

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. [626.553] **Gunshot wounds; investigations, reports.** Upon receipt of the report required in section 626.52 and 626.53, the sheriff or chief of police receiving the report shall determine the general cause of the wound, and if he determines that the wound was caused by an action connected with the occupation or sport of hunting or shooting he shall immediately conduct a detailed investigation into the facts surrounding the incident or occurrence which occasioned the injury or death reported. The investigating officer shall report the findings of his investigation to the Commissioner of Conservation on forms provided by the Commissioner for this purpose.

Approved April 12, 1957.

CHAPTER 408—H. F. No. 595

An act relating to the regulation of elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 204.02, 204.03, 205.22, 205.61.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 204.02, is amended to read :

204.02 Nomination of presidential electors. Presidential electors for the several political parties of this state shall hereafter be nominated by delegate conventions called and held under the supervision of the respective state central committees of the several parties of this state. The names of the persons nominated as presidential electors shall be certified to the secretary of state by the chairman of such convention for the office of presidential elector.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 204.03, is amended to read :

204.03 Preparation of ballots. When presidential electors are to be voted for, *a vote cast for the party candidates for president and vice-president shall be deemed a vote for that party's electors as filed with the secretary of state.* The secretary of state shall cause the names of the candidates of each political party to be printed in capital letters, set in *ten-point type, before the party designation.* To the left of, and on a line of such surnames, near the margin, shall be placed a square *or box*, in which the voter may indicate his choice

by marking an "X," and one such mark opposite the candidate's name of any one party shall be counted as a vote for each elector in the party group on file with the secretary of state.

The form for the Presidential Ballot shall be as follows:

Put an (X) opposite the name of the Presidential Candidate you wish to vote for, in the box indicated by the arrow.

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT
Mark your (X) in one Box Only

STEVENSON and KEFAUVER—Democratic-Farmer-Labor

EISENHOWER and NIXON—Republican

The relative position of the several candidates shall be determined by the rules applicable to other state officers. The state ballot, with the required heading, shall be printed below the presidential ballot with a blank space between one inch in width.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 205.22 is amended to read:

205.22 Election districts designated by council or town board. Each town, each village that is separated from the town for election purposes, and each city ward, shall constitute at least one election *precinct*. No *precinct*, when first formed, shall contain more than 700 voters, and the council or town board shall so divide, consolidate, and rearrange the *precincts* from time to time that the number of voters in each shall be substantially equal, and not to exceed 700. All such changes shall be made by resolution adopted at least 90 days before the next ensuing election and 60 days' posted notice thereof shall be given before the change shall take effect. In cities of the first class operating under a home rule charter, the council thereof may prescribe the boundaries of the *precincts* and the number of voters therein.

When a city or village is so platted as to be situate in two adjoining counties, the council of such village or city may, by resolution adopted at least 30 days prior to any election, designate a single voting place in the city or village in which election for the entire city or village shall be held and one set

of election officials presiding thereat shall be sufficient; provided, that a separate ballot box for each *precinct* shall be furnished, in which the votes of such *precinct* shall be deposited and separate record kept thereof. When such single voting place has been so designated, it shall so continue until changed by resolution of the council adopted at least 30 days prior to a subsequent election.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 205.61, is amended to read:

205.61 Form and color of ballots. There shall be one ballot on plain white paper, called in this chapter the "white ballot," upon which the names of all candidates for office to be voted for throughout the state *including candidates for congress* shall be printed. *The candidates for congress shall precede the state ticket and shall be after the candidates for United States Senator.* It shall be prepared under the direction of the secretary of state, and bound in blocks of 50; and a sufficient number thereof to enable the clerks to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be by him forwarded by express to the auditor of such county at least 15 days before the general election, and receipts, stating the number and date when received, taken therefor. On the fourth Tuesday preceding the day of election the secretary of state shall file a sample thereof in his office for public inspection.

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CHAPTER 409—H. F. No. 604

[Coded]

An act relating to the acquisition of additional lands for Helmer Myre State Park, and appropriating money therefor. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

85.177 [Subd. 2.] Section 1. The commissioner of conservation is authorized to acquire not to exceed 7.29 acres, more or less, of land by purchase or condemnation, lying and being in the County of Freeborn, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot Four (4), Section Thirteen (13), and Lot Five (5), Section Twenty-four (24), all in Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

Sec. 2. These lands, when so acquired, shall be a part of Helmer Myre State Park, under the supervision and control