

**Sec. 9-242-15. Hardware standards. Ballot**

In an election, the ballot shall be able to accommodate at least nine political parties as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-242. Political party and candidate names shall be printed in the style and type size as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-250, federal law and section 9-242-9 of these regulations. The ballots to be printed shall be able to provide for bilingual presentation of offices, questions and instructions to the voter. The ballots prepared for certification testing by the state shall be of such size and complexity to represent the maximum conditions encountered in Connecticut elections, and shall include at least one for each kind of selection conducted in Connecticut — presidential election; gubernatorial election; municipal election, including nonpartisan offices, questions, and multiple vote on liquor permit question; presidential preference primary; town committee primary; delegate primary; primary before gubernatorial election; primary before municipal election; special election; adjourned election between two candidates of one party; and referendum. In an election the ballot shall be clearly printed in the proper format, so that the names of the parties are listed, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-250, with identifiable markings or punch areas associated with each candidate's name, the office for which he is running and the political party or organization that nominated him. The order of the parties, offices and candidates on the ballot shall be in conformance with law. In a primary, the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-437. In a primary, the recording device shall be capable of recording the contests for all parties conducting a primary. The ballot shall also provide for voting in referenda. The system shall be capable of accepting printed ballots from different sources including the current method of employing the services of a printing firm. The manufacturer shall provide the direction and assistance that will be required by the purchasing town in formatting its ballots for the first primary and the first general election using the new marksense or punchcard voting system.

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