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### **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Elections**

### 8200.1100 PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS.

- Subpart 1. **Applications returned by mail.** Voter registration applications printed for the purpose of distribution and mailing must be printed pursuant to items A to D.
  - A. The size must be 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches, including a 9/16-inch stub.
  - B. The paper must be at least 80-pound white offset.
  - C. The secretary of state may approve alternate forms of voter registration applications to be attached to or included in tax booklets and forms used by state agencies, and other forms deemed appropriate by the secretary of state if the forms have spaces for the information required in Minnesota Statutes, section 201.071. The secretary of state may approve the county use of an application with dimensions other than those prescribed in item A.
  - D. The stub must have an adhesive applied to it so that the application can be sealed when it is folded together for mailing.
  - E. County auditors may consume the existing stock of voter registration applications on hand as of January 1, 2008, through the 2008 general election and on election days thereafter.
  - Subp. 2. **Other applications.** Voter registration applications for use at county auditor offices or at polling places on election day may be printed pursuant to items A to D.
    - A. The size must be 8-1/2 by 11 inches.
  - B. The paper must be at least 40-pound white offset.
- 1.23 C. The secretary of state may approve the county use of an application with dimensions other than those prescribed in item A.

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D. The voucher oath prescribed by part 8200.9939 may be printed on the reverse side of the voter registration application produced under this subpart.

### 8200.1200 REGISTRATION APPLICATION; FORMAT.

Subpart 1. **Form.** Any voter registration application must:

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- A. meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 201.071;
- B. be consistent in layout with the data entry screens used by the statewide voter registration system;
- 2.8 C. take into consideration readability and ease of understanding;
- D. if produced under part 8200.1100, subpart 1, provide room for including a mailing address for returning the completed registration;
- E. have printed on or with the application a set of instructions for the application;
- F. have printed on or with the application a statement that assistance for registration and voting is available for elderly and disabled persons and residents of health care facilities;
  - G. have printed on the application a reference to where a privacy information statement may be found, if produced under part 8200.1100, subpart 1; and
  - H. have printed on or with the application a privacy information statement, if produced under part 8200.1100, subpart 2.
- 2.19 Subp. 1a. [Repealed, 31 SR 350]
- Subp. 1b. **Design specifications.** The secretary of state shall provide examples of the voter registration application to all county auditors.
- Subp. 2. **Box for office use only.** Voter registration applications must contain a box marked for "election judge official use only" which contains "W \_\_", "P \_\_", and "SD."

  These abbreviations stand for "ward," "precinct," and "school district." Other information

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may also be included. Judges of election shall record the type of election day voter registration proof and its number, if any, in the "election judge official use only" box.

Subp. 3. **Identifying mark.** Voter registration applications may include a mark identifying where the applicant obtained the application or how the application was delivered to the county auditor or secretary of state.

# 8200.4000 PROCESSING OF FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION.

Any federal post card application received from a member of the armed forces of the United States or from a person currently residing in Minnesota but temporarily living in another country must be processed as a voter registration application and, if the application is properly completed, the information on that application must be entered into the statewide voter registration system.

### 8200.5100 REGISTRATION AT PRECINCT ONLY.

Subpart 1. **Procedure; proof.** Any person otherwise qualified but not registered to vote in the precinct in which the person resides may register to vote on election day at the polling place of the precinct in which the person resides. To register on election day, a person must complete and sign the registration application and provide proof of residence. A person may prove residence on election day only:

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- (1) a valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or a receipt for either that contains the voter's valid address in the precinct;
- (2) a valid Minnesota identification card issued by the Minnesota

  Department of Public Safety or a receipt for the identification card that contains the voter's valid address in the precinct; or

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(3) a tribal identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the name, address, signature, and picture of the individual;

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- C. by presenting a notice of late registration mailed by the county auditor or municipal clerk;
- D. by having a person who is registered to vote in the precinct and knows the applicant is a resident of the precinct sign the oath in part 8200.9939; or
- E. by having an employee employed by and working in a residential facility located in the precinct, who knows that the applicant is a resident of that residential facility, vouch for that facility resident, and sign the oath in part 8200.9939, in the presence of the election judge.

"Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33, subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.01, subdivision 5; a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services establishment as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144D.01, subdivision 4; a veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 198; a residence licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Statutes, section 252.28; group residential housing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter for battered women as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised

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publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless.

To be eligible to sign the oath, the employee must:

- (1) have his or her name appear on a list of employees provided by the general manager or equivalent officer of the residential facility to the county auditor at least 20 days before the election; or
- (2) provide a statement on the facility's letterhead that the individual is an employee of the facility that is signed and dated by a manager or equivalent officer of the facility. The statement must be in substantially the following form:

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I am a [insert title of manager or equivalent officer here] at [insert residential facility name here].

Let it be known and recorded that [insert employee name here] is an employee of [insert residential facility name here], a residential facility as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 201.061, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), and by my signature I certify that this is true as of the date signed.

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Printed Name of Residential Facility Manager or

5.21 Equivalent Officer

If the letterhead on which the document submitted under subitem (1) or (2) does not include the address of the residential facility in the precinct, the document must also include this address.

The oaths in items D and E must be attached to the voter registration application and retained for at least 22 months.

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6.1	Subp. 2. Additional proof of residence allowed. An eligible voter may prove
6.2	residence under this subpart by presenting one of the photo identification cards listed in
6.3	item A and one of the additional proofs of residence listed in item B.
6.4	A. The following documents are acceptable photo identification cards under this
6.5	subpart if they contain the voter's name and photograph:
6.6	(1) a Minnesota driver's license or identification card;
6.7	(2) a United States passport;
6.8	(3) a United States military identification card;
6.9	(4) a student identification card issued by a Minnesota postsecondary
6.10	educational institution; or
6.11	(5) a tribal identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe
6.12	recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that
6.13	contains the individual's signature.
6.14	B. An original bill for:
6.15	(1) telephone, television, or Internet provider services, regardless of how
6.16	those telephone, television, or Internet provider services are delivered; or
6.17	(2) gas, electric, solid waste, water, or sewer services,
6.18	is acceptable as an additional proof of residence under this subpart if:
6.19	(a) the bill shows the voter's name and current address in the precinct;
6.20	and
6.21	(b) the due date on the bill is within 30 days before or after election day.
6.22	A rent statement from a landlord that itemizes utility expenses and meets the
6.23	requirements of this paragraph is a utility bill for purposes of providing proof of residence.

(3) A current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct is also acceptable as proof of residence.

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If the photo identification presented by the voter establishes the voter's identity and the additional proof of residence presented by the voter establishes the voter's current address in the precinct, the voter shall have proven residence under this subpart.

- C. The secretary of state shall provide samples of utility bills acceptable as additional proof of residence under item B to local election officials for use in election judge training and in the polling place on election day.
- Subp. 3. Additional proof of residence allowed for students. An eligible voter may prove residence by presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota if the voter's name, student identification number (if available), and address within the precinct appear on a current list of persons residing in the postsecondary educational institution's housing certified to the county auditor by the postsecondary educational institution.

This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will certify for use at the election accurate updated lists of persons residing in housing owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the postsecondary educational institution. A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that calendar year, including the November general election which is instead governed by subpart 4.

The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for voters resident in housing of any postsecondary education institution within the county, if lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements of this part.

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An updated list must be certified to the county auditor no earlier than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing as of the date of the certification in housing controlled by the postsecondary educational institution.

The auditor shall instruct the election judges of the precinct in procedures for use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The auditor shall supply a list to the election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

The auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county of the provisions of this subpart and subpart 4.

Subp. 4. Additional proof of residence allowed for students at November general elections. An eligible voter may prove residence at the general election held in November of each year by presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota if the voter's name, student identification number (if available), and address within the precinct appear on a list of students certified to the secretary of state by the postsecondary educational institution.

This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the postsecondary educational institution submits to the secretary of state no later than 60 days prior to the November general election an agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will certify for use at the November general election an accurate updated list of persons residing in housing owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the postsecondary educational institution.

The agreement may also include a provision that the postsecondary educational institution will certify for use at the November general election an accurate updated list of currently enrolled students who are recorded with the postsecondary educational institution as residing in Minnesota.

The additional proof of residence must be allowed on an equal basis if lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements of this part.

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An updated list must be certified to the secretary of state no earlier than 30 and no later than 25 days prior to the November general election, in an electronic format specified by the secretary of state. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing in housing controlled by the postsecondary educational institution or, if the postsecondary educational institution agreed, currently enrolled students residing in Minnesota as of the date of certification.

The secretary of state must combine the data received from each postsecondary educational institution under this subpart and must process the data through the automated precinct-finder to determine the precinct in which the address provided for each student is located. If the data submitted by the postsecondary educational institution is insufficient for the secretary of state to determine the proper precinct, the associated student name must not appear in any list forwarded to a county auditor under this subpart. At least 14 days prior to the November general election, the secretary of state must forward to the appropriate county auditor lists of students containing the students' names and addresses for which precinct determinations have been made along with their postsecondary educational institutions. The list must be sorted by precinct and student last name and must be forwarded in an electronic format specified by the secretary of state or other mutually agreed upon medium lists provided by the secretary of state must be sorted by precinct and student last name and must be forwarded to the county auditors in an electronic format specified by the secretary of state. Alternatively, the list provided to the county auditors may be provided in another medium, if a written agreement specifying the medium is signed by the secretary of state and the county auditor at least 90 days before the November general election. A written agreement is effective for all elections until rescinded by either party.

The auditor shall instruct the election judges of the precinct in procedures for use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The auditor shall forward to the election judges the portion of the list provided by the secretary of state corresponding to the precinct with the election supplies for that precinct.

# 8200.5400 NOTATION OF IDENTIFICATION ON REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

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When a voter uses a Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota identification card, United States passport, United States military identification card, tribal identification card, or Minnesota postsecondary educational institution student identification card to prove residence or identity when registering on election day, the election judge who is registering voters shall record the number, if any, on the voter registration application in the "election judge official use only" area of the application. When a voter uses one of the documents listed in part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B, to prove residence for election day registration, the election judge who is registering voters shall record the type of document on the voter registration application in the "election judge official use only" area of the application.

### 8200.6200 PUBLIC INFORMATION LIST AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

The public information list must be available for public inspection for authorized purposes at all times in the county auditor's office. The secretary of state may make available for purchase public information lists in electronic or other media.

### 8200.9115 FORM OF POLLING PLACE ROSTERS.

Subpart 1. **General form of roster.** The polling place rosters must contain the following items from the statewide registration system: voter's name, voter's address, voter's date of birth, voter's school district number, and a line on which the voter's signature can be written. When a voter's registration has been challenged pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 201.121, subdivision 2, an indicator noting the voter's

challenged status must be printed on the line provided for the voter's signature. A similar indicator must be printed on the line provided for the voter's signature to note a voter's guardianship or felony status, if any.

The following certification must be printed at the top of each page of the polling place roster: "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 in which the court order revokes my right to vote, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and that I have the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both."

One or more pages in the polling place roster must be provided for use by voters who register to vote in the polling place on election day. An election day registrant shall fill in the registrant's name, address, and date of birth and shall sign the roster on the line provided.

Each page in the polling place roster must also contain the name of the precinct and a page number. In addition, each line provided for a voter's signature must be consecutively numbered on each page.

The roster may also include additional material as permitted under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.221, subdivision 3.

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Subp. 3. **Production of rosters.** The Secretary of State shall identify and develop methods of producing polling place rosters. The Secretary of State shall provide polling place rosters for each election in the state. The <del>roster may be provided to the county auditor in any mutually agreed-upon medium</del> rosters provided by the secretary of state

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must be forwarded to the county auditors in an electronic format specified by the secretary of state. Alternatively, the list provided to the county auditors may be provided in another medium, if a written agreement specifying the medium is signed by the secretary of state and the county auditor at least 90 days before the November general election. A written agreement is effective for all elections until rescinded by either party.

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# 8200.9315 PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING DATA INTO STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

- When entering information from a voter registration application into the statewide registration system, the secretary of state or county auditor shall:
- 12.10 A. conduct a statewide search of the registration database to determine if the 12.11 applicant has previously registered in Minnesota;
- B. assign the applicant to the proper voting precinct for the address provided on the application;
- 12.14 C. determine all election districts in which the applicant will be eligible to vote;
- D. assign the registration record a unique identification number, and date the record as to when the registration was entered into the registration database;
  - E. maintain a record of voting history of the registrant for at least the previous six calendar years and a record of previous registrations and changes to voter status in the state for at least two years; and
  - F. provide information on prior registrations in other states. At periodic intervals, the Secretary of State shall notify the chief election officials of other states of persons who have registered to vote in Minnesota and who indicated a prior registration in their state.
  - The secretary of state shall establish a precinct finder that must be maintained by each county auditor. The precinct finder must identify the voting precinct that will be assigned

13.1	to the applicant. For the pu	urposes of redistricting	, the secretary of state shall include
13.2	geographical data from the	United States Census	Bureau in the precinct finder.
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13.4	I swear or affirm that (Che	eck one):	
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13.24	The above oath shall be	attached to the voter r	registration card and retained for
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#### 8200.9940 PRECINCT LIST OF PERSONS VOUCHING FOR VOTER 13.26 RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY AND NUMBER OF PERSONS VOUCHED 13.27 FOR. 13.28 Precinct List of Persons Vouching 14.1 City/Town Ward Precinct 14.2 For election judges' use in recording the number of individuals for whom a voter signs 14.3 proof-of-residence oaths (vouches for) on Election Day. Cross out a number for every 14.4 individual for whom a voter registered in that precinct vouches. Unless vouching for 14.5 residential facility residents pursuant to part 8200.5100, subpart 1, item E, a voter who 14.6 14.7 is registered to vote in the precinct may sign no more than 15 proof-of-residence oaths (Minnesota Statutes, section 201.061). 14.8 Voucher's Name Voucher's Voter Number Vouched for 14.9 ID No. on Election Day 14.10 Example: John Doe 1234567 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.11 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.12 14.13 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.14 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.15 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 5 14.16 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 6 14.17 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.18 8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.19 9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.20 10 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.21 11 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.22 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.23 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.24 13 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14 14.25 15 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 14.26 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 14.27

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15.27	Telephone number:			

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- All materials mailed in connection with absentee or mail voting shall bear the official
- 17.2 United States Postal Service Election Mail insignia.
- All envelopes used in connection with absentee or mail voting shall also bear a legend
- indicating the ballot category enclosed, in no smaller than 8-point type. The categories are:
- 17.5 A. registered;

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- B. nonregistered;
- 17.7 C. registered (agent delivery);
- D. nonregistered (agent delivery);
- 17.9 E. military/overseas;
- F. presidential only; and
- 17.11 G. mail.

### 17.12 **8210.0100 PRESIDENTIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.**

- 17.13 Subpart 1. **Procedure for voting.** A person who is qualified under United States
- 17.14 Code, title 42, section 1973aa-1, to vote for the offices of president and vice-president
- or for electors for president and vice-president may vote by absentee ballot or in person
- at the auditor's office in the county where the person formerly resided. The affidavit of
- eligibility on the back of the absentee ballot return envelope must be printed in the form
- 17.18 shown in subpart 2.
- 17.19 Subp. 2. Form of affidavit of eligibility.
- 17.20 ↓ TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER ↓
- 17.21 VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

17.23 VOTER'S FORMER ADDRESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)

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•	will be at least 18 years old on el	lection day;
•	am a citizen of the United States	,
•	am not under guardianship of the my right to vote;	e person in which the court order revokes
•	have not been found by a court to	be legally incompetent to vote;
•	•	convicted of a felony, my felony sentence; I have been discharged from my sentence;
•	previously lived in Minnesota at	the address printed above;
•	moved from Minnesota to anothe	er state within 30 days of the election; and
•	am not eligible to vote in the stat	e in which I now live.
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Current e	-mail address (optional)	
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18.26 Subp. 1f. [Repealed, 25 SR 616]

States Postal Service requirements.

19.1 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

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- Subp. 3. **Postcard application.** The absentee ballot application may be printed as a postcard application or in any other manner deemed appropriate by the secretary of state. If the application is printed as a postcard application, it must conform to United
  - Subp. 4. **Permanent application.** An eligible voter who meets the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.04, subdivision 5 or 6, may apply to the county auditor or municipal clerk to <u>automatically</u> receive an absentee ballot application for each election in which the voter is eligible to vote. The county auditor shall make available the form provided by the secretary of state for this purpose. The voter shall complete the form and return it to the county auditor or municipal clerk. A municipal clerk who receives a completed application shall forward it to the county auditor immediately. The voter's permanent application status must be indicated and permanently maintained on the voter's registration record on the statewide voter registration system.

The county auditor shall maintain a list of voters who have applied to automatically receive an absentee ballot application. At least 45 days before each election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall send an absentee ballot application to each person on the list who is eligible to vote in the election.

- 19.19 Subp. 4a. [See repealer.]
- 19.20 Subp. 5. [Repealed, 25 SR 616]
- 19.21 Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

### 8210.0500 INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENT VOTER.

Subpart 1. **Required instructions.** Instructions to the absent voter shall be enclosed with the absentee ballot materials mailed or delivered to the absent voter. The instructions

shall be in the form in subpart 2, 3, or 4. The instructions may include a telephone number or electronic mail address which voters can call or contact for help in absentee voting. In election jurisdictions using electronic voting systems, the instructions must explain how to correctly mark and fold the electronic voting system ballots. The instructions must inform the voter of the effect of casting multiple votes for an office and, in the case of a partisan primary, the effect of voting for candidates of more than one party. The instructions must include information on how to correct a ballot before it is cast and counted, including instructions on how to request a replacement ballot if the voter is unable to change the ballot or correct an error. The instructions must include a graphic depiction of the absentee ballot materials and how they are to be assembled by the voter. The secretary of state must provide each county auditor with a sample graphic depiction.

### Subp. 2. Instructions for registered voters.

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Step 1. You must have a witness to vote by absentee ballot. Your witness may be anyone who is registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or another relative, or they may be a notary public or person with the authority to administer oaths.

- Step 2. Show your witness the unmarked ballot(s).
- Step 3. Mark your votes according to the instructions on the ballot(s). Mark your ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark the ballot(s), you may ask your witness to assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more candidates than allowed for any office, since this will prevent your votes for that office from being counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may request a new ballot from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you cannot request a new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not put any identifying marks on the ballot.

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portion of the ballot. Voting for candidates not within the same party will prevent the 21.1 entire partisan portion of your primary ballot from being counted. 21.2 Step 4. Fold and place all voted ballots in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal the 21.3 envelope. Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope. 21.4 Step 5. Place the ballot secrecy envelope into the ballot return envelope and seal 21.5 the envelope. 21.6 Step 6. Print your name and address on the back of the ballot return envelope unless a 217 label with your name and address has already been affixed. Sign your name. The name, 21.8 address, and signature of your witness are required as well. 21.9 Step 7. Fold and seal the small flap on the end of the return envelope, then fold and 21.10 seal the large flap that covers the form on the back of the envelope. 21.11 21.12 Step 8. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the return envelope, allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver 21.13 it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return 21.14 21.15 your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot be a candidate and cannot return ballots for more than three voters). 21.16 In those precincts where an additional envelope is used instead of an envelope with a 21.17 flap, steps 7 and 8 should read: 21.18 Step 7. Insert the ballot return envelope into the mailing envelope and seal it. 21.19 21.20 Step 8. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the mailing envelope, allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver 21.21 it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return 21.22 your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot be a candidate and cannot 21.23 return ballots for more than three voters). 21.24 Subp. 3. Instructions for unregistered voters. 21.25

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Step 1. You must have a witness to vote by absentee ballot. Your witness may be 22.1 anyone who is registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or another relative, 22.2 or they may be a notary public or person with the authority to administer oaths. 22.3 Step 2. Completely fill out the voter registration application. 22.4 Step 3. Show your witness your proof of residence in the precinct. The witness 22.5 should mark the proof shown on the ballot return envelope. Any of the following may be 22.6 used as proof of residence: 22.7 a. a valid Minnesota driver's license, permit, or identification card; a receipt for any 22.8 of these forms that contains your current address; or a tribal identification card issued by 22.9 the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that contains 22.10 your name, address, signature, and picture; 22.11 b. the signature of a registered voter (voucher) who lives in your precinct; if your 22.12 witness is registered to vote in your precinct, your witness may also vouch for you; 22.13 c. if you live in certain residential facilities, the signature of an employee of the 22.14 22.15 facility; d. a notice of late registration sent to you by the county auditor or city clerk; 22.16 e. a current valid registration in the same precinct; 22.17 f. one document from the list in (i) and one photo ID from the list in (ii): 22.18 (i) A. an original bill for telephone, television, or Internet provider services, regardless 22.19 22.20 of how those telephone, television, or Internet provider services are delivered, or an original bill for gas, electric, solid waste, water, or sewer services, that: 22.21 (1) shows the voter's name and current address in the precinct; and 22.22 (2) has a due date within 30 days before or after election day. 22.23 A rent statement from a landlord that itemizes utility expenses and meets the 22.24

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B. a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the 23.1 precinct; and 23.2 (ii) a Minnesota driver's license or identification card, a United States passport, 23.3 a United States military identification card, a student identification card issued by a 23.4 Minnesota postsecondary educational institution, or a tribal identification card issued by 23.5 the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States 23.6 Department of the Interior, that contains the individual's signature. 23 7 Step 4. Show your witness the unmarked ballot(s). 23.8 Step 5. Mark your votes according to the instructions on the ballot(s). Mark your 23.9 ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark the ballot(s), 23.10 you may ask your witness to assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more candidates 23.11 than allowed for any office, since this will prevent your votes for that office from being 23.12 counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may request a new ballot 23.13 from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you cannot request a 23.14 23.15 new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not put any identifying marks on the ballot. 23.16 WHEN PARTISAN PRIMARY RACES ARE ON THE BALLOT: If you are voting 23.17 in a partisan primary, you may only vote for the candidates of one party on the partisan 23.18 portion of the ballot. Voting for candidates not within the same party will prevent the 23.19 23.20 entire partisan portion of your primary ballot from being counted. Step 6. Fold and place all voted ballots in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal the 23.21 envelope. Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope. 23.22 Step 7. Place the ballot secrecy envelope and your completed voter registration 23.23 application into the ballot return envelope and seal the envelope. 23.24 Step 8. Print your name and address on the back of the ballot return envelope unless a 23.25 label with your name and address has already been affixed. Sign your name. The name, 23.26 address, and signature of your witness are also required. 23.27

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Step 9. Fold and seal the small flap on the end of the return envelope, then fold and seal the large flap that covers the form on the back of the envelope.

Step 10. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the return envelope, allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot be a candidate and cannot return ballots for more than three voters).

In those precincts where an additional envelope is used instead of an envelope with a flap, steps 9 and 10 should read:

Step 9. Insert the ballot return envelope into the mailing envelope and seal it.

Step 10. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the mailing envelope, allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot be a candidate and cannot return ballots for more than three voters).

# Subp. 4. Instructions for military and overseas voters.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTERS

Step 1. Mark your votes according to the instructions at the top of the ballot(s).

Mark your ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark

24.20 the ballot(s), you may have someone assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more

candidates than allowed for any office on the ballot, since this will prevent your votes for

that office from being counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may

request a new ballot from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you

cannot request a new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not

24.25 put any identifying marks on the ballot.

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- portion of the ballot. Voting for candidates not within the same party will prevent the entire partisan portion of your primary ballot from being counted.
- Step 2. Fold each ballot so that it fits within the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it.
- 25.4 Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope.
- Step 3. Place the ballot secrecy envelope in the return mailing envelope.
- Step 4. Write your military identification number (SSN) or passport number on the
- back of the ballot return envelope. If you do not provide the same military identification
- number (SSN) or passport number on the ballot return envelope as was used on the
- absentee ballot application, you must have the signature and certification of an official
- 25.10 authorized to administer oaths by federal law or the law where the oath is administered.
- 25.11 Commissioned or noncommissioned officers not below the rank of sergeant or equivalent
- 25.12 may also certify the oath for you.
- Step 5. Print your name and your present or last address in Minnesota unless a label
- with your name and address has already been affixed. Date and sign your name on the
- 25.15 back of the ballot return envelope.
- Step 6. Fold and seal the small flap on the end of the return envelope, then fold and
- seal the large flap that covers the form on the back of the envelope.
- Step 7. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the ballot
- return envelope so that it will be delivered no later than election day.
- In those precincts where an additional envelope is used instead of an envelope with a
- 25.21 flap, steps 6 and 7 should read:

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- 25.22 Step 6. Insert the ballot return envelope into the mailing envelope and seal it.
- Step 7. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the ballot
- 25.24 mailing envelope so that it will be delivered no later than election day.

### 8210.0600 STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER.

- Subpart 1. Form. The statement of absentee voter for persons voting under
- 25.27 Minnesota Statutes, sections 203B.04 to 203B.15, must be printed in the forms shown in

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I certify th	at on election day I will meet all the	legal requirements to vote by a	bsentee
ballot.			
	SIGNATURE	DATE	
	↓ TO BE COMPLETE	D BY WITNESS ↓	
I certify th	at the voter		
•	showed me the blank ballots before	re voting;	
•	marked the ballots in private or, if the ballots were marked as directed		ballots,
•	enclosed and sealed the ballots in	the secrecy envelope;	
•	registered to vote by filling out and in the ballot envelope; and	d enclosing a voter registration a	application
•	provided proof of residence as inc	icated below.	
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()	MN Driver's License/Permit/ID Card or receipt with current address.
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()	Tribal ID card with name, address, signature, and current address.
()	Utility bill or student fee statement plus a MN Driver's License/ID Card, Tribal ID card with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID card with picture, or student ID card with picture.
	Number:
()	Previous registration in the same precinct.
()	Notice of Late Registration from county auditor or municipal clerk.
()	Registered voter in the precinct who vouched for absentee voter's residence in the precinct. (Please complete the three voucher lines below.)
()	Employee of a residential facility in the precinct who vouched for absentee voter's residence at the facility. (Please complete the three voucher lines below.)
	VOUCHER'S NAME AND NAME OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE (PLEASE PRINT)
	VOUCHER'S ADDRESS OR ADDRESS OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE (PLEASE PRINT)
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- Subp. 2. **First two lines.** The county auditor or municipal clerk may complete the first two lines of a statement of absentee voter before mailing it to the absent voter by printing the name and address of the absent voter or by attaching a mailing label.
- Subp. 3. **Printing specifications.** The statement shall be printed on the right-hand three-fourths of the back of the absentee ballot return envelope. The words "TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER" shall be printed in no smaller than 12-point type in capital letters. The remainder of the statement shall be printed in no smaller than 8-point medium type.
- Subp. 4. [See repealer.]
- 29.10 Subp. 4a. [See repealer.]
- 29.11 **8210.0700** ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE AS PROVIDED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 203B.04 TO 203B.15.
- Subpart 1. **Form.** The absentee ballot return envelope for persons casting an absentee ballot under Minnesota Statutes, sections 203B.04 to 203B.15, must be printed according to the specifications in subpart 2.
- Subp. 2. **Printing specifications.** The absentee ballot return envelope must be printed according to the following specifications:
- A. The envelope must be no smaller than 10-3/8 inches by 4-1/2 inches.
- B. The words and numbers printed on the left-hand end of the envelope must be in no smaller than 12-point bold type.
- 29.21 C. The words "ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE" printed across
  29.22 the face of the envelope must be in no smaller than 18-point bold type in capital letters.
- D. The envelope must be white in color with black ink.
- E. The flap on one end of the back side of the envelope may be printed as follows:

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30.1	"FOR OFFICE USE ONLY"
30.2	() ACCEPTED () REJECTED
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30.4	Subp. 3. Mailing address. County auditors and municipal clerks shall cause a
30.5	mailing address to be printed on each return envelope that they mail or deliver to an absent
30.6	voter. The address block shall be located in the lower right one-quarter of the envelope.
30.7	A return envelope may be addressed to the county auditor, to the municipal clerk, or to
30.8	the appropriate election judges.
30.9	When an auditor has the duty to address envelopes for a municipality and the
30.10	envelopes are to be addressed to the election judges, the clerk shall notify the auditor of
30.11	the proper mailing address of each polling place in, or of the absentee ballot board for,
30.12	the municipality. The clerk shall immediately notify the auditor of every change in the
30.13	initial notification.
30.14	Subp. 4. [Repealed, 20 SR 2787]
30.15	Subp. 5. [Repealed, 20 SR 2787]
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30.16	Subp. 6. [Repealed, 20 SR 2787]
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30.17	Subp. 7. Ward and precinct number. The official mailing or delivering absentee
30.18	ballots to an absent voter shall, before doing so, fill in the absent voter's ward and precinct
30.19	number in the spaces provided on the left-hand end of the return envelope.
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30.20	Subp. 8. <b>Return address.</b> A county auditor or municipal clerk may affix the return
30.21	address to the upper left-hand corner of the return envelope.
30.22	Subp. 9. Marks approved by United States Postal Service. Marks approved
30.23	by the United States Postal Service to identify ballot materials may be printed on the
30.24	absentee ballot return envelone

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31.1	Subp. 10. <b>Sample envelope layout.</b> The secretary of state shall provide samples of
31.2	the layout of the front and the back of the envelope.
31.3 31.4	8210.0800 ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE AS PROVIDED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 203B.16 AND 203B.17.
31.5	Subpart 1. Form. The absentee ballot return envelope for military and overseas
31.6	voters must be printed according to the specifications in subpart 2.
31.7	Subp. 2. <b>Specifications.</b> The specifications in items A to I apply to envelopes
31.8	prepared pursuant to subpart 1.
31.9	A. The envelope may not be more than 11-1/2 inches in length nor less than
31.10	5-1/2 inches in length.
31.11	B. The envelope may not be more than 6-1/8 inches in width nor less than
31.12	3-1/2 inches in width.
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31.13	C. In the upper right-hand corner, a postage symbol and box shall be imprinted:  U.S. Postage Paid
31.14	39 USC 3406
31.16	D. The words PAR AVION must be printed in 12-point bold type in capital
31.17	letters one-half inch below the postage box.
31.18	E. The words "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL – FIRST
31.19	CLASS MAIL" must be printed in 18-point bold type and inside a box. Immediately
31.20	below, the words "No Postage Necessary in the U.S. Mail - DMM703.8.0" must be printed
31.21	F. The envelope must be white in color with Pantone 194 U red ink or darker
31.22	used for all printing.
31.23	G. County auditors or municipal clerks must address the return envelope as
31.24	provided in part 8210.0700, subpart 3.

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	H. Facing identification marks (FIM) must be positioned as specified in United
2	States postal service instructions for facing identification marks.
}	I. Marks approved by the United States Postal Service to identify ballot
ļ	materials may be printed on the absentee ballot envelopes.
;	Subp. 3. Affidavit of eligibility. On the back of the absentee return envelope
	provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.21, an affidavit of eligibility must be
	printed on the right-hand three-fourths of the envelope in the form shown in subpart 3a.
	Subp. 3a. Form of affidavit of eligibility.
	$\downarrow$ TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER $\downarrow$
	VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
	VOTER'S PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)
	CITY OR TOWN (PLEASE PRINT)
	COUNTY (PLEASE PRINT)
	Telephone number (optional)
	E-mail address (optional)
	I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:
	• I am:
	() a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member;
	() a United States citizen temporarily residing outside the United States;
	() other United States citizen residing outside the United States
	and I am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the
	election), and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted

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of a felony, or other disqualifyin	g offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent,	
or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a		
ballot, or voting in any other juri	isdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction	
cited in this voting form.		
In voting, I have marked and sea	led my ballot in private and have not allowed any person	
to observe the marking of the ba	llot, except for those authorized to assist voters under	
state or federal law. I have not b	een influenced.	
My signature and date below ind	licate when I completed this document.	
The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.		
I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may		
constitute grounds for a convicti	on for perjury.	
* Military identification (SSN) o	r passport number:	
VOTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	
↓ TO BE	E COMPLETED BY WITNESS ↓	
* <b>Note:</b> No witness is required in	f your military identification (SSN) or passport number	
matches the military identification	on (SSN) or passport number on your application.	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE	
TITLE OF WITNESS (Give title	e or office of witness authorized to administer oaths or	
witness who is a military officer	not below the rank of sergeant or its equivalent.)	
Subp. 4. Sample envelope l	ayout. The secretary of state shall provide samples of	

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Subpart 1. **Personal delivery.** Absentee ballot return envelopes that are delivered in person by an absent voter must be received by the county auditor or municipal clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day. Absentee ballot return envelopes that are delivered in person by an agent must be received by the county auditor or municipal clerk by 3:00 p.m. on election day.

Subp. 2. **Inspecting for seal.** Before accepting an absentee ballot return envelope that is hand delivered by an absent voter or an agent, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall inspect the envelope to verify that it is sealed and that the absent voter's certificate is properly completed.

When an absent voter hand delivers an envelope which is unsealed or has an improperly completed absent voter's certificate, the absent voter shall be allowed to seal the envelope and correct or complete the certificate.

When an agent hand delivers a sealed envelope with an improperly completed absent voter's certificate, the agent may return the envelope to the absent voter for correction or completion in compliance with the time requirements in subpart 1.

When an agent hand delivers an envelope that is not sealed or which the auditor or clerk has reason to believe has been tampered with, the envelope shall not be accepted. The auditor or clerk shall write "rejected" across the absentee ballot return envelope and shall write the reason for rejection on the envelope. The absentee ballot return envelope shall be retained by the auditor or clerk in the auditor's or clerk's office. A notice of nonacceptance shall be mailed to the absent voter promptly, stating the date of nonacceptance, the name and address of the agent, and the reason for nonacceptance. A replacement ballot notice may be sent in place of the notice of nonacceptance. The absent voter may apply for replacement absentee ballots.

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Subp. 3. Recording name and address. When an absentee ballot return envelope 34.25 is hand delivered to the county auditor or municipal clerk by an agent, the agent shall, 34.26 on a record maintained by the auditor or clerk, print the agent's name and address, the 34.27 name and address of the absent voter whose ballot the agent is delivering, and sign his 35.1 or her name. The agent shall show to the auditor or clerk identification which contains 35.2 the agent's name and signature. 35.3 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 8210.0200, subparts 1, 1a, 1c, 1d, 2, 4a, and 6; and 35.4 8210.0600, subparts 4 and 4a, are repealed. 35.5 **INSTRUCTION TO REVISOR.** The headnote of Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9300, 35.6 shall be changed to read "MAINTAINING CERTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION 35.7

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