

# How Elections Are Conducted

In the United States we use the **Australian Ballot** – a secret ballot, distributed and tabulated by government officials at public expense. Since 1888, all U.S. states have used the Australian ballot.

Before this, many states used an alternative oral voting and then differently colored ballots for each party. However, these older systems made it easy to have a person change their vote and in some cases, buy their vote.

## There are two types of Australian Ballots used in our general elections.

### 1. The Office-Block Ballot – also known as the Massachusetts Ballot

This form has the candidates grouped under the title of each office. It emphasizes voting for the office and the individual candidate, rather than for the party to which they belong.

**Travis County Clerk Elections Division**  
November 4, 2008 Joint General and Special Elections  
**División Electoral de la Secretaría del Condado de Travis**  
Elecciones Conjuntas Generales y Especiales de noviembre 4 de 2008  
If you do not know your election precinct, call Voter Registrars at 854-9473. For candidate information call the Travis County Clerk's Election Division at 238-VOTE (8663), www.traviscountyelections.org.

Si usted no sabe su precincto de elección, llame al Registrador de Votantes a 854-9473. Para candidato información sobre la elección, llame la División de Elecciones de la Oficina del Secretario del Condado de Travis 238-VOTE (8663), www.traviscountyelections.org.


<p><b>Straight Party</b> (Partido completo)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Republican / Republicano <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic / Democrático <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian / Libertariano</p> <p><b>President</b> (Presidente)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John McCain / Sarah Palin - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Barack Obama / Joe Biden - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Barr / Wayne A. Root - LIB <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In / Voto Escrito</p> <p><b>United States Senator</b> (Senador de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Cornyn - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Richard J. (Rock) Noriega - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Yvonne Adams Schick - LIB</p> <p><b>District 10, United States Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 10, Representante de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 117, 119, 145, 147, 150, 151, 152, 154, 160, 161, 163, 164, 250, 252, 253, 255, 256, 257, 259, 261, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 231, 232, 236, 238, 239, 241, 242, 243, 246, 247, 248, 249, 252, 253, 254, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 268, 271, 273, 278, 279, 328, 330, 345</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael T. McCaul - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Joe Doherty - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Finkel - LIB</p> <p><b>District 21, United States Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 21, Representante de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 148, 149, 208, 210, 237, 240, 250, 251, 256, 260, 267, 272, 277, 307, 308, 312, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 326, 327, 331, 333, 334, 336, 337, 338, 343, 356, 364, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 445</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lamar Smith - REP <input type="checkbox"/> James Arthur Sirotnik - LIB</p> <p><b>District 25, United States Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 25, Representante de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 101, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 146, 148, 151, 152, 156, 274, 275, 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 309, 310, 315, 321, 323, 324, 332, 339, 342, 345, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 354, 356, 360, 361, 362, 363, 365, 367, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 410, 411, 415, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 426, 427, 429, 431, 433, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 446, 447, 448, 450, 451, 452, 454, 455, 456, 460, 461, 462, 463</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> George L. Moroyich - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Lloyd Doggett - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Stuber - LIB</p> <p><b>Railroad Commissioner</b> (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael L. Williams - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Thompson - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> David Floyd - LIB</p> <p><b>Chief Justice, Supreme Court</b> (Jefe Presidente, Corte Suprema)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wallace B. Jefferson - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Jordan - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Oxford - LIB</p> <p><b>Place 7, Justice, Supreme Court</b> (Lugar Núm. 7, Juez, Corte Suprema)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dale Wainwright - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Sam Houston - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> David G. Smith - LIB</p>	<p><b>Place 8, Justice, Supreme Court</b> (Lugar Núm. 8, Juez, Corte Suprema)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phil Johnson - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Reyna Yañez - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Drew Shirley - LIB</p> <p><b>Place 3, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals</b> (Lugar Núm. 3, Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tom Price - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Strawn - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew E. Eilers - LIB</p> <p><b>Place 4, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals</b> (Lugar Núm. 4, Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paul Womack - REP <input type="checkbox"/> J.R. Molina - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Howard - LIB</p> <p><b>Place 9, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals</b> (Lugar Núm. 9, Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Cochran - REP <input type="checkbox"/> William Bryan Strange, III - LIB</p> <p><b>District 46, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 46, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 101, 106, 106, 113, 121, 122, 124, 126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 136, 139, 141, 150, 151, 152, 156, 161, 164, 203, 223, 227</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dawnna Dukes - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Hacker - LIB</p> <p><b>District 47, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 47, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 391, 392, 393, 394, 396, 398, 399, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 338, 339, 340, 349, 350, 351, 352, 355, 356, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 367, 404, 411, 412, 413, 451, 458, 463</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Donna Keel - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Valinda Bolton - DEM</p> <p><b>District 48, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 48, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 160, 163, 210, 214, 216, 220, 228, 231, 237, 238, 240, 247, 249, 251, 253, 256, 260, 262, 267, 268, 271, 279, 282, 311, 320, 327, 340, 347, 364, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Waggoner - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Howard - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Easton - LIB</p> <p><b>District 49, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 49, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 136, 137, 145, 146, 148, 149, 235, 236, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, 246, 250, 252, 266, 273, 273, 274, 275, 277, 278, 332, 342, 409, 421, 430, 437, 444, 445, 446, 447, 454, 455, 460, 462, 462</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elliott Naishat - DEM</p> <p><b>District 50, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 50, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 140, 163, 164, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211, 212, 216, 218, 219, 222, 224, 226, 229, 254, 258, 259, 263, 268, 327, 328, 331, 332, 335, 336, 337, 343</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jerry J. Mikus, Jr. - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Strama - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Chandler - LIB</p>	<p><b>District 51, State Representative</b> (Distrito Núm. 51, Representante Estatal)</p> <p>Precincts / Precinctos: 123, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 407, 410, 420, 422, 423, 424, 426, 427, 429, 431, 433, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 448, 450, 452</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Rodriguez - DEM <input type="checkbox"/> Arthur DiBianca - LIB</p> <p><b>Chief Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District</b> (Distrito Núm. 3, Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ken Law - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Woodie Jones - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 53rd Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 53, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scott Jenkins - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 98th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 98, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Hurley - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 126th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 126, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Darlene Byrne - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 167th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 167, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mike Lynch - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 200th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 200, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gisela D. Triana - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 345th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 345, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Yelencosky - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 353rd Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 353, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scott Ozmun - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 390th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 390, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Julie Harris Kocurek - DEM</p> <p><b>District Judge, 427th Judicial District</b> (Distrito Judicial Núm. 427, Juez del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Goodwin - REP <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Coronado - DEM</p> <p><b>District Attorney</b> (Fiscal del Distrito)</p> <p>All precincts / Precinctos enteros:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Lehberg - DEM</p>
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## 2. The Party-Column Ballot – also known as the Indiana Ballot

This form has the party candidates arranged in one column under the party's label and symbol. It emphasizes voting for the party, rather than for the office or individual.


In some states a single "X" allows a voter to vote for all of a party's candidates running for local, state, and national office.

Most states use this type of ballot. It encourages "straight-ticket" voting. Needless to say, the two main parties prefer this form to others.



**GLORIA NOTO**  
Cumberland County Clerk/Secretaria del Condado

**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**  
**BOLETA OFICIAL DE LAS ELECCIONES GENERALES**  
**City of Vineland**  
**Cumberland County, New Jersey**  
**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**  
**1st Legislative District - 1º Distrito Legislativo**



**PUBLIC QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON - PREGUNTA PÚBLICA PARA VOTACIÓN**

**GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2009**

Should the State of New Jersey pay or reimburse the State of New Jersey for the cost of Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds? The State of New Jersey shall pay or reimburse the State of New Jersey for the cost of Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds if the State of New Jersey has approved the Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The State of New Jersey shall pay or reimburse the State of New Jersey for the cost of Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds if the State of New Jersey has approved the Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The State of New Jersey shall pay or reimburse the State of New Jersey for the cost of Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds if the State of New Jersey has approved the Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds.

YES/SI

NO

OFFICE TITLE TÍTULO OFICIAL	A Democratic Democrática		B Republican República		C Nomination by Petition Nominación por Petición		D Nomination by Petition Nominación por Petición		E Nomination by Petition Nominación por Petición		F Nomination by Petition Nominación por Petición		G Nomination by Petition Nominación por Petición		PERSONAL CHOICE SELECCIÓN PERSONAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Governor & Lieutenant Governor Gobernador & Vicegobernador	Jon CORNE Lynn WENZESKE	Chris CHRISTIE Cristina M. GUAGNANO			Gary STEELE Thomas A. BURNS	John LINDGAY Jr. Eugene HARLEY	Karen PETRO Sam SWANES	John CULLEN Gabe LEUSTEN	Christophe DAGUETT Frank ESPPOSITO	Kathleen KAPLAN Jan PAFF					1
Members of General Assembly Miembros de la Asamblea General	Matthew MILAM	Michael J. DONOHUE													1
County Clerk Secretario del Condado	Doreen VAN ENSDRSEN	Shirley MOTO													1
Members of Board of Chosen Freeholders Miembros de la Junta Directiva (Freeholders)	John N. MAGAZZO S. JOGREN	Tommy TOMASETTI Thomas L. SHEPPARD			Steve SANTIAGO	John SANFORD			John Votman CHRISTY						1
Members of Board of Chosen Freeholders Miembros de la Junta Directiva (Freeholders)	Robert THOMPSON	John FIOCCI							Robert PETERSON						1

When a party has an exceptional strong presidential or gubernatorial candidate to head the ticket, the use of the party-column ballot increases the **coat-tail effect**.

[Definition: The influence of a popular candidate on the electoral success of other candidates on the same party ticket. The effect is increased by the party-column ballot, which encourages straight-ticket voting]

## Voting by Mail

Absentee ballots are sent via the United States Postal Service but it has not been until recently that some states have offered a mail ballot. It has made voting much easier for many. Oregon began using a mail-only ballot in 1996. The turnout was 66% and the state saved more than \$1 million.



In the 2000 presidential election, the mail-in system was again used in Oregon and voter participation was more than 80%

## Voting Fraud

Regularly suspected but seldom proved! Modern theories are that fraud is high in many states, particularly through the use of false voter registrations and absentee ballots.

In most states, it is difficult to remove a name from a polling list even if the person has not cast a ballot for over two years and no longer resides in that state. Enterprising political activists still use these names for absentee ballots.

In the Election of 2000, one-third of Florida's counties found that more than 1,200 votes were cast illegally by felons. In one Florida county, nearly 500 votes were cast by unregistered voters. In two Florida precincts, the number of ballots cast was greater than the number of people who voted.

To stop fraud, in 2008, 25 states required that voters produce form of identification when they go to the polls. In the same year, the Supreme Court upheld the strict Indiana law in the case of *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board* requiring voter-registration cards or photo identification. Despite many claiming this as negative to a large turnout, the court ruled that there was no burden being placed on the voter by upholding these laws. This ruling makes it likely that other states will pass stricter voter identification laws.