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CHAPTER SIX. OFFICIAL BALLOT

Art. 6.05c. Order of Offices and Names of Candidates

Order of State, District, County, and Precinct Offices

Subd. 1. (a) Whenever there are to appear on the ballot for any general, special, or primary election, two or more office titles of offices which are regularly filled at the general election provided, for in Section 9 of this code (Article 2.01, Vernon's Texas Election Code), they shall be listed on the ballot in the following relative order:

Federal offices:
President and Vice President
United States Senator
Congressman-at-Large
United States Representative (district office)

State offices:
(1) Statewide offices
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Comptroller of Public Accounts
State Treasurer
Commissioner of General Land Office
Commissioner of Agriculture
Railroad Commissioner
Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Justice, Supreme Court

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
(2) District offices
Member, State Board of Education
State Senator
State Representative
Chief Justice, Court of Appeals
Associate Justice, Court of Appeals
District Judge
Criminal District Judge
District Attorney
Criminal District Attorney
(3) County offices
County Judge
County Judge, County Court-at-Law
Judge, County Criminal Court
Judge, County Probate Court
County Attorney
District Clerk
District and County Clerk
County Clerk
Sheriff
Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector
County Tax Assessor-Collector
County Treasurer
County School Superintendent
County School Trustee (county with population of two million or more, according to the most recent federal census)
County Surveyor
Inspector of Hides and Animals
(4) Precinct offices
County Commissioner
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Public Weigher.

The headings “federal offices” and “state offices” and the subheadings under “state offices” shall not be printed on the ballot.

[See Election Code Pamphlet for text of subds. 1(b) to 3]


CHAPTER SEVEN. ARRANGEMENT AND EXPENSES OF ELECTION

Art. 7.15. Providing for Electronic Voting Systems

[See Election Code Pamphlet for text of subds. 1 to 11]

Preparation of Ballot and Program
[See Election Code Pamphlet for text of 11a(a) and (b)]

(c) In an election in which party columns appear on the ballot, the program for the electronic tabulating equipment shall be prepared to count the ballots in accordance with Subsection (c) of Section 101a of
Art. 7.15  ELECTION CODE

Art. 8.19a, Vernon's Texas Election Code).

[See Election Code Pamphlet for text of subds. 12 to 24]  


CHAPTER EIGHT. CONDUCTING ELECTIONS AND RETURNS THEREOF

Art. 8.19a. Counting Straight-Ticket Ballots

(a) In an election where party columns appear on the official ballot, the tally sheets for the election shall be prepared with appropriate spaces for tallying straight-ticket ballots.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section, each straight-ticket ballot voted shall be tallied for the party receiving the vote instead of being tallied for the individual candidates of the party. When the presiding judge makes out the returns for the election, to the number of votes tallied for each party nominee individually there shall be added the number of straight-ticket votes tallied for the party which nominated the candidate.

(c) If a ballot indicates a straight-ticket vote and a vote for one of the opponents of that party’s nominee for a particular office, a vote shall be counted for the opponent and for each of the party’s other nominees.


Art. 8.21. Ballots Not Counted

The counting judges and clerks shall familiarize themselves with the signature of the judge who writes his name on each ballot that is voted, shall count no ballot where two (2) or more are folded together, or is unnumbered. Except as provided by Subsection (c) of Section 101a of this code (Article 8.19a, Vernon’s Texas Election Code), if the names of two (2) or more persons are upon a ballot for the same office, when but one person is to be elected to that office, such ballot shall not be counted for either of such persons. Likewise no ballot shall be counted if it is found to be fraudulent, but in the absence of a showing of fraud the mere failure of the presiding judge to sign the ballot shall not make any such ballot illegal.