

1 Secretary of State

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Electronic Voting System

4 Ballot

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 8250.0100 DEFINITION OF WHITE BALLOT.

8 The "white ballot" is the ballot used at general elections
9 and is the ballot on which are printed the names of the
10 candidates appearing on the presidential ballot and those
11 candidates nominated for the offices of United States senator,
12 United States representative, state senator, state
13 representative, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of
14 state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general.

15 8250.0600 OFFICES.

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

19 "PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT"

20 "UNITED STATES SENATOR"

21 "UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE"

22 "STATE SENATOR"

23 "STATE REPRESENTATIVE"

24 "GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR"

25 "SECRETARY OF STATE"

26 "STATE AUDITOR"

27 "STATE TREASURER"

28 "ATTORNEY GENERAL"

29 "United States" may be abbreviated as "U.S." If an office
30 is not to be filled at a general election, the office must not
31 appear on the ballot. Directly underneath the titles of the
32 offices of United States representative and state senator and
33 representative must be printed in upper case letters or numbers
34 the district (for example: "SIXTH DISTRICT," "DISTRICT SIX," or
35 "DISTRICT 6") that the person elected will represent. A single

1 vote must be cast for president and vice-president and for
2 governor and lieutenant governor.

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4 **BALLOTS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS**

5 **8250.1600 APPLICABILITY.**

6 Parts 8250.1600 to 8250.1800 apply to electronic voting
7 systems, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 206.56,
8 subdivision 8. To the extent possible, parts 8250.0100 to
9 8250.1500 apply to the use of electronic voting systems, unless
10 otherwise provided.

11 **8250.1700 FORMAT OF BALLOT PAGES FOR PUNCH CARD SYSTEMS.**

12 **Subpart 1. Form.** Punch card ballot pages must be printed
13 in the form illustrated in part 8250.9910.

14 **Subp. 2. Order of office groups.** For purposes of
15 organization, the ballot pages must be divided into separate
16 sections and headed by the following titles:

17 "FEDERAL OFFICES"

18 "STATE OFFICES"

19 "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS"

20 The titles must be printed in upper case and bold face in
21 as large as practicable but no smaller than 36-point type and
22 must be carried on each ballot page that contains an office for
23 a particular category.

24 **Subp. 3. Office titles.** The office titles must be printed
25 in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no
26 smaller than 14-point type. The first legislative office
27 appearing on the ballot must be printed at the top of the page,
28 under the title "STATE OFFICES."

29 The instruction "VOTE FOR ONE" or "VOTE FOR ONE TEAM" must
30 be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as
31 practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.

32 **Subp. 4. Candidate and party names.** The candidate names
33 must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as
34 practicable but no smaller than 12-point type. The party name
35 must be printed under the candidate name in as large as

1 practicable but no smaller than 8-point type.

2 Subp. 5. **Ballot position numbers.** The appropriate ballot
3 position number must be printed on the same line as the
4 candidate's name in as large as practicable but no smaller than
5 14-point type.

6 Subp. 6. **Precinct identifiers.** The name of the
7 municipality and the ward and precinct number, if any, for which
8 the ballot page has been prepared must be printed on the bottom
9 of each page on which candidate names appear. The date of the
10 election must be printed next to the precinct identifier. In
11 addition, each ballot page for a precinct must be sequentially
12 numbered. The page number must be printed in bold face in as
13 large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.

14 Subp. 7. **Questions.** The subject of a proposed question
15 must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as
16 practicable but no smaller than 14-point type. The question
17 must be printed in bold face in as large as practicable but no
18 smaller than 12-point type. The words "YES" and "NO" must be
19 printed to the left of the appropriate ballot position number in
20 upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no
21 smaller than 14-point type.

22 Subp. 8. **Party preference indicator.** In partisan primary
23 elections, the ballot booklet must include a place to allow the
24 voter to indicate the primary election in which the voter
25 intends to vote. This party preference indicator must appear on
26 the first ballot page preceding the pages containing the
27 partisan offices. The page containing the party preference
28 indicators must be printed in the form illustrated in part
29 8250.9920.

30 Subp. 9. **Designation of party colors.** The secretary of
31 state shall notify the county auditor of each county of any
32 colors used to designate a major political party at a state
33 election. Notification must be made at the same time that the
34 secretary of state certifies the names of the candidates to be
35 nominated at the state primary election.

36 Subp. 10. **Color of ballot pages.** The names of candidates

1 to be nominated for each major political party at a partisan
2 primary election must be printed on pages of the color required
3 by statute for that party. No page may contain the candidates
4 of more than one major political party. All pages containing
5 nonpartisan candidates or questions and the page containing the
6 party preference indicator must be white.

7 8250.1800 FORMAT OF BALLOT CARDS FOR OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEMS.

8 Subpart 1. **Type sizes.** The type sizes in items A to D
9 must be used in the printing of ballot cards.

10 A. The titles "FEDERAL OFFICES," "STATE OFFICES," and
11 "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS" must be printed in upper case and
12 bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than
13 14-point type.

14 B. The office titles must be printed in upper case
15 and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than
16 10-point type. Immediately under each office title, the
17 instruction "VOTE FOR ONE" or "VOTE FOR ONE TEAM" must be
18 printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable
19 but no smaller than 8-point type.

20 C. The candidate names must be printed in upper case
21 in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.
22 The party name must be printed under the candidate name in as
23 large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type.

24 D. The subject of a proposed question must be printed
25 in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no
26 smaller than 10-point type. The question must be printed in
27 bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point
28 type. The words "YES" and "NO" must be printed to the left of
29 the vote targets in upper case and bold face in as large as
30 practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.

31 Subp. 2. **Vote targets.** The target used to indicate to the
32 voters where to mark their votes may be either an arrow pointing
33 toward the candidate name or a horizontal oval next to the
34 candidate name. The target may be highlighted or outlined in a
35 color that does not affect the ability of the ballot counter to

1 read the ballot.

2 Subp. 3. Extraneous marks. No election official may place
3 marks on the ballot other than those provided in Minnesota
4 Statutes, section 204C.09, subdivision 1.

5 8250.9910 SAMPLE PUNCH CARD BALLOT PAGE FORM, SPECIFIED BY PART
6 8250.1700.

FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT VOTE FOR ONE TEAM

CANDIDATE NAME and CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

CANDIDATE NAME and CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

UNITED STATES SENATOR VOTE FOR ONE

CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT ____ VOTE FOR ONE

CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

CANDIDATE NAME 00 →
Party Name

TURN PAGE



TO CONTINUE VOTING

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<h1>STATE OFFICES</h1>	
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CANDIDATE NAME <small>Party Name</small>	00 →
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT ____	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT ____	VOTE FOR ONE
CANDIDATE NAME <small>Party Name</small>	00 →
CANDIDATE NAME <small>Party Name</small>	00 →
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	VOTE FOR ONE TEAM
CANDIDATE NAME and CANDIDATE NAME <small>Party Name</small>	00 →
CANDIDATE NAME and CANDIDATE NAME <small>Party Name</small>	00 →
TURN PAGE → TO CONTINUE VOTING	
<small>City or Town Ward _____ Precinct _____</small>	<small>Date of Election</small>

29 8250.9920 FORM OF PAGE CONTAINING PARTY PREFERENCE INDICATOR.

30 POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE INDICATOR

31 MINNESOTA ELECTION LAW PERMITS YOU TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF

32 ONLY ONE POLITICAL PARTY IN A STATE PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION.

33 PLEASE INDICATE THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN WHICH YOU CHOOSE TO VOTE

34 BY PUNCHING THE POSITION NEXT TO THE PARTY NAME, THEN BEGIN

35 VOTING BY TURNING TO THE PAGES INDICATED BELOW.

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2 (name of political party) 00

3 PRIMARY ELECTION

4 TURN TO THE xxxxx PAGES STARTING ON PAGE nn

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7 (name of political party) 00

8 PRIMARY ELECTION

9 TURN TO THE xxxxx PAGES STARTING ON PAGE nn

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11 YOU MAY VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES ON THE WHITE

12 PAGES EVEN IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO VOTE IN ONE OF THE PARTISAN

13 PRIMARY ELECTIONS.