

INITIATED MEASURE, APPROVED

CHAPTER 444

SECRET CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY BALLOT

An initiated measure for an Act providing for a secret consolidated primary election ballot.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. Secret Consolidated Primary Election Ballot—Form—(Voters Must Not Split Ballot.) At the primary election there shall be one ballot for all parties or principles which shall be entitled "consolidated primary election ballot". The names of all aspirants for nomination of each political party or principle for the different offices specified in section 16-04-16 shall be arranged in separate columns. The political party or principle which cast the largest vote for governor at the last preceding primary election shall have the left hand column, and the party or principle casting the next largest vote shall have the next column and so on. A six-point solid rule shall run vertically between the columns. No squares shall be left at the head of the ballot. At the head of each column shall be placed the name of the political party or principle which it represents. Immediately below such title in each column shall be placed the language, "You cannot split your ballot in the primary election. If you vote for candidates of more than one party, your ballot will be rejected." Immediately below such language shall be placed the following language: "Put a cross mark (x) opposite the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote." The name of each office shall appear in the center of each party column at the head of the names of aspirants for such office. At the right of the name of each group of aspirants for each office shall be placed the language "Vote for.....name (or names) only". At the right of the name of each aspirant shall be placed a square for a cross mark. The judges and the inspector of elections when handing a ballot to a voter shall inform him that if he splits his ballot or votes for candidates of more than one party his ballot will be rejected.

***§ 2. Consolidation of Precinct Committeemen's Ballot.)** The names of candidates seeking election as precinct committeemen shall be printed in their preferred political party

***Note:** Section 2 of this initiated measure was subsequently amended by chapter 179 of the 1963 Session Laws.

column on the consolidated primary ballot listing candidates for state and federal offices. The names of precinct committeeman candidates shall appear at the bottom of the consolidated ballot in their preferred party column.

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Note: This was measure No. 3 on the general election ballot.