

8220.0825 CANDIDATE ROTATION ALGORITHM.

Subpart 1. **Base rotation.** The secretary of state shall determine the base rotation of candidates' names for partisan offices voted on at the state primary election. The county auditor shall determine the base rotation of candidates' names for all other offices for which rotation is required. The county auditor may delegate the authority to determine the base rotation of candidates' names for municipal and school district offices to the municipal and school district clerks, respectively. The base rotation must be determined by assigning the initial order of the candidates' names by lot.

Subp. 2. **Base number of registered voters.** For purposes of the rotation algorithm, the county auditor shall determine the number of registered voters in each precinct as of 8:00 a.m. on May 1 of the election year.

Subp. 3. **Algorithm.** The algorithm in items A to F must be used to determine the rotation sequence for each race for which rotation is required.

- A. Determine the base rotation.
- B. Determine which precincts belong to the race being rotated.
- C. Arrange the precincts in order of the number of registered voters, from largest number to smallest.
- D. Calculate the number of rotations needed by determining the number of candidates for the office.
- E. Starting with the largest precinct, assign a precinct to each rotation. If there are more candidates than precincts, stop after the last precinct has been assigned and go on to item F. If there are more precincts than candidates, keep a running subtotal of the total registered voters assigned to each rotation. After each rotation has been assigned one precinct, assign the next largest precinct to the rotation with the lowest subtotal. Continue assigning the next largest precinct to the rotation with the lowest subtotal until all precincts for that race have been assigned.
- F. Print a report by race showing rotation subtotals.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 205.17; 206.57; 206.81; 206.84; 447.32*

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