Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots
November 3, 2026

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

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in Manitowoc County on November 3, 2026, 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, 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.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of their 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 write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the

question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to “no” if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow 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, and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “yes” if in favor of the question or fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “no” if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device (“ExpressVote”)* 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 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. 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 they tactile pad to select “no” if opposed to the question.

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 deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or 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.

Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk
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The following is a sample of the official ballot:

November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot

NOTE: Names of candidates for **Manitowoc County** will appear only on those ballots in the districts they respectively represent as follows:

Governor/Lieutenant Governor – Vote for 1
Tom Tiffany / David Varnam (Republican)
David Crowley / Sarah Godlewski (Democratic)

Attorney General – Vote for 1
Eric Toney (Republican)
Josh Kaul (Democratic)

Secretary of State – Vote for 1
Jay Schroeder (Republican)
JoCasta Zamarripa (Democratic)
Peter Karas (Wisconsin Green)

State Treasurer – Vote for 1
John S. Leiber (Republican)
Yee Leng Xiong (Democratic)

Representative to Congress, District 6 - Vote for 1
Glenn Grothman (Republican)
Brad Smith (Democratic)
Matthew Arndt (Wisconsin Green)
Elizabeth Anne Fitzgibbon (Independent)
Mike Thurow (Independent)

State Senator, District 1 - Vote for 1
Nic Cravillion (Republican)
Mark Becker (Independent)

State Senator, District 9 - Vote for 1
Amy Binsfeld (Republican)
Christian Ellis (Independent)

Representative to the Assembly, District 2 - Vote for 1
Shae Sortwell (Republican)
Alicia Saunders (Democratic)

Representative to the Assembly, District 3 - Vote for 1
Ron Tusler (Republican)
Michael J. Goodwin (Democratic)

Representative to the Assembly, District 25 - Vote for 1
Paul Tittl (Republican)
Christopher Able (Democratic)

Representative to the Assembly, District 27 - Vote for 1
Lindee Brill (Republican)
Manitowoc County Sheriff
Daniel L. Hartwig (Republican)
Manitowoc County Clerk of Circuit Court
Angela L.P. Linderud (Republican)

State Referendum Question 1 – Vote Yes or No
QUESTION 1: "*Partial veto*. Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"

State Referendum Question 2 – Vote Yes or No
QUESTION 2: "*Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency*. Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a

political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"

State Referendum Question 3 – Vote Yes or No

QUESTION 3: "*Governmental entity discrimination prohibited*. Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

Dated this 20th day of October, 2026

Sheena Kocourek
Clerk/Treasurer