

CHAPTER 8230

SECRETARY OF STATE

OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEMS

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PRECINCT COUNT VOTING SYSTEM
EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES.**8230.0560 BALLOTS.**

Ballots must meet or exceed the specifications the equipment manufacturer has filed with the secretary of state. The election official responsible for preparing the ballots must supply to the ballot printer the equipment manufacturer's recommended standards and specifications for ballot printing.

The ballots must be stored in a manner to protect against moisture.

The local election official must certify to the county auditor the number of ballots received for each ballot style. The local election official or county auditor shall package the ballots for each precinct in groups of 25, 50, or 100 and seal or place the ballots into a package or transfer case. The package or transfer case must contain a certificate stating the number of ballots it contains. All ballots not issued to a precinct or assigned for absentee voting must be secured and accounted for by the official conducting the election. The official conducting the election must maintain a record of the number of ballots issued to each precinct. The ballots must be delivered to the chief election judge of each precinct.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 206.84*

History: *34 SR 1561*

8230.1450 USE OF STICKERS PROHIBITED.

A sticker may not be affixed to a ballot that will be placed into a ballot box or ballot counter for any reason.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 206.84; 206.57*

History: *34 SR 1561*

8230.4365 PRECINCT COUNT VOTING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES.

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. **Opening ballot box during voting hours.** Two election judges of different political parties may open the ballot boxes on election day to straighten or remove the voted ballots but they shall not count or inspect the ballots. If removing ballots, the election judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's main compartment into containers and seal them. The judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's write-in compartment into containers separate from the other ballots and seal them. The judges shall label the ballot containers and store them in a secure location. The judges shall note on the incident report the fact that the ballot box was opened, the time the box was opened, and, if applicable, the numbers of any seals used to seal the ballot containers.

[For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 206.57*

History: *34 SR 1561*