



# Guidance for Primary Ballot to be compliant with 25 P.S. § 3031.9(e)

Date: March 31, 2021

Version: 1.0

(This was being sent out as a memo in prior elections)

## Guidance for Primary Ballot to be compliant with 25 P.S. § 3031.9(e)

### Hand-Marked Paper Ballots

Each county using hand-marked paper ballots for the General Primary must print its hand-marked paper ballots in such a way as to ensure that one political party's primary hand-marked paper ballot is readily and clearly distinguishable from another party's hand-marked paper ballot. Likewise, any non-partisan hand-marked paper ballot (if applicable) must be readily and clearly distinguishable from a political party's primary ballot.

Counties can adhere to **one** of the following three options mentioned below to distinguish each party's ballot.

- Use blue color for Democratic ballots, red color for Republican ballots and yellow color for non-partisan ballots. The color requirement can be met by printing a colored bar along the top, bottom, or side of each party's ballot depending on the technical capabilities of the voting system in use.
- Use gray color for Democratic ballots, white color for Republican ballots and black color for non-partisan ballots. The requirement can be met by printing a bar along the top, bottom, or side of each party's ballot depending on the technical capabilities of the voting system in use.
- Use big bold lettering to distinguish between the ballots. This can be met by adding the letters "DEM", "REP" or "NON" on the same line where precinct IDs or names are currently printed. Department suggests printing the three letters in front of the precinct name and/or ID that currently exists on each ballot. Ensure that the print or the line stands out by using larger font and bold lettering for easy identification.

Counties must implement procedures to ensure that poll workers are trained to identify and use the correct ballots.

### Ballot Marking Devices

- Each county using Ballot Marking or hybrid devices for the General Primary must display its ballots on the screens of its ballot marking devices in such a way as to ensure that one political party's primary ballot on screen is readily and clearly distinguishable from another party's ballot. Likewise, the screen display of any non-partisan ballot must be readily and clearly distinguishable from the screen display of a political party's primary ballot.
- Counties must implement procedures to ensure that poll workers are trained to confirm that the ballot displayed on screen matches the party listed for the voter in the poll book.

###

Version History:

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Author</b>
1.0	4.1.2021	Memo communication replaced with guidance	Bureau of Election Security and Technology