

# Logan County voters:

The presidential contest is split into two columns on your ballot. To vote for president, fill in only 1 oval in the highlighted area.

A	LOGAN COUNTY	B	GENERAL ELECTION	C	NOVEMBER 4, 2008
11	<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b>			For County Commissioner Write For ( )	
12	1. To vote, you must completely darken the oval ( ) to the left of the candidate or answer of your choice. If you vote for more choices than permitted, your vote for that race or issue, will not be counted.		<input type="radio"/> For President: <b>Brian Moore</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>John F. Bayliss</b> Republican	<input type="radio"/> <b>Donald E. Bradley</b>
13	2. If you make an error, please return your ballot to an election official and obtain a new ballot. Please do not attempt to erase or cross out any marks made in error.		<input type="radio"/> For Vice-President <b>Stewart Alexander</b> Socialist Party USA	<input type="radio"/> <b>Bruce Lille</b>	
14	3. To cast a write-in vote, darken the oval ( ) to the left of the line provided and write in the candidate's name. Only a candidate who has timely filed a valid notice of intent to become a write-in candidate may have a vote counted in his or her favor.		<input type="radio"/> For President: <b>Ralph Nader</b>		
15	4. Use a black ball point pen.		For Vice-President <b>Matt Gonzalez</b>		
16			<input type="radio"/> For President: <b>Barack Obama</b>	For County Commissioner Write For ( )	
17			For Vice-President <b>Joe Biden</b> Democratic	<input type="radio"/> <b>Anthony E. Core</b> Republican	
18			<input type="radio"/> For President:		
19			Write-in	For Prosecuting Attorney Write For ( )	
20			For Vice-President	<input type="radio"/> <b>Gerald L. Heaton</b> Republican	
21			Write-in		
22			For Attorney General Write For ( )	For Clerk of Court Write For ( )	
23			For Secretary of State Write For ( )	<input type="radio"/> <b>Dottie Tuttle</b> Republican	
24			For Representative Write For ( )		
25			For Representative Write For ( )	<input type="radio"/> <b>Ronald C. Murray</b>	
26			For Representative Write For ( )	<input type="radio"/> <b>Andrew J. Smith</b> Republican	
27			For Representative Write For ( )		
28			For Representative Write For ( )	<input type="radio"/> <b>Linda L. Hanson</b> Republican	
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# BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

The presidential contest in Logan County, Ohio is listed in more than one column. Research on ballot design suggests this could confuse voters and result in some voters not recording a vote in the presidential contest.

In July, the Brennan Center published *Better Ballots*, a study of ballot design flaws in the last several elections and their impact on those elections. The study showed that ballots that featured a single contest split into two columns, as seen on this year's Logan County ballot, often confused voters. A split contest like this may be seen by voters as two separate races and lead to unintentional overvoting.

In 2002, in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin, for example, the ballot listed the candidates for the gubernatorial election in two columns. Nearly 12% of voters in the county did not have a vote counted in the race; this compares to only 1.1% of voters statewide. The low number of votes recorded in the gubernatorial election in Kewaunee County was undoubtedly because many voters believed the governor's race was actually two races, and voted twice in that race — once for one of the candidates boxed in together in the first column, and once again for one of the candidates boxed in the second column. As a result, none of their votes for Governor counted.

The Brennan Center and the United States Election Assistance Commission have issued ballot design guidelines strongly recommending that a single contest be placed in a single column on a ballot. For the Logan County ballot, the Brennan Center calls on election officials and advocates in the county to make sure that voters are aware that the presidential contest is split into two columns and to vote only once for president.