to be held in Pepin County on November 5, 2024, at which the nominees for the offices 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 under the appropriate party, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, if any, 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. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

Voting for President and Vice President

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candidate for Vice President only will not be counted.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make an "X" or other mark in the square 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. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall make an "X" or other mark next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of their choice in the spaces provided. On referendum questions, the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select 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 type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper** 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 voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

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 voter shall then deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and deposit the un-voted ballots in the discard box. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

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

DONE in the City of Durand,
this 31st day of October 2024.
/s/ Audrey Bauer, Pepin County Clerk

The following is a sample of the ballot: