

## Elections

## CHAPTER 200

## DEFINITIONS

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**200.01** M.S. 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 675 art 13 s 1]

**200.01 CITATION, MINNESOTA ELECTION LAW.** Chapters 200 to 211 are the Minnesota election law, and the words used in the Minnesota election law have the meanings prescribed in section 200.02.

[1959 c 675 art 1 s 1]

**200.02** M.S. 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 675 art 13 s 1]

**200.02 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Election.** The word "election" means any election except those held in any school district unless otherwise specifically provided by law, at which the electors of the state or any subdivision thereof nominate or choose by ballot public officials or decide any public question lawfully submitted to them.

Subd. 2. **General election.** The words "general election" mean the election provided to be held in the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in every even-numbered year.

Subd. 3. **Primary, primary election.** The words "primary" or "primary election" mean an election held for the purpose of deciding by ballot who shall be the nominees for offices to be filled at an election.

Subd. 4. **Municipal election.** The words "municipal election" mean an election held in any municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose by ballot public officials for the municipality or decide any public question relating to the municipality lawfully submitted to them.

Subd. 5. **Special election.** The words "special election" mean an election held for a special purpose.

Subd. 6. **Special primary, special primary election.** The words "special primary" or "special primary election" mean a primary election held to select the nominees for the offices to be filled at a special election.

Subd. 7. **Political party.** The words "political party" mean an organization which shall have maintained in the state, governmental subdivision thereof or precinct therein in question, a party organization and presented candidates for election at the last preceding general election one or more of which candidates shall have been voted for in each county within the state at such election and shall have received in the state not less than five percent of the total vote cast for all candidates at such election or whose members to a number equal to at least five percent of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general election in the county where the application is made shall present to the county auditor a petition for a place on the primary election ballot.

Subd. 8. **City.** The word "city" means an incorporated city within this state.

Subd. 9. **Village.** The word "village" means an incorporated village or borough within this state.

Subd. 10. **Municipality.** The word "municipality" means any city, village, borough, or town.

Subd. 11. **Council.** The word "council" means the governing body of a municipality.

Subd. 12. **Judge.** The word "judge" means any judge of election.

Subd. 13. **Peace officer.** The words "peace officer" mean any sheriff, constable, policeman, or any citizen appointed and empowered to perform any of their duties.

Subd. 14. **Precinct.** The word "precinct" means an election district.

Subd. 15. **Voter.** The word "voter" means an elector qualified to vote at an election.

Subd. 16. **Polls, polling place.** The words "polls" or "polling place" mean the place of voting.

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Subd. 17. **Convention.** The word "convention" means an organized body of delegates representing a political party assembled for the purpose of transacting such business as lawfully comes before it.

Subd. 18. **Contestant.** The word "contestant" means the person who begins any proceeding to contest the result of an election.

Subd. 19. **Contestee.** The word "contestee" means the person who is adverse to the contestant.

Subd. 20. **Senator.** The word "senator" means a member of the senate of this state.

Subd. 21. **Representative.** The word "representative" means a member of the house of representatives of this state.

Subd. 22. **Commissioner.** The word "commissioner" means any person acting as a commissioner of registration pursuant to the provisions of chapter 201.

Subd. 23. **Election board.** The words "election board" mean the judges of election of an election precinct.

Subd. 24. **Term of office.** The term of office of every state and county officer shall begin on the first Monday in January next succeeding his election, unless otherwise provided by law. X

Subd. 25. **Eligible voter.** Every person of the age of 21 years or more who has been a citizen of the United States for a period of three months next preceding any election, and who has resided in this state six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, provided that the person has resided in the election precinct in which the election is held for at least 30 days next preceding the election, or the person who has changed his residence within such 30 days qualifies to vote under section 204.075, except that the following persons are not entitled to vote:

(a) Any person who has been convicted of treason or any felony, unless restored to civil rights;

(b) Any person who is under guardianship over his person;

(c) Any person who may be non-compos mentis or insane;

(d) Any person who is not properly registered where registration is required, except as provided in section 204.075.

[1959 c 675 art 1 s 2; Ex1961 c 10 s 1]

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