

Compound Last Names

If your last name consists of two or more names and has no hyphen, check the box in the Candidate Oath section. If you fail to check the box, your name will be listed with the name appearing last on the line. Example: John Jones Smith – If the last name has no hyphen and you do not check the box, the last name on the ballot would be “Smith”. If you check the box, your last name would be listed on the ballot as “Jones Smith.” If you have a hyphen within your last name, the last name would be listed as “Jones-Smith”.

Guide for Designating Phonetic Spelling of Candidate’s Name for Audio Ballot

1. Use tables below.
2. Use upper case for “stressed” syllables. Use lower case for “unstressed” syllables.
3. Use dashes (-) to separate syllables.
4. Add any notes such as rhyming examples, silent letters, *etc.*

Vowels			
Stressed Vowel Sounds		Unstressed Vowel Sounds	
EE	(FEET) feet	uh	(SO-fuh) sofa (FING-guhr) finger
I	(FIT) fit		
E	(BED) bed		
A	(KAT) cat (KAD) cad		
AH	(FAH-thur) father (PAHR) par		
AH	(HAHT) hot (TAH-dee) toddy		
UH	(FUHJ) fudge (FLUHD) flood		
UH	(CHUHRCH) church		
AW	(FAWN) fawn	Certain Vowel Sounds with R	
U	(FUL) full	AHR	(PAHR) par
OO	(FOOD) food	ER	(PER) pair
OU	(FOUND) found	IR	(PIR) peer
O	(FO) foe	OR	(POR) pour
EI	(FEIT) fight	OOR	(POOR) poor
AI	(FAIT) fate	UHR	(PUHR) purr
OI	(FOIL) foil		
YOO	(FYOOR-ee-uhs) furious		

Consonants			
B	(BED) bed	R	(RED) red
D	(DET) debt	S	(SET) set
F	(FED) fed	T	(TEN) ten
G	(GET) get	V	(VET) vet
H	(HED) head	Y	(YET) yet
HW	(HWICH) which	W	(WICH) witch
J	(JUHG) jug	CH	(CHUCRCH) church
K	(KAD) cad	SH	(SHEEP) sheep
L	(LAIM) lame	TS	(ITS) its (PITS-feeld) Pittsfield
M	(MAT) mat	TH	(THEI) Thigh
N	(NET) net	TH	(THEI) Thy
NG	(SING-uhr) singer	ZH	(A-zuhr) azure (VI-zuhn) vision
P	(PET) pet	Z	(GOODZ) goods (HUH-buhz-tuhn) Hubbardston

Examples of Phonetically Spelled Names	
NAME ON BALLOT	PRONOUNCED AS
Mishaud	mee-SHO ('d' is silent)
Jahn	HAHN (rhyme: fawn)
Beauprez	boo-PRAI (rhyme: hooray)
Maniscalco	man-uh-SKAL-ko
Tangipahoa	TAN-ji-pah-HO-uh
Monte	Mahn-TAI
Tanya	TAWN-yuh (not TAN)

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