

Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots

November 3, 2026

Office of the Richland County Clerk

To the voters of Richland County

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Richland County, on November 3, 2026 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, 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.

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 for a write-in vote 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 the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("ImageCast Evolution-ICE") 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 touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the name of the person 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 at "no" if opposed to the question.

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.

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 that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

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

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

The following is a sample of the official ballot:


Jeffrey C Harrison, Richland County Clerk

List Of November 3, 2026 General Election Races Within Richland County

CONGRESSIONAL

Representative in Congress – District 3

Derrick Van Orden (Republican)
Rebecca Cooke (Democratic)
Alexander Valiensi Kent (Independent)
Rustin Provance (Independent)
Write-in

LEGISLATIVE AND STATE

Governor/Lt. Governor

Tom Tiffany/David Varnum (Republican)
David Crowley/Sarah Godlewski (Democratic)
Write-in

Attorney General

Eric Toney (Republican)
Josh Kaul (Democratic)
Write-in

Secretary of State

Jay Schroeder (Republican)
JoCasta Zamarripa (Democratic)
Pete Karas (Wisconsin Green)
Write-in

State Treasurer

John S. Leiber (Republican)
Yee Leng Xiong (Democratic)
Write-in

Representative to the Assembly – District 41

Tony Kurtz (Republican)
Zach Commons (Democratic)
Write-in

COUNTY

Sheriff

Clay J. Porter (Republican)
Write-in

Coroner
Write-in

Clerk of Circuit Court
Stacy S. Kleist (Republican)
Write-in

Referendum—State

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?”

Yes

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?”

Yes

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?”

Yes

No

Referendum—Hillsboro School District

Question: Shall the School District of Hillsboro, Vernon, Richland, Monroe, Juneau and Sauk Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,100,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes to maintain District facilities and current programs?

Yes

No

Referendum—Wonewoc and Union Center

Question: Shall the School District of Wonewoc and Union Center, Sauk, Juneau, and Richland Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$500,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses?

Yes

No