

Incorrect ballots provided in Atchison Co

(KAIR)--No effect on any statewide race, including the as-yet undecided Republican primary race for Governor, despite incorrect paper ballots having been provided in Atchison County.

That word comes in a press release issued Friday by Atchison County Clerk Michelle Phillips.

The release states that 24 Atchison County voters were provided the incorrect ballots through a clerical error at the United Methodist Church polling place. That location was where two precincts, East Second and West Second, cast their ballots in Tuesday's primary election.

According to the release, all Republican voters at that site were initially given a paper ballot for the East Second precinct, and all Democratic voters were given the ballot for the West Second precinct.

14 Republican voters from the West Second precinct, and 10 Democratic voters from the East Second precinct were given incorrect paper ballots.

The release states that Phillips “learned of the problem around noon on Tuesday, and her office immediately contacted the Kansas Secretary of State for advice. The County immediately corrected their processes, and voters were given correct paper ballots afterwards.”

The release says the only affect was on local elections for 1st District County Commissioner, as well as the Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman races, none of which were contested in Tuesday's primary election.

The error was limited to paper ballots, as all votes cast through the new electronic voting machines were correct.

The error affected only 1% of all ballots.

Countywide, there were 2,340 votes cast in the primary election.

Phillips, in the release, says she takes “full responsibility for the election and all training” associated with it. She adds that training, focused on the new equipment, was offered prior to the election, while a more broad and extensive training will be available prior to the next election.

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