

Example School District Optical Scan Primary Ballot for August 11, 2015 School District primary per M.S. §§204B.36, 204B.37, 275.60, 126C.17, M.R. 8250.1810

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 5: "...The name or the number of the appropriate municipality, school district, or special district may be added directly under the office types listed in this subpart."

M.S. §205A.08, subd. 2: "Primary Ballots. The school district primary ballot must conform as far as practicable with the school district general election ballot except that no blank spaces may be provided for writing in the names of candidates."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp.16: Special elections to fill a vacancy must be listed with other offices of that type but after any offices for a full term.

M.R. 8250.1810, Subp. 10: "Ballot questions must be printed after offices of the same jurisdiction. Directly after the office type required in subpart 2, the words "To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question." must be printed in upper and lower case and no smaller than 8 point type..."

M.R. 8250.1810, Subp. 10: "...When more than one question is on the ballot for a given jurisdiction, each ballot question must be designated by a number and must be preceded by the words... "SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION"...and the number assigned to the question in upper case letters in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold face type. The name and/or number of the jurisdiction that the question will represent may be printed directly under the heading of the question."

OFFICIAL BALLOT	
PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT SCHOOL DISTRICT _____ AUGUST 11, 2015	
Judge _____ Judge _____	
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●	
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES OPTIONAL: SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	When two or more ballot questions occur in a single jurisdiction, be sure to number the questions as above. If the question is an operating levy referendum question authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, use the notice below. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT n or AT LARGE VOTE FOR ONE	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3 THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	When two or more ballot questions occur in a single jurisdiction, be sure to number the questions as above. When the question is related to the renewal of an existing levy referendum, use the notice below. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT n To fill vacancy in term expiring January 1, 2018 VOTE FOR ONE	BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.
SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS	
To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question.	
SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS	Precinct Name
The body of the question is printed here in upper and lower case letters, as large as possible, but in no case smaller than 8 point type. The title goes above in the shaded box, and must also be in no smaller than 10 point type. "YES" and "NO" must be placed directly below and no smaller than 10 point and bold. School District bond election where debt service payments are made entirely from transfers of revenue from the capital fund to the debt service fund. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10: "...The question heading and numbers (where applicable) must be shaded with a screen of 10 percent or less or printed white on black. A clerk, county auditor, or appropriate governing body shall provide a title for each question printed on the ballot. The title must not contain more than ten words and must not be used on the ballot until it has been approved by the jurisdictions legal counsel. The title must be printed in uppercase and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10 point type and must be printed in the same section as the body of the question to which it refers..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: "...Each ballot must have printed on it both the name of the precinct and an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator. A ballot style used in more than one precinct may have the names of all precincts in which it is used printed on the ballot. If multiple ballots styles are to be used in the same precinct for precincts split by school districts, each ballot style must include the precinct name and applicable school district number..."

NOTE: For specific ballot question language requirements regarding referendum revenue see M.S. §126C.17.

M.S. §275.60: "(a) "Notwithstanding any general or special law or any charter provisions, but subject to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, any question submitted to the voters by any local governmental subdivision at a general or special election after June 8, 1995, authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, must include on the ballot the following notice in bold-face type: "BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE..." (c) "... This section does not apply to a school district bond election if the debt service payments are to be made entirely from transfers of revenue from the capital fund to debt service fund."

M.S. §126C.17, subd. 9: "...The Notice required under section 275.60 may be modified to read, in cases of renewing existing levies at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year: "BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE." The ballot may contain a textual portion with the information required in this subdivision and a question stating substantially the following: "Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by (petition to) the board of, School District No. ..., be approved?"