

Section 1 is effective the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the Lake county board. Section 2 is effective the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the St. Louis county board.

Approved May 27, 1987

CHAPTER 263—H.F.No. 1327

An act relating to elections; changing precinct caucus dates and procedures; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 202A.14, subdivision 1; and 202A.18, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 202A.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **TIME AND MANNER OF HOLDING; POSTPONE-MENT.** At ~~8:00 p.m.~~ 7:30 p.m. on the ~~third~~ fourth Tuesday in ~~March~~ February in every state general election year there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus in the manner provided in sections 202A.14 to 202A.19, except that in the event of severe weather a major political party may request the secretary of state to postpone caucuses. If a major political party makes a request, or upon the secretary of state's own initiative, after consultation with all major political parties and on the advice of the federal weather bureau and the department of transportation, the secretary of state may declare precinct caucuses to be postponed for a week in counties where weather makes travel especially dangerous. The secretary of state shall submit a notice of the postponement to news media covering the affected counties by 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of the caucus. A postponed caucus may also be postponed pursuant to this subdivision.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 202A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Nominations for the election of permanent officers and delegates shall remain open for at least the first ~~half~~ quarter hour of the caucus. Election of delegates and alternates must begin within one hour of convening a caucus. Election of delegates and alternates may begin one-half hour after the convening of the caucus.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective January 1, 1988.

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Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.