

HOW DOES STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING WORK IN THE GENERAL ELECTION? (1/26/2026)

The STRAIGHT TICKET option is only available on the General Election ballot. The first thing on everyone's ballot is the Straight Ticket option. This option is not asking for your party affiliation. It is a convenience for the voter. By choosing a specific party in the STRAIGHT TICKET box, you are voting for all the candidates in that political party. You will not have to fill in the oval in front of each candidate's name if you use this option.



Q: DO I HAVE TO DO A STRAIGHT TICKET?

A: **NO.** In a General Election, you have the right to select any candidate regardless of party affiliation. You have the right to select candidates individually. The straight ticket option is a convenience and time saver for voters.

Q: CAN I USE THE STRAIGHT TICKET AND THEN VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE FROM THE OPPOSITE PARTY?

A: **YES.** If you use the straight ticket on a specific party, you can still choose an individual candidate from the opposite party.

Q: DOES MARKING STRAIGHT TICKET AND THEN CHOOSING A CANDIDATE FROM THE OPPOSITE PARTY AFFECT MY OTHER PARTISAN CHOICES?

A: **NO.** If you use the straight ticket on a specific party and then choose a candidate from the opposite party, that candidate will get your vote AND the rest of the candidates in your straight party option will get their votes.

Q: DOES MARKING STRAIGHT TICKET AND THEN CHOOSING A CANDIDATE FROM THE OPPOSITE PARTY CAUSE AN OVERVOTE?

A: **NO.** If you use the straight ticket on a specific party and then choose a candidate from the opposite party, it will not cause an overvote in that race. The candidate you marked individually will get their vote.

Q: DOES MARKING STRAIGHT TICKET TAKE CARE OF NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES?

A: **NO.** The straight ticket marks only the partisan candidates. You must individually vote in the non-partisan races. Non-partisan races include soil and water conservation districts, judges, school boards, mayors and city council or city commissioner races.

Q: DOES MARKING STRAIGHT TICKET TAKE CARE OF QUESTIONS OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS?

A: **NO.** The straight ticket marks only the partisan candidates. You must individually mark your choices for questions or Constitutional Amendments that appear on the ballot.