

8215.0200 BALLOTS.

Subpart 1. **Form.** Except as provided in this part, presidential nomination primary ballots must be printed in the same manner as state primary ballots as far as practicable. There must be separate ballots for the names of the candidates of each major political party.

Subp. 2. **Ballot heading.** At the top of the ballot, the words "Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot" followed directly below by "(party name) Party" must be printed.

Subp. 3. **Candidates.** The chair of each major political party must submit to the secretary of state the names of the candidates to appear on that party's ballot. Any candidate name submitted by a chair of a major political party must:

A. be the candidate's true name or the name by which the candidate is commonly and generally known in the community; and

B. meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.35.

Subp. 4. **Order of candidates' names.** If a party chair has requested that its party ballot contain a place for a voter to indicate a preference for having delegates to the party's national convention remain uncommitted, the party must submit a phrase of no more than three words to be used on the ballot to represent this choice, and this choice must be rotated as a choice with candidate names.

Subp. 5. **Order and form of write-in candidate lines.** If a party chair has requested that its party ballot contain a place for write-in candidates, below the name of the last candidate shall be placed a blank line, and on the blank line the voter may write the name of persons not printed on the ballot for whom the voter desires to vote. Above or below the write-in line, the words "write-in, if any" must appear in as large as practicable but no smaller than 6-point type and must be aligned next to the vote target.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.022; 201.061; 201.071; 201.091; 201.121; 201.221; 203B.04; 203B.08; 203B.09; 203B.125; 204B.071; 204B.14; 204B.25; 204B.45; 204D.08; 204D.11; 205.17; 205A.08; 206.57; 206.61; 206.81; 206.82; 206.84; 207A.11*

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