

# Role Play Script – Primary Election

The moderator instructions – Introduce a question or variation at any point. “What if the person is blind?” “What if the person is not registered?”

## “I want to Register Republican”

**Voter, Greeter, Poll Book Clerk, Issuing Clerk**

### ACT I – The Greeter

**Voter** - I don't know if I'm in the right polling place

**Greeter** – Let's check the map and see. What's your address?

**Voter**- 2727 N. Klondike

**Greeter**- Here you are, this is your poll.

**Voter**- I used to vote at the elementary school. Why has my poll changed?

**Greeter**- In 2012 we had redistricting, required by Federal law every 10 years and some precinct lines had to be moved to balance the size of precincts and legislative districts so they are about the same size. Are you registered?

**Voter**- I am registered

**Greeter** – Do you have your photo ID?

**Voter** – Yes

**Greeter** – I'm sure you know how to mark an optical scan ballot, but be sure and fill in the ovals completely and don't make any other marks on the ballot.

**Voter**- How do I vote for a write-in candidate?

**Greeter**- Fill in the oval in front of the blank line and write the name on the line.

**Voter** – What do you think about Big Jake for Sherriff, I'm going to write him in.

**Greeter** – I can't discuss that with you now, Big Jake has filed and is a certified write-in, it's your choice in the voting booth.

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**Voter-** Ok, I understand

**Greeter** - Then you can proceed to the Poll Book Clerk

## **ACT II – The Poll Book Clerk**

**Poll Book Clerk** – Hello, state your name and address please

**Voter-** Jerry Smiley, 2727 Klondike

**PBC** – Here you are in the Poll Book. I see you have not affiliated with a party for the Primary Election

**Voter** - What does that mean?

**PBC-** Party rules require voters to register with a party in order to vote in that party’s primary election. If you would like to vote the Republican ballot you must be registered Republican. Any voter can vote the Democratic ballot and all voters are entitled to vote the non-partisan ballot.

**Voter** – What if I don’t want to register or affiliate with a party?

**PBC** – That is your choice. You may remain an unaffiliated voter.

**Voter** – What ballot can I vote if I’m unaffiliated.

**PBC-** Any voter may vote the Democratic ballot and all voters may vote the non-partisan judicial ballot.

**Voter** – I want to vote the Republican ballot

**PBC** – Then you have to be registered as a Republican. Shall I put you down as a Republican?

**Voter** – Yes. Does that mean I am always a Republican?

**PBC** – Your choice becomes public record. You can change your affiliation by sending a form to the County clerk before the filing period ends for the next Primary, that’s 10 weeks before the next Primary election in two years.

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**Voter** – I have seen that form on idahovotes.gov.

**PBC** – You can also get one from the county clerk. May I see your photo ID please?  
Thank you, pretty good picture.

**Voter**- It's expired.

**PBC** – The address is the same and matches the address in the poll book and the picture works for ID. We can issue you a Republican ballot. You also may vote the non-partisan judicial ballot. You may proceed to the Issuing Clerk.

## ACT III – The Issuing Clerk

**Issuing Clerk** – Hello. First I want to confirm with the Poll Book Clerk that you want to vote the Republican ballot and the non-partisan ballot. Is that correct?

**Voter**- Yes

**PBC**- That is correct.

**Issuing Clerk** – I'll stamp your ballot(s) with the official ballot stamp. Please follow the instructions for marking your ballot. If you make a mistake please do not erase or mark out, just ask us for a new ballot...

**Voter**- Oh excuse me, my cell phone is going off... it's my kid, you know...

**Issuing Clerk** – Cell phones should not be used in the polls, can the call wait or would you like to take the call outside?

**Voter** – Oh, he just hung up.

**Issuing Clerk** – I know how that is... Here is your ballot(s), you can vote in the empty booth there, and please don't tear or fold your ballot. When you have finished, take your ballot(s) to the Receiving Clerk. You may deposit the ballots yourself or the clerk will assist you if you choose.

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### “I am not Registered”

**Voter, Greeter, Election Day Registration Clerk,  
Poll Book Clerk, Issuing Clerk**

#### ACT I – The Greeter

**Greeter** – Good morning. Is this your polling place?

**Voter**- Yes I checked it online at idahovotes.gov on my phone

**Greeter** – I imagine you are registered and have your photo ID.

**Voter** – I have my driver’s license but I have moved and need to re-register. I’ve also gotten married and changed my name....

**Greeter** – OK. This is your first time voting. To mark the ballot we use in this county....

*(Explain how to mark the ballot in your county and how to vote for a write-in candidate).*

Now you can go to the Election Day Registration Clerk and we’ll get you registered.

#### ACT II – Election Day Registration Clerk

**EDRC** – Morning, so you need to register to vote. First, is this your precinct?

**Voter** – Yes for my new address, I checked online.

**EDRC**- Let’s make sure. What is your name and address?

**Voter** – My maiden name is Veronica Smith, 65 Honeymoon Lane, Apartment 3B. My new name is on my license but the address is wrong.

**EDRC** – I see you’re hyphenating your name and your husband’s name... Veronica Smith-Smith. Your picture on the license works for photo ID. Do you have any document that would verify your new address in the precinct?

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**Voter** - I have our phone bill, does that work?

**EDRC**- Let's see, yes, here's your address on Honeymoon Lane and your signature Veronica Smith-Smith. This is our registration card, read all the instructions. Please notice the perjury warnings. Use this black pen and write clearly. Be sure to fill out all 10 boxes, sign and date and check the card when you have finished. OK? I can answer any question you may have about the 10 boxes.

**Voter** – Thank you. I do have a question, my Dad is 102 and has trouble filling out cards, and can I help him if he wants to register?

**EDRC** – Your Dad can have anyone he wishes to assist him.

**Voter** – OK I'll fill out this card. Let's see...my name goes in box 1, the driver's license number goes in box 2 .... Dad doesn't drive but he could use his social security number, Box 3, I am a Citizen, I am 18... box 4 my date of birth, I am female and I have lived there.... just 31 days.

**EDRC** – That's fine. The law requires you to be a resident of the state and county for 30 days

**Voter** - Do you need my phone number...? I don't like to give it out.

**EDRC**- It's optional but it can be helpful to the county clerk if they might need to ask you about your registration or if a question comes up.

**Voter**- OK. Box 5 my residence address 65 Honeymoon Lane, Apartment 3B, box 6 my mailing address is the same and I have not registered before... box 7... party affiliation... what does that mean?

**EDRC** - Party rules can require voters to register with a party in order to vote in that party's primary election. If you would like to vote the Republican ballot you must be affiliated with the Republican Party. Any voter can vote the Democratic ballot and all voters are entitled to vote the non-partisan ballot.

**Voter** – What if I don't want to affiliate with a party?

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**EDRC** – That is your choice. You may remain an unaffiliated voter.

**Voter** – What ballot can I vote if I’m unaffiliated.

**EDRC**- You have to be registered as a Republican to vote the Republican ballot. Any voter, including unaffiliated voters, may vote the Democratic ballot and all voters may vote the non-partisan judicial ballot.

**Voter** – I want to vote the Democratic ballot

**EDRC**– Then you can mark either Unaffiliated or Democratic in Box 7.

**Voter** – OK. I’ll mark Democratic. Box 8... I check the box and write my previous name Veronica Smith. Box 9... legal disqualifications, I check no... but I do have a question. Mr. Smith, my husband... well he has had some legal problems but he has completed his parole. Can he vote?

**EDRC** – If Mr. Smith has been convicted of a felony, his voting rights are restored automatically in Idaho when he has completed his sentence including probation and parole.

**Voter**- OK, that’s good news. Ok, I see the perjury warning and I sign my new names and date the card. Here you go...

**EDRC** – Please check the card again and make sure all 10 boxes are complete.

**Voter** – All 10 boxes are complete.

**EDRC**- Let me check too. Looks good. And I have seen your photo and your phone bill proving residence in the state and county. Now I will stamp your card with the “Residence Verified” stamp here in the blank space at the bottom of the card being careful not to cover any of your information. I will fill in the “Official Information” box as directed by my clerk and you are ready to go. Take your card to the poll book clerk and thank you for registering today.

### **ACT III – The Poll Book Clerk**

**Poll Book Clerk** – Hello, state your name and address please

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**Voter-** Veronica Smith-Smith, 65 Honeymoon Lane, Apartment 3B

**Poll Book Clerk** - May I see your ID? Good picture.

**Voter** - Thanks

**PBC** – You registered today, I’m checking your form, It is stamped “residence verified” and your driver’s license number is in box 2, date of birth in box 4.... box 9... no legal disqualification and your signature in box #10. I will add your name to the Poll Book and you can sign your name. I will write “Election Day Registration” in the remarks column. I see you have affiliated with the Democratic Party.

**Voter-** Yes I want to vote the Democratic ballot.

**PBC-** You may vote the Democratic ballot and all voters are entitled to vote the non-partisan ballot. You may proceed to the issuing clerk.

## ACT IV – The Issuing Clerk

**Issuing Clerk** – Hello. First I want to confirm with the Poll Book Clerk that you want to vote the Democratic ballot and the non-partisan ballot. Is that correct?

**Voter-** Yes

**PBC-** That is correct.

**Issuing Clerk** – I will stamp your Democratic ballot and your non partisan judicial ballot with the official ballot stamp. Follow the instructions for marking your ballot. If you make a mistake do not erase, just ask us for a new ballot... you can vote in the empty booth there, and please don’t tear or fold you ballot. When you have finished, take your ballots to the receiving clerk. You may deposit the ballots yourself or the clerk will assist you if you choose. Thank you for voting today.

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### **“I’m an Independent”**

**Voter, Greeter, Poll Book Clerk, Issuing Clerk**

**Make 3x5 cards with voter profile. Let poll workers think for themselves and demonstrate what they have and have not learned. Interject questions or variations at any time.**

#### **VOTER PROFILE**

Make up a name

Correct Poll: Y/N

Registered: Y/N

Unaffiliated: Y/N

Has ID but

Wants to vote the \_\_\_\_\_ ballot

Wants to affiliate Y/N

Choose Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude: \_\_\_\_\_



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### “You’re the Voter Reality Show”

On a 3x5 card ask a few experienced poll workers to describe actual voters they have assisted. Shuffle cards. Ask poll workers to solve the voter’s problems by Listening carefully, Explaining and Thanking the voter. For example:

#### VOTER REALITY SHOW

Make up a name: Bettie Wont

Correct Poll: Yes

Registered: Yes

Unaffiliated: No, Republican

ID: Yes

Wants to return her marked absentee ballot

#### VOTER REALITY SHOW

Make up a name: Ivan La Fog

Correct Poll: No

Registered: No

Unaffiliated: YES

ID: Concealed weapons permit

Wants to vote the Independent ballot

A little too interested in the poll worker

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## Bonus Questions

What party can I vote in November?

What if a voter wants to change their affiliation on Election Day?

Can I change party after Election Day?

Does my affiliation become public record? Who can get it?

Why is there no President on my ballot?

Why are there no Candidates on my ballot?

How come my neighbor gets to vote in the school election and I don't?

I can't see the ballot. How do I vote?

Can you bring a ballot to my car?

A female voter has a hyphenated last name. She is now divorced and has dropped the hyphenated part of her name. Does she need to re-register?

A voter has handed me a voter registration card but it is not stamped "Residence Verified". Can I accept the card?

I forgot to have a voter sign the poll book and the voter has left the polling place. What do I do?

I gave a voter a ballot for a taxing district and then realized the voter is not eligible to vote in that taxing district election. What do I do if the voter is still in the polling place? What do I do if they have already left the Polling Place?

If a voter lives in a school district, but owns property in another district, where do they vote?

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## **Poll Book Clerk**

What do I do if the voter registration card is not completely filled out?

What do I do if the voter's name in the poll book has changed?

What do I do if the voter's address in the poll book has changed?

What do I do if a voter has voted absentee, but the ballots stays at the courthouse?

What do I do if a voter has voted absentee and the county clerk brings their ballot to polls?

What do I do if a voter brings me their absentee ballot?

What do I do if a voter does not have approved photo identification?

What do I do if a voter feels their concealed weapons photo identification is one of the approved photo identifications?

What do I do with the signed personal identification affidavits?

What do I do if a voter needs to curbside vote?

## **Issuing Clerk**

What do I say if a voter asks me about the ballot question or a candidate on the ballot?

Can I stamp several ballots in advance before issuing them?

What do I do if I don't have an official ballot stamp?

What do I need to tell the voter when I hand them their ballot?

What do I do if I accidentally tear a ballot when trying to separate it from the ballot stub?

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What do I do if a voter makes a mistake on their ballot and brings it back to me?

What do I do with the ballot if there isn't enough voting booths available for the next voter?