

1 Office of the Secretary of State
 2
 3 Adopted Rules for Administrative and Automatic Election Recounts
 4 (1 MCAR SS 2.4001-2.4012); Adopted Amendments to Rules for Voter
 5 Registration (1 MCAR SS 2.0101-2.1101); Adopted Amendments to
 6 Rules for Preparation of the White Ballot (1 MCAR SS
 7 2.2101-2.2115); Adopted Amendments to Rules for Certification
 8 and Experimental and General Use of Voting Machines (1 MCAR SS
 9 2.3101-2.3907); Adopted Amendments to Rules for Absentee Voting
 10 and Delivery Procedures (1 MCAR SS 2.4101-2.4205)

11
 12 Rules as Adopted

13 1 MCAR S 2.0103 Experimental forms.

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

16 1 MCAR S 2.0301 Specifications.

17 A. Printing. Voter registration cards printed for the
 18 purpose of distribution and mailing must be printed pursuant to
 19 1.-6.:

20 1. The size must be 6" x 12-3/4", including a 3/4" stub.

21 2. The paper must be at least 100 lb. white offset.

22 3. ~~The ink must be red with red X's next to the line~~

23 ~~indicating the voter's name, address, month, day, and year of~~

24 ~~birth, last previous registration address, and signature. The~~

25 ~~certification must also be printed in red ink on the original~~

26 ~~voter registration card. The remainder of the card must be~~

27 ~~printed with blue ink~~ Red ink must be used on the original card

28 for printing the X's and the following words: "Name," "Township

29 or City of Legal Residence," "Complete Address of Legal

30 Residence," "Date of Birth," "Address of Your Last Registration

31 or Check if NONE," and "Legal Signature of Voter." The

32 certification must also be printed in red ink on the original

33 card. The X and the words "Legal Signature of Voter" on the

34 duplicate card must be printed in red ink. The remainder of the

35 form must be printed in blue ink.

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1 4. The duplicate card must have a light blue screen.

2 5. The card must have three 1/16" perforations that
3 result in the three equal-sized 6" x 4" cards.

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

7 B. Original card. The original voter registration card must
8 be in the following form-:

9 VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. Type or print in ink.

10 X Name..... W.....P.....
11 Last First Middle Initial S.D. No.

12 OFFICE USE ONLY

13 X Township or City of Legal Election Day Voter
14 Residence...../...../..... Registration Proof

15 Township or City County ...Driver's License

16 X Complete Address of Legal Residence ...Minn. I.D. Card

17 (include street or rural mail route ...Witness

18 address) ...Prior Registration

19 ...Ineffective Notice

20 Student I.D.

21 House No. and Street or Rural Rte. No.

22 (Number if applicable)

23

24 Apt. No. or Rural Box No. City Zip

25 X Date of Birth...../...../..... Telephone No.

26 Month Day Year

27 X Address of Your

28 Last Registration House No./Street Name or Rte./Box No. Apt No.

29 or

30 Check if City or Township County State Zip

31 NONE

32 Previous Name (If changed since last registration).....

33 CHECK INSTRUCTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE

34 QUALIFIED TO REGISTER

35 I certify that I will be at least 18 years old on election day

36 and that I am a citizen of the United States, reside at the

1 address shown above and will have resided in Minnesota for 20
 2 days immediately preceding election day, and that I am not under
 3 guardianship of the person, have not been found by a court to be
 4 legally incompetent to vote, and have not been convicted of a
 5 felony without having my civil rights restored. I understand
 6 that giving false information to procure a registration is a
 7 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a
 8 fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

9/...../.....

10 Date X Legal Signature of Voter

11 Also sign the blue card.

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

19 C. The duplicate voter registration card must be in the
 20 following form:

21 DUPLICATE VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

22 Sign this card - do not complete

23 The information will be typed by the

24 voter registration office

25 Office Use Only

26 Name..... W.....P.....

27 Township or City S.D. No.

28 of Residence/...../.....

29 Township or City County

30 Complete Address of Legal Residence

31

32 House Number and Street or Rural Route Number

33

34 Apt. No. or Rural Box Number City Zip

35

36 Read the Instructions to Determine Whether You are

1 Qualified to Register

2 .../.../... X.....

3 Date Legal Signature of Voter

4 (For identification only)

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

9 D. Instruction card; form. The instruction card must be in
10 the following form:

11 Instructions for Voter Registration

12 Read Carefully Before Registering

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

15 1. Print in ink or type all information requested on the
16 white card.

17 2. Print or type your legal name--nicknames are not
18 acceptable.

19 3. Print or type the name of the township or city in which
20 you live and are eligible to vote.

21 4. Print or type the house number and street name or the
22 rural route and box number where you live.

23 5. Include your full birthdate--month, day, and year.

24 6. Give the address where you were last registered. If
25 you have never been registered before, check the box for "none."

26 7. Give your previous name if it has been changed since
27 you last registered.

28 8. Enter telephone number in appropriate space (optional).

29 9. Date and sign the WHITE CARD with your legal written
30 signature.

31 10. Date and sign the BLUE CARD with your legal written
32 signature.

33 11. Review the cards to determine that they are correctly
34 completed.

35 12. Fold the form, use the sealing tab, and mail or return
36 to your county auditor at your county courthouse. An eligible

1 voter is a person who at the time of any election:

- 2 a. is 18 years of age or older;
- 3 b. is a citizen of the United States; and
- 4 c. has resided in Minnesota for 20 days.

5 The following persons are not eligible voters:

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

11 E.-H. [Unchanged.]

12 1 MCAR S 2.0507 Notification of registration.

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

18 1 MCAR S 2.0509 Prior residence outside Minnesota.

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

24 1 MCAR S 2.1005 Electronic or automatic data processing system
25 of maintaining duplicate voter registration records.

26 A.-C. [Unchanged.]

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

33 Conspicuously at the top of each page of the precinct
34 election list must be printed precinct identifying information
35 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:

1. registrant's name as it appears on the original registration card;
2. registrant's address;
3. month, day, and year of registrant's birth; and
4. 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 1/2 by 3-1/2 inches.

If any computer identification numbers or other information not required by this rule 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

1 differentiating the split printed at the top of each list.

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

4 The election jurisdiction may choose to attach forms
5 required by 1 MCAR S 2.0513 for emergency voting as part of the
6 precinct election list. If separate cards are used, the
7 election judges must return the cards with the list.

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

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

18 1. At the next election in (name of political
19 subdivision) the duplicate registration file for use at the
20 polling place will be prepared by automatic data processing
21 equipment. The birthdate of each registered voter will be used
22 as an additional identifier and precaution against fraud.

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

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

32 The return form must include the following material:

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

35/...../.....
36 (month of birth) (day of birth) (year of birth)

37

1 voter's signature

2 When a request for birthdate is returned as undeliverable
3 by the post office, it must be treated as a returned
4 verification notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section
5 201.12.

6 F. [Unchanged.]

7 G. Absentee voting. When an absentee return envelope is
8 marked "Accepted" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section
9 203B.12, subdivision 3, the election judge shall place the
10 letters "A.B." in the space for the voter's signature on the
11 precinct election list followed by the judge's initials.

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

17 H.-I. [Unchanged.]

18 J. Voter registration cards. Voter registration cards must
19 conform to the specifications of 1 MCAR S 2.0301.

20 1 MCAR S 2.2101 Definition.

21 The "white ballot" is the ballot used at general elections
22 and is the paper ballot on which are printed the names of the
23 candidates nominated for the offices of senator and
24 representative in Congress, senator and representative in the
25 Legislature, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of
26 state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general.

27 1 MCAR S 2.2102 Auditor's duties.

28 The white ballot shall be prepared under the direction of
29 the county auditors in a sufficient number to enable the clerks
30 to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
31 204B.29. It shall be the duty of the county auditors to prepare
32 and print the white ballot as soon as practicable, but in no
33 event less than 20 days before the election. Two weeks before
34 the general election the auditor shall file sample copies of the
35 white ballot in his office for public inspection. Ballots for

1 distribution in the polling place must be bound in pads of 50.

2 1 MCAR S 2.2106 Offices.

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

6 "UNITED STATES SENATOR IN CONGRESS"

7 "UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS"

8 "SENATOR IN THE LEGISLATURE"

9 "REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LEGISLATURE"

10 "GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR"

11 "SECRETARY OF STATE"

12 "STATE AUDITOR"

13 "STATE TREASURER"

14 "ATTORNEY GENERAL"

15 If an office is not to be filled at a general election, the
16 office shall not appear on the ballot. Directly underneath the
17 titles of the offices of representative in Congress and senator
18 and representative in the Legislature must be printed in upper
19 case letters or numbers the district (e.g. "SIXTH DISTRICT,"
20 "DISTRICT SIX," or "DISTRICT 6") that the person elected will
21 represent. A single vote must be cast for governor and
22 lieutenant governor.

23 1 MCAR S 2.2109 Designation of candidates.

24 Above or below the name of each candidate for a partisan
25 office must appear in upper and lower case letters the
26 designation in not more than three words of the party or
27 principle the candidate represents. Words used in the name of a
28 political party as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
29 200.02, subdivision 6, may not be used to identify the party of
30 a candidate of any other party. The word "nonpartisan" may not
31 be used in the designation of any candidate.

32 1 MCAR S 2.2110 Order of candidates.

33 Before a general election, the secretary of state shall
34 certify to the county auditors the order in which the names of
35 the candidates representing the political parties as defined in

1 Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 6, must appear
2 for every partisan office on the white ballot. Candidates
3 nominated by petition must appear on the ballot beneath the
4 names of the candidates of the political parties as defined in
5 Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 6, and in the
6 order in which the petitions were filed with the filing officer.

7 1 MCAR S 2.2112 Type styles and sizes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 1 MCAR S 2.2114 Example ballots.

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

1 all respects to the example ballot.

2 1 MCAR S 2.2115 White ballot appropriation.

3 Following every state general election, the secretary of
4 state shall calculate and pay to each county its proportionate
5 share of the money appropriated by the state for white ballot
6 costs. Proportionate shares must be based on the number of
7 voters at the election as certified on the county abstract and
8 the total number of congressional, state senate, and state house
9 districts in the county. The amount to be paid per voter must
10 be 80 percent of the money appropriated divided by the total
11 number of persons voting at the election as certified on the
12 state canvassing board report. The amount to be paid per
13 district shall be 20 percent of the money appropriated divided
14 by the aggregate of districts in all counties. No funds may be
15 disbursed to any county until after the county auditor has
16 certified to the secretary of state that the white ballots were
17 printed as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes and 1 MCAR SS
18 2.2101-2.2114 and that the summary statement and abstract
19 prepared by the county conformed to the forms prescribed by the
20 secretary of state pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section
21 204C.26, subdivision 3.

22 1 MCAR S 2.3104 Meanings of terms.

23 A. [Unchanged.]

24 B. The following terms have the meanings given them:

25 1.-58. [Unchanged.]

26 59. Voting booth. A structure constructed in a manner
27 prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, sections 204B.18 and 206.026
28 so that the voter while preparing his ballot may be free from
29 observation. Each booth has a facility to hold a voting machine.

30 60.-62. [Unchanged.]

31 1 MCAR S 2.3200 Scope.

32 This chapter pertains to the vendor only. It does not
33 pertain to computer center operators or responsible authorities
34 of election jurisdictions.

1 1 MCAR S 2.3302 Preparation of test deck or ballot image.

2 A.-D. [Unchanged.]

3 E. The test deck must conform to 1 MCAR S 2.3103 B.50. A
4 test deck must be prepared specifically for each election.

5 F.-O. [Unchanged.]

6 1 MCAR S 2.3702 Absentee ballots, general provisions.

7 A. [Unchanged.]

8 B. All voters requesting absentee ballots must be supplied
9 with paper absentee ballots, except as provided by Minnesota
10 Statutes, section 203B.08, subdivision 1a.

11 C. [Unchanged.]

12 1 MCAR S 2.3703 Absentee voting, electronic voting system.

13 A. Applicability. This rule applies only when municipal
14 clerks administer absentee ballots as provided in Minnesota
15 Statutes, section 203B.08, subdivision 1a, for voters applying
16 in person at the clerk's office for an absentee ballot.

17 B. Ballot cards. Ballot cards issued to voters under
18 Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.08, subdivision 1a, must
19 conform to all of the provisions of 1 MCAR S 2.3501 A.

20 C. Ballot labels and voting machines. Ballot labels and
21 voting machines must be prepared as provided in 1 MCAR SS 2.3501
22 C. and 2.3502. At least one voting machine must be made-ready
23 available for each precinct in the municipality and placed in a
24 proper booth or voting station within the building where the
25 office of the clerk is maintained.

26 D. Demonstrator. A demonstrator voting device must be
27 available to absentee voters and instructions for casting a
28 ballot on an electronic voting system must be offered to each
29 absentee voter by the municipal clerk or an election judge
30 trained under 1 MCAR SS 2.5101-2.5119.

31 E. Issuing ballot cards. The municipal clerk shall remove
32 the smaller numbered stub from the ballot card when it is issued
33 to the voter. The smaller numbered stubs must be placed in an
34 envelope marked "Absentee Ballot Stubs" and retained by the
35 municipal clerk in the clerk's office.

1 F. After voting. The voter shall be instructed to insert
2 the voted card in the ballot envelope and to fold the large
3 numbered stub over the outside of the envelope. The voter shall
4 next insert the ballot envelope in the absentee return envelope
5 and seal it. The certificate of eligibility on the back side of
6 the return envelope must be completed by the voter and a
7 witness, and the voter shall give the municipal clerk the return
8 envelope with the voted ballot card and its envelope sealed
9 inside.

10 G. Voted ballot cards. Absentee return envelopes with voted
11 ballot cards must be retained by the municipal clerk in a secure
12 container that will not damage the machine readability of the
13 card. The municipal clerk shall deliver the absentee return
14 envelopes with voted ballot cards to the election judges in the
15 appropriate precinct on election day.

16 H. Processing. When election judges have processed the
17 absentee return envelopes as provided in Minnesota Statutes,
18 section 203B.12, the ballot envelopes must be removed from the
19 return envelopes marked "accepted." The large numbered stub
20 must be removed from each ballot card before each ballot
21 envelope is deposited in the ballot box along with the ballot
22 cards of voters voting in person.

23 I. Disposition of stubs. The election judges shall attach
24 one large numbered stub to each absentee return envelope marked
25 "accepted" from which a ballot envelope was removed. The stubs
26 can be attached after all of the ballot envelopes have been
27 removed and the large stubs detached.

28 J. Reconciliation. The return envelopes with stubs attached
29 must be placed with the voter certificates and "accepted" return
30 envelopes of voters casting paper absentee ballots and included
31 in the count to arrive at the total number of persons voting in
32 the precinct. To arrive at the proper number of ballot cards to
33 be tabulated, the "accepted" return envelopes with stubs
34 attached must be counted with the voter certificates and the
35 total must equal the number of ballot cards to be tabulated.
36 The reconciliation of the ballot cards and number of persons

1 voting must be entered on the precinct certification.

2 1 MCAR S 2.3801 Procedures following close of polls.

3 A. Ballot cards not issued. All ballot cards and envelopes
4 which are not issued to voters must be secured for return to the
5 official in charge of the election for the election jurisdiction.

6 B. [Unchanged.]

7 C. Total number of voters. The total number of voters,
8 determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.20,
9 subdivision 1, and 1 MCAR S 2.3703 J. must be entered on the
10 precinct certification.

11 D. [Unchanged.]

12 E. Each ballot in its envelope must be examined for
13 write-ins. Ballot cards for which no write-ins exist must be
14 separated from their envelopes. The envelopes must be placed in
15 a sturdy container, which must be marked with the precinct name,
16 and delivered at the same time the voted ballots are delivered
17 to the county auditor or municipal clerk.

18 F. [Unchanged.]

19 G. Hanging chad. The intent of the voter is to be
20 ascertained when processing ballot cards. A ballot card with a
21 chad hanging must be processed in the following manner:

22 1. [Unchanged.]

23 2. Where a chad is found hanging by three corners the
24 ballot card is defective for that office and must be placed in
25 the envelope for original cards for which duplicates are to be
26 made at the counting center.

27 H.-J. [Unchanged.]

28 K. Entries on precinct certification. The election judges
29 shall enter in the appropriate place on the precinct
30 certification the number of ballot cards issued to the precinct,
31 the number of ballot envelopes issued to the precinct, the
32 number of ballot cards issued to voters, the number of spoiled
33 ballot cards, the number of defective ballot cards, the number
34 of cards for which duplicates are to be made for any reason, and
35 the number of ballot cards not issued to voters.

36 L. Items in transfer case. The election judges shall place

1 in the transfer case for delivery to the counting center all of
2 the following items:

- 3 1. valid voted ballot cards;
- 4 2. ballot envelopes with write-in votes;
- 5 3. envelope containing paper absentee ballots;
- 6 4.-11. [Unchanged.]

7 If space in the transfer case is inadequate, then a second
8 transfer case or metal container of a type approved by the
9 election jurisdiction for storage of ballots is to be used and
10 the sealing and security handled in the same manner as the
11 transfer case.

12 M. [Unchanged.]

13 N. Retention of ballot cards and ballot envelopes. Ballot
14 cards and ballot envelopes which are not issued to voters must
15 be returned to the election official in charge of the election
16 jurisdiction who shall issue a receipt for them and retain them
17 by precinct until the time for contest has expired.

18 O. Seal and certificate. The transfer case must be sealed
19 with a metal seal so that it is impossible to open the case or
20 insert or remove ballots without breaking the seal. Attached to
21 the transfer case by the seal must be a certificate signed by
22 the judges indicating its content, the precinct name, and the
23 number of the metal seal used to seal the case. The seal number
24 must also be recorded in the certificate of the election
25 judges. The transfer case certificate must be in a clear
26 plastic envelope of a type approved by the secretary of state
27 and affixed to the case by the metal seal.

28 P. [Unchanged.]

29 Q. Delivery of ballot envelope container. The container
30 which holds the ballot envelopes issued to voters must be
31 delivered to the counting center by the same election judges who
32 deliver the transfer case containing voted ballots.

33 1 MCAR S 2.4104 Absent voter's certificate.

34 A. Form. Except as provided in D., the Absent Voter's
35 Certificate for persons voting under Minnesota Statutes,
36 sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 must be printed in the following

1 form,

2 _____

3 ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

4 OF

5 _____

6 (legal name of absent voter)

7 (print or type)

8 _____

9 (legal address of absent voter)

10 (print or type)

11 I swear that on election day I will meet the requirements
12 provided by law to vote by absentee ballot.

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14
15
16

_____ (legal signature of voter)

17 I hereby certify that the above named voter exhibited the
18 enclosed ballots to me unmarked; that in my presence and in a
19 manner that I could not see, the voter marked the ballots and
20 enclosed and sealed them in the ballot envelope; that if the
21 above-named voter registered to vote by enclosing a voter
22 registration card in the Absentee Ballot Return Envelope, then
23 proof of residence was provided as indicated below.

24

25 _____

26 (date)

_____ (legal signature of witness)

27

_____ (print or type name of witness)

28

29

_____ (official title if witness is an
31 official)

30

31

32

_____ (legal address if witness is an
34 eligible voter)

33

34

35

36 FOR REGISTRATION ONLY - Indicate method used by voter to
37 prove residence.

38 Method used by voter to prove residence:

1 Driver's License _____ Notice of Ineffective
 2 or Permit or (number) Registration _____
 3 Receipt
 4 Minn. ID Card or _____ Student ID _____
 5 Receipt (number) (number)
 6 Registration in
 7 same precinct _____
 8 (legal signature of registered
 9 voter in the precinct who
 10 swore attested to residence in
 11 the precinct)
 12 _____
 13 (legal address of registered
 14 voter in the precinct who
 15 swore attested to residence in
 16 the precinct)
 17 _____

18 B.-C. [Unchanged.]

19 D. Alternative certificates. As an alternative, a county
 20 auditor may print two different versions of the absent voter's
 21 certificate. One certificate must be provided to absentee
 22 voters not previously registered to vote and must be printed as
 23 prescribed in 1 MCAR S 2.4104 A. An alternate certificate may
 24 be printed in the following form and must be provided only to
 25 absentee voters who are registered to vote at the time of
 26 application. The certificate must be printed to the
 27 specifications of C.

28 ABSENTEE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

29 OF

30

31 (print or type legal name of voter)

32

33 (print or type legal address of voter)

34 I swear that on election day I will meet the requirements
 35 provided by law to vote by absentee ballot.

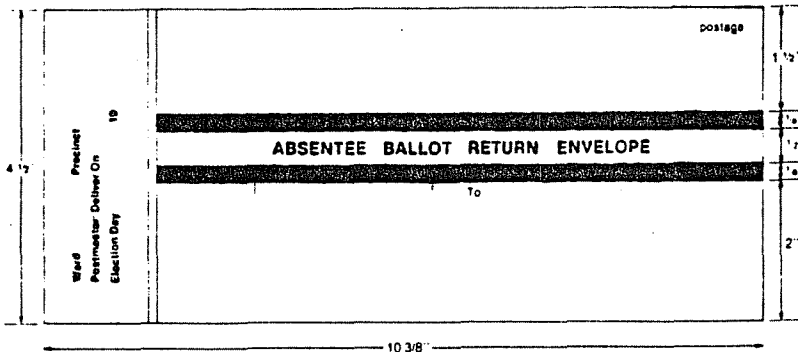
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1 (legal signature of voter)
 2 I hereby certify that the above named voter exhibited the
 3 enclosed ballots to me unmarked; that in my presence and in such
 4 a manner that I could not see, marked the ballots and enclosed
 5 and sealed them in the ballot envelope.

6
 7
 8 (date) (legal signature of witness)
 9
 10 (print or type name of witness)
 11
 12 (official title if witness is
 13 an official)
 14
 15 (legal address if witness is an
 16 eligible voter.)

17 1 MCAR S 2.4105 Absentee ballot return envelope as provided by
 18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 203B.04-203B.15.

19 A. Form. The absentee ballot return envelope must be
 20 printed in the following form:



29 B. Specifications. The absentee ballot return envelope must
 30 be printed according to the following specifications:

- 31 1. The envelope must be 10-3/8 inches by 4-1/2 inches.
- 32 2. A solid rule line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed
 33 1-1/2 inches from the top of the envelope and another placed two
 34 inches from the bottom of the envelope.
- 35 3. The words and numbers printed on the left-hand end of
 36 the envelope must be in 12-point bold type.

1 type in capital letters one-half inch below the postage box.

2 5. A solid rule line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed
3 1-1/2 inches from the top of the envelope. A second solid rule
4 line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed one-half inch from the
5 bottom of the first line.

6 6. In the one-half inch space between the two solid rule
7 lines must be printed the words "OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOTING
8 MATERIAL-VIA AIR MAIL" in 18-point bold type in capital letters.

9 7. The envelope must be white in color with Pantone 193 U
10 red ink used for all printing.

11 8. County auditors or municipal clerks must address the
12 return envelope as provided in 1 MCAR S 2.4105 C.

13 9. Facing Identification Marks (FIM) must be positioned
14 as specified in United States Postal Service instructions for
15 Facing Identification Marks.

16 C. On the back of the absentee return envelope provided for
17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.21, an affidavit of
18 eligibility must be printed in the following form on the right
19 hand three-fourths of the envelope:

20 ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

21 I,, do solemnly swear that my
22 (please print or type)
23 present address (or last address) in the State of Minnesota
24 is at..... in the City or Town of
25 (please print or type)
26, County of
27 (please print or type) (print or type)
28

29 I am qualified to vote the enclosed ballot(s) as (check
30 category that applies)a member of the Armed Forces;
31a spouse or dependent of a member of the Armed Forces;
32a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
33 outside the territorial limits of the United States;a
34 citizen of the United States permanently residing outside
35 the territorial limits of the United States. I have not
36 cast and will not cast any other ballot in this election.
37 I personally marked the enclosed ballot(s) without
38 exhibiting it to any other person, or which, in case of my

1 physical disability, was marked for me under my personal
2 direction.

3

4 (Legal signature of Voter)

5 Subscribed and sworn to me this ... day of,19...

6

7 (Signature of Witness)

8

9 (Give title or office of witness

10 authorized to administer oaths.

11 If an officer of the Armed Forces,

12 a commissioned or noncommissioned

13 officer not below the rank of

14 sergeant or its equivalent.)

15 1 MCAR S 2.4107 Experimental forms.

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

18 1 MCAR S 2.4202 Duties of county auditor or municipal clerk upon
19 receipt of absentee ballot return envelope.

20 A. Absentee ballot return envelopes which are delivered in
21 person by an absent voter or an agent must be received by the
22 county auditor or municipal clerk by 7:00 p.m. on the day before
23 election day.

24 B.-C. [Unchanged.]

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26 Repealer. Rules 1 MCAR SS 2.0901; 2.0902; 2.0903; 2.2113;

27 2.4102 D. and E. are repealed.