

CHAPTER 444—H. F. No. 1747

An act relating to state elections; authorizing changing the time for opening the polls in certain municipalities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 204.03, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 204.03, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

204.03 Elections. Subdivision 1. **Opening and closing of polls.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~At~~ at the general election and the primary election the polls in every precinct in the state shall open at 7:00 A.M., and they shall be kept open continuously until 8:00 P.M., at which time they shall close, except that ~~the~~. The governing body of any municipality of less than 1,000 inhabitants, situated entirely outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes ~~1964~~ 1965, Section 473.02, Subdivision 5, by resolution adopted 30 days prior to any general or primary election, may fix a time for the opening of the polls which may not be earlier than 7:00 A.M. nor later than 9:00 A.M. in the case of a general election, 5:00 P.M. in the case of a primary election. ~~The resolution~~ Resolutions adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall be effective for all ensuing general or primary elections until revoked. Under no circumstances shall the ballot boxes be opened and the ballots counted before closing of the polls.*

Approved May 15, 1967.

CHAPTER 445—H. F. No. 1749

An act relating to village elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 205.05.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 205.05, is amended to read:

205.05. Town and village elections, candidates, affidavits of candidacy. Subdivision 1. **Affidavits of candidacy.** At every town and village regular and primary election, candidates for offices shall file an affidavit of candidacy not more than six weeks nor less than four weeks before the election with the town or village clerk as the case may be. *At least two weeks before the first day to*

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file affidavits of candidacy the village clerk shall publish a notice stating the first and last dates on which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in his office, and he shall post a similar notice at least ten days before the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. An application also may be signed by not less than five voters and filed on behalf of any qualified voter in the municipality whom they desire to be a candidate; provided that service of a copy of the application shall be made on the candidate and proof of service endorsed on the application before filing. No affidavit or application may be accepted by the proper officer until a fee of \$2.00 is paid to him. The affidavit shall be substantially the same as that required of the candidates for state offices. Upon the receipt of the affidavit and filing fee, the clerk shall place the candidate's name on the official ballot for the election.

Subd. 2. **Ballots, preparation, posting.** The town or village clerk shall prepare and have printed at the expense of his municipality the necessary tally books and returns and ballots for the election. The ballots shall be printed on light green colored paper. The ballots may not contain any partisan designation for any candidate, and the names of the candidates for each office shall, *except as otherwise provided in this subdivision*, be arranged on the ballot alphabetically, according to the surname of each candidate. *In all villages of over 10,000 inhabitants the names of candidates shall be rotated on the ballot in the manner provided for the state elections.* A sample ballot shall be posted at every polling place and in the office of the clerk at least four days before the election, by the clerk.

Approved May 15, 1967.

CHAPTER 446—H. F. No. 1750

An act relating to elections; providing for financial reports of candidates and their personal campaign committees in certain municipalities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 211.20, Subdivisions 3 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 211.20, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Elections; candidates; financial reports.** Statements shall also be made by any political committee showing the total amount of receipts and disbursements, and for what purpose such disbursements were made. Such statement shall be filed within 30 days after any primary, *municipal*, or *general* election, as follows:

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