

**RULES  
OF  
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STATE COORDINATOR OF ELECTIONS**

**CHAPTER 1360—2—4  
BALLOT SPECIFICATIONS**

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**1360—2—4—.01 BALLOT PAGE AND BALLOT CARD COLORS.**

- (1) The following ballot page and ballot card colors shall be used in all elections in the State of Tennessee using punch card voting machines:
- (a) General Elections (when no primary is held simultaneously) - Buff
  - (b) Democratic Primary - White
  - or
  - Democratic Primary plus General Election - White
  - (c) Republican Primary - Blue
  - or
  - Republican Primary plus General Election - Blue
  - (d) Third Party Primary - Green
  - or
  - Third Party Primary plus General Election - Green

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Amendment filed June 4, 1974; effective July 4, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.02 DUPLICATE BALLOTS.** All duplicate ballots used for duplicating damaged ballots shall have the word “DUPLICATE” printed in large letters across the face of each such ballot.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.03 NUMBERS TO BE PRINTED ON BALLOT CARDS.** All ballot cards shall contain numbers on the face thereof to identify the pre-scored blocks numerically or by location.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—7—117 and 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.04 BALLOT STUBS.** All ballot cards, including demonstration ballots, used in the State of Tennessee shall have one stub, which shall contain the serial number of the ballot.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Amendment filed June 4, 1974; effective July 4, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.05 BALLOTS TO BE SERIALY NUMBERED.** All ballots shall be serially numbered and the county election commission shall, from election to election, vary the serial numbers sent to each precinct within the county on a random basis. The serial numbers assigned to each precinct shall not be made public prior to the date of election nor shall any officer of election be apprised of the serial numbers he will receive prior to his picking up his election supplies.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.06 PRECINCT AND PARTY DESIGNATION.**

- (1) All ballot cards shall have the precinct designation pre-punched by the manufacturers thereof. The precinct designation for each precinct in the county using the punch card voting system shall be varied on such pre-punched cards from election to election.
- (2) All ballot cards to be used in a primary election shall have the party designation pre-punched by the manufacturer thereof so that the ballot tabulator or computer will reject any votes cast thereon in another primary.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.

**1360—2—4—.07 BALLOT PAGE ARRANGEMENT.** The arrangement of the offices and candidates on the ballot pages shall conform to the regulations separately promulgated by the Coordinator of Elections and the State Election Commission in accordance with T.C.A. §2—5—206(b)(2), and all such ballot page arrangements shall be submitted to the Coordinator of Elections for approval prior to the printing thereof as required by the said statute.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c). *Administrative History:* Original rule filed June 4, 1974; effective July 4, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.