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8200 1400**8200.1100 PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS.**

Voter registration cards printed for the purpose of distribution and mailing must be printed pursuant to items A to F.

A. The size must be six inches by 12-3/4 inches, including a three-fourths inch stub.

B. The paper must be at least 100-pound white offset.

C. Red ink must be used on the original card for printing the X's and the following words: "Name," "Township or City of Legal Residence," "Complete Address of Legal Residence," "Date of Birth," "Address of Your Last Registration or Check if NONE," and "Legal Signature of Voter." The certification must also be printed in red ink on the original card. The X and the words "Legal Signature of Voter" on the duplicate card must be printed in red ink. The remainder of the form must be printed in blue ink.

D. The duplicate card must have a light blue screen.

E. The card must have three 1/16-inch perforations that result in the three equal-sized six-inch by four-inch cards.

F. The top stub must have a substance applied to it so that the card can be sealed when it is folded together for mailing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8200.1200 ORIGINAL CARD.

Subpart 1. **Form.** The original voter registration card must be in the form shown in part 8200.9910.

Subp. 2. **Box for office use only.** In the upper right-hand corner of the card there must be a box marked for "office use only" which contains "W __," "P __," and "S.D. No. __." These initials stand for "ward," "precinct," and "school district." Other information may also be included. Judges of election shall record the type of election day voter registration proof and its number, if any, in the "office use only" box.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

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8200.1300 DUPLICATE CARD.

Subpart 1. **Form.** The duplicate voter registration card must be in the form shown in part 8200 9916

Subp. 2. **Box for office use only.** In the upper right-hand corner of the card there must be a box marked for "office use only" which contains "W __," "P __," and "S.D. No. __." These initials stand for "ward," "precinct," and "school district." Other information may also be included

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1, 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8200.1400 INSTRUCTION CARD; FORM.

The instruction card must be in the form shown in part 8200 9919.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8200.1800 EXPERIMENTAL FORMS.

The secretary of state may provide for the experimental use of alternate forms on a trial basis.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221, 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8200.3200 NOTIFICATION OF PRIOR REGISTRATION IN ANOTHER COUNTY.

When a county auditor receives a registration card listing a prior registration in another county, the auditor shall promptly notify the auditor of the other county, but in no case shall the notice be sent later than three months from the date the registration was received or postmarked.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8200.3400 NOTIFICATION OF PRIOR RESIDENCE OUTSIDE MINNESOTA.

When a county auditor receives a registration card which lists a former registration in a state other than Minnesota, the auditor shall promptly notify the secretary of state of the state of former registration that the person has registered to vote in Minnesota.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

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8200.8100 [Repealed, 8 SR 1348]

8200.8200 [Repealed, 8 SR 1348]

8200.8300 [Repealed, 8 SR 1348]

8200.9300 MAINTAINING DUPLICATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R. 1983]

Subp. 4. **Duplicate registration file.** The duplicate registration file to be used on election day in the polling place must be in the form of a precinct election list. The list must be arranged alphabetically by voter's last name or in order of street address. Whichever arrangement is used must be used consistently in all the precincts of the political subdivision.

Subp. 5. **Election list oath and information.** Conspicuously at the top of each page of the precinct election list must be printed precinct-identifying information and the words:

***OATH**

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, and a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address shown and have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding this election; that I am not under guardianship of the person, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, or been convicted of a felony without having my civil rights restored; and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct.

The precinct election list must contain the following information for each registered voter: registrant's name as it appears on the original registration card; registrant's address; month, day, and year of registrant's birth; and notations about challenges, notices of guardianship, or other special information required to be affixed to the original or duplicate voter registration card.

Directly underneath or next to the voter's name must be printed *OATH and a line indicating the place for the voter to sign the list. Sufficient space must be provided so that the voter's signature will not obscure any voter's name. In no case may the space be smaller than one-half by 3-1/2 inches.

If any computer identification numbers or other information not required by this subpart is printed on the precinct election list, it may not obscure required information or be printed in a manner to cause confusion for voters or election judges.

A separate precinct list in the same format must be prepared for use by voters who register on election day. The newly registered voter shall print on the list the voter's name, address, and month, day, and year of birth and shall sign the precinct election list.

In a split precinct, separate lists must be prepared for each part of the precinct with specific information differentiating the split printed at the top of each list.

The precinct election list must be ready no later than three days prior to any election.

The election jurisdiction may choose to attach forms required by part 8200.3800 for emergency voting as part of the precinct election list. If separate cards are used, the election judges must return the cards with the list.

Subp. 6. **Request for birthdate.** Prior to the first election at which electronic or automatic data processing equipment is used in place of the duplicate registration file, and prior to the subsequent statewide general election, the county or municipality must send a request for the voter's birthdate to each previously registered voter whose birthdate is not included in the duplicate registration file.

The request for a voter's birthdate must be in the form of a nonforwardable mailed notice with a postage-prepaid return form. The notice must include the following information:

A. At the next election in (name of political subdivision) the duplicate registration file for use at the polling place will be prepared by automatic data

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processing equipment. The birthdate of each registered voter will be used as an additional identifier and precaution against fraud.

B. Please fill in the month, day, and year of your birth on the enclosed return form, correct any information that is not printed properly on the form, sign the form, and mail it to (name of political subdivision). Return postage has been prepaid.

C. You will NOT lose your registration if you do not provide this information or return this form, but your cooperation will be appreciated and helpful to election officials.

The return form must include the following material.

The voter's name and address, preprinted as they appear in the duplicate registration file.

_____/_____/_____
(month of birth) (day of birth) (year of birth)

voter's signature

When a request for birthdate is returned as undeliverable by the post office, it must be treated as a returned verification notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 201.12.

[For text of subp 7, see M.R. 1983]

Subp 8. **Absentee voting.** When an absentee return envelope is marked "Accepted" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.12, subdivision 3, the election judge shall place the letters "A.B." in the space for the voter's signature on the precinct election list followed by the judge's initials.

When a return envelope is accepted from a voter who registers on election day by including a registration card with the absentee ballot, the election judge shall print the voter's name, address, and month, day, and year of birth and the letters "A.B." in the appropriate places on the precinct election list.

[For text of subps 9 and 10, see M.R. 1983]

Subp. 11. **Voter registration cards.** Voter registration cards must conform to the specifications of parts 8200.1100 to 8200.1600 and parts 8200.9910, 8200.9916, 8200.9919, 8200.9922, and 8200.9925.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09, 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206 08 subd 1*

History: *8 SR 1348*

8200.9910 VOTER REGISTRATION CARD, SPECIFIED IN PART 8200.1200, SUBPART 1.

VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. Type or print in ink.

X Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

X Township or City of Legal Residence _____/_____/_____

Township or City County
X Complete Address of Legal Residence
(include street or rural mail route address)

House No. and Street or Rural Rte. No.

Apt. No. or Rural Box No. City Zip

W _____ P _____

S.D. No. _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Election Day Voter

Registration Proof

___ Driver's License

___ Minn. I.D. Card

___ Witness

___ Prior Registration

___ Ineffective Notice

___ Student I.D.

(Number if applicable)

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X Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year Telephone No. _____

X Address of Your Last Registration	House No./Street Name or Rte./Box No. Apt No.
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____ or
Check if
NONE

City or Township County State Zip

Previous Name (If changed since last registration)_____

**CHECK INSTRUCTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE
QUALIFIED TO REGISTER**

I certify that I will be at least 18 years old on election day and that I am a citizen of the United States, reside at the address shown above and will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day, and that I am not under guardianship of the person, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and have not been convicted of a felony without having my civil rights restored. I understand that giving false information to procure a registration is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Date _____

X Legal Signature of Voter
Also sign the blue card.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

**8200.9916 FORM FOR DUPLICATE VOTER REGISTRATION CARD,
SPECIFIED BY PART 8200.1300, SUBPART 1.**

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Sign this card - do not complete

The information will be typed by the voter registration office.

Name _____ Office Use Only
 Township or City _____ W _____ P _____
 S.D. No. _____

Township or City
of Residence _____/_____/_____
Township or City County

Address of Legal Residence

House Number and Street or Rural Route Number

Apt. No. or Rural Box Number	City	Zip
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Read the Instructions to Determine Whether You are Qualified to Register

Date _____

X _____
Legal Signature of Voter
(For identification only)

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

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**8200.9919 FORM FOR VOTER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS,
SPECIFIED BY PART 8200.1400.**

Instructions for Voter Registration

Read Carefully Before Registering

ITEMS INDICATED BY A RED "X" MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRANT BEFORE THE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1. Print in ink or type all information requested on the white card.
2. Print or type your legal name--nicknames are not acceptable.
3. Print or type the name of the township or city in which you live and are eligible to vote.
4. Print or type the house number and street name or the rural route and box number where you live.
5. Include your full birthdate--month, day, and year.
6. Give the address where you were last registered. If you have never been registered before, check the box for "none."
7. Give your previous name if it has been changed since you last registered.
8. Enter telephone number in appropriate space (optional).
9. Date and sign the WHITE CARD with your legal written signature.
10. Date and sign the BLUE CARD with your legal written signature.
11. Review the cards to determine that they are correctly completed.
12. Fold the form, use the sealing tab, and mail or return to your county auditor at your county courthouse. An eligible voter is a person who at the time of any election:
 - a. is 18 years of age or older;
 - b. is a citizen of the United States; and
 - c. has resided in Minnesota for 20 days.

The following persons are not eligible voters:

- a. any person who has been convicted of a felony or treason, whose civil rights have not been restored;
- b. any person who is under guardianship of the person;
- c. any person who has been found by a court to be legally incompetent, whose civil rights have not been restored.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

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