

SPECIAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Voting Straight-Party

A “straight party” vote does not include any non-partisan offices, constitutional amendments, or local referenda. You must vote for these ballot items separately. More detailed instructions are on your ballot. For paper ballots, turn the ballot over.

Instant Runoff Voting: One, Two or Three, Which Candidates Do You Prefer Most?

Your ballot includes an Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) contest for a State Court of Appeals seat. There are 13 candidates running for this seat. When casting your vote, you have the option of choosing up to 3 candidates in order of your preference. If no candidate receives a majority of the first choice votes, then the two candidates receiving the most first choice votes enter an automatic “instant runoff.” During the instant runoff process, your 2nd or 3rd choice vote is counted only if your first choice candidate is not in the runoff. If your second choice vote is for either of the two runoff candidates, it will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if first or second choice votes were cast for candidates not in the runoff.

Remember, when you vote in an IRV contest, vote for the candidates you prefer most.

Select your



ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE WILL WIN THIS CONTEST.

How To Vote Your IRV Ballot

IMPORTANT!!! You may rank fewer than three (3) candidates by leaving columns blank. If you select the same candidate in more than one (1) column, your vote for that candidate will only count once.

- Mark your first choice in the first column, then mark your 2nd and 3rd choices in the appropriate columns.
- Select a different candidate for each choice.
- Your 2nd or 3rd choices will not count against your first choice.
- If your first choice candidate is not in the runoff, then a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if your first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff.

Fill in only one oval per choice	Your 2nd and 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice They will only be considered in a runoff if your 1st choice is not in the runoff	
1st ↓ Mark your 1st choice here	2nd ↓ Mark your 2nd choice here	3rd ↓ Mark your 3rd choice here
<input type="radio"/> John Adams	<input checked="" type="radio"/> John Adams	<input type="radio"/> John Adams
<input type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson
<input type="radio"/> James Madison	<input type="radio"/> James Madison	<input type="radio"/> James Madison
<input type="radio"/> James Monroe	<input type="radio"/> James Monroe	<input type="radio"/> James Monroe
<input checked="" type="radio"/> George Washington	<input type="radio"/> George Washington	<input type="radio"/> George Washington

For more information about Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

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