

CHAPTER 8250

SECRETARY OF STATE

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8250.0100 DEFINITION OF WHITE BALLOT.

The "white ballot" is the ballot used at general elections and is the paper ballot on which are printed the names of the candidates nominated for the offices of senator and representative in congress, senator and representative in the legislature, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.0200 AUDITOR'S DUTIES.

The white ballot shall be prepared under the direction of the county auditors in a sufficient number to enable the clerks to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.29. It shall be the duty of the county auditors to prepare and print the white ballot as soon as practicable, but in no event less than 20 days before the election. Two weeks before the general election, the auditor shall file sample copies of the white ballot in his office for public inspection. Ballots for distribution in the polling place must be bound in pads of 50.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.0600 OFFICES.

The offices must appear on the white ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in upper case letters:

- "UNITED STATES SENATOR IN CONGRESS"
- "UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS"
- "SENATOR IN THE LEGISLATURE"
- "REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LEGISLATURE"
- "GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR"
- "SECRETARY OF STATE"
- "STATE AUDITOR"
- "STATE TREASURER"
- "ATTORNEY GENERAL"

If an office is not to be filled at a general election, the office shall not appear on the ballot. Directly underneath the titles of the offices of representative in congress and senator and representative in the legislature must be printed in upper case letters or numbers the district (e.g. "SIXTH DISTRICT," "DISTRICT SIX," or "DISTRICT 6") that the person elected will

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represent. A single vote must be cast for governor and lieutenant governor.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.0900 DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATE.

Above or below the name of each candidate for a partisan office must appear in upper and lower case letters the designation in not more than three words of the party or principle the candidate represents. Words used in the name of a political party as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 6, may not be used to identify the party of a candidate of any other party. The word "nonpartisan" may not be used in the designation of any candidate.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.1000 ORDER OF CANDIDATES.

Before a general election, the secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the order in which the names of the candidates representing the political parties as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 6, must appear for every partisan office on the white ballot. Candidates nominated by petition must appear on the ballot beneath the names of the candidates of the political parties as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 6, and in the order in which the petitions were filed with the filing officer.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.1200 TYPE STYLES AND SIZES.

The words "Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for" must be printed in upper and lower case in as close to 8-point Century Bold type as practicable.

The words "STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT" must be printed in upper case in as close to 18-point Franklin Gothic type as practicable.

The office and its identification must be printed in upper case in as close to 10-point Century Bold type as practicable.

The words "VOTE FOR ONE" must be printed in upper case in as close to 8-point Century Bold type as practicable.

The names of the candidates must be printed in upper case in as close to 8-point Century Bold type as practicable.

The party designation or political principle must be printed in upper and lower case in as close to 8-point Century Bold type as practicable.

The words "OFFICIAL BALLOT" on the back of the ballot must be printed in upper case in as close to 18-point Cheltenham Bold as practicable, the date in upper case in as close to 8-point Antique as practicable, and the word "Judge" in upper and lower case in as close to 10-point Caslon Old Face Italic as practicable.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.1300 [Repealed, 8 SR 1348]

8250.1400 EXAMPLE BALLOT.

At least 32 days before a general election, the secretary of state shall supply each auditor with a copy of an example ballot. The secretary of state shall have printed on the ballot the names of all candidates for all statewide offices appearing on the white ballot. The state white ballot shall conform in all respects to the example ballot.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*

8250.1500 WHITE BALLOT APPROPRIATION.

Following every state general election, the secretary of state shall calculate and pay to each county its proportionate share of the money appropriated by the state for white ballot costs. Proportionate shares must be based on the number of voters at the election as certified on the county abstract and the total number of congressional, state senate, and state house districts in the county. The amount to be paid per voter must be 80 percent of the money appropriated divided by the total number of persons voting at the election as certified on the state canvassing board report. The amount to be paid per district shall be 20 percent of the money appropriated divided by the aggregate of districts in all counties. No funds may be disbursed to any county until after the county auditor has certified to the secretary of state that the white ballots were printed as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes and parts 8250.0100 to 8250 1400 and that the summary statement and abstract prepared by the county conformed to the forms prescribed by the secretary of state pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.26, subdivision 3.

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

History: *8 SR 1348*