

## 202.22 PRIMARY ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS

### 202.22 Precinct caucus

[For text of subd. 1, see M.S.1971]

**Subd. 2. Caucus call.** The chairman of the county or legislative district executive committee, whichever is provided for by party rules, shall issue the call for the precinct caucus at least 20 days before the time set for holding the caucus, and the call shall contain the following:

- (a) Name of party;
- (b) Precinct number;
- (c) Date caucus is to be held;
- (d) Place caucus is to be held;
- (e) Hours during which caucus shall be held;
- (f) Statutory rules governing the caucus;
- (g) A statement of business to be conducted including the election of a chairman and such other officers as may be provided by party rules, and the election of delegates to county or district conventions;
- (h) Number of delegates to be elected;
- (i) Name of the county or legislative district chairman issuing the call;
- (j) Name of the present precinct chairman or other person who will be the convenor of the caucus;
- (k) A space for entering the names of the officers and delegates elected by the caucus.

[1973 c 358 s 2]

**Subd. 3. Notice.** The county or legislative district chairman shall give two weeks' published notice and at least six days' posted notice at the regular polling place of the holding of the precinct caucus, stating the place, date, and time for holding the caucus.

[1973 c 358 s 3]

### 202.25 Caucus, business

Each precinct caucus shall elect a chairman and such other officers as may be provided by party rules, and the proper number of delegates to congressional district, county, or legislative district conventions as determined by the party's call. The caucus may also discuss party policies, candidates, and any other business as prescribed by party rules.

[1973 c 358 s 4]

### 202.26 Caucus, chairman, nominations

[For text of subds. 1 to 3, see M.S.1971]

**Subd. 4.** Upon completion of the counting of votes the chairman shall announce the names of persons who are elected, and he shall certify the names to the chairman of the county or legislative district executive committee and to the chairman of the state central committee.

[1973 c 358 s 5]

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### 203.08 Polling places designated

**Subdivision 1.** The council of every municipality shall, by ordinance or resolution, designate the place of holding the election for each precinct; otherwise the election shall be held as near as may be to the place where the pre-

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ceding election was held, subject to change before the opening of the polls as provided by law. In any village or in any city of the third or fourth class, having more than one precinct, the council of the municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, provide for the holding of all elections in the municipality in some building centrally located therein, and the voters of the municipality may vote at such place so designated, irrespective of whether the voting place is actually located in their precinct or not. At the place so designated there shall be provided separate statutory voting facilities for each precinct, and the voting shall otherwise be conducted in the same manner as though the voting places were located in the respective precincts. The council of any municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, designate a polling place for holding of elections for a specific precinct in a building outside the precinct, provided that the building must be located within 1500 feet of the precinct.

Subd. 2. Whenever practicable the place of holding the election for each precinct shall be made accessible to physically disabled persons.

[1973 c 694 s 1]

## 203.10 Polling place, restrictions

[For text of subd. 1, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 2. **Booths, equipment.** Each polling place shall consist of a single room, containing a number of booths or compartments in proportion to the number of voters in the precinct. Each booth shall be six feet high, three feet deep, and at least two feet wide, with a shelf, at least one foot wide, extending from side to side at a convenient height for writing, to be provided with a door or curtain so that the voter may be free from observation while marking his ballot. Each compartment shall be constructed so that the voter may be free from observation while marking his ballot. At all times when in use the booths and compartments shall be provided with instructions, an indelible pencil, and other supplies needful in marking the ballots. The boxes, booths, compartments, and judges shall be in open public view.

[1973 c 763 s 2]

## 203.27 Ballots

[For text of subd. 1, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 2. **Number.** At least 100 ballots of each kind to be voted at the ensuing election shall be provided by the clerk for each precinct for every 85 votes cast and counted therein at the last election for the same offices or on similar questions.

[1973 c 676 s 23]

## 203.28 White and pink ballots

**Subdivision 1. State white ballot.** There shall be one ballot upon plain white paper, hereinafter called the "white ballot," upon which shall be printed names of all candidates for offices to be voted for throughout the state, including, but not to be restricted to, candidates for senator and representative in congress and candidates for senator and representative in the legislature. The candidates for senator in congress shall be first on the white ballot, the candidates for representative in congress shall be second, candidates for senator in the legislature shall be third, and candidates for representative in the legislature shall be fourth. The candidates for state offices shall follow the candidates for representative in the legislature. Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor shall appear so that a single vote will apply to both offices.

[1973 c 3 s 2; 1973 c 318 s 3]

[For text of subd. 2, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 3. **Preparation; pink ballot.** The pink ballot shall be prepared under the direction of the secretary of state and bound in blocks of 50, and a sufficient number thereof to enable the clerks to comply with the provisions of

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section 203.27, subdivision 2 shall be forwarded by him by express to the auditor of each county at least 15 days before the general election, and receipts taken therefor, stating the number and date when received. Four weeks before the general election the secretary of state shall file sample copies of the pink ballots in his office for public inspection, and three weeks before the election the secretary shall mail to the auditor of each county sample copies of the pink ballots.

[1973 c 3 s 3]

**Subd. 3a. Preparation; white ballot.** The white ballot shall be prepared under the direction of the county auditors, subject to the rules of the secretary of state and a sufficient number thereof shall be forwarded by the auditors to enable the clerks to comply with the provisions of section 203.27, subdivision 2. The secretary of state shall provide by rule for the preparation and time of delivery of the white ballot and reimbursement of the counties' costs. The state shall reimburse the counties for the cost of the preparation of the white ballot.

[1973 c 3 s 4]

[For text of subd. 4, see M.S.1971]

**203.29 County and district canary ballot**

**Subdivision 1. Canary ballot.** There shall be one ballot on canary paper, hereinafter called the "canary ballot," upon which shall be printed the names of all candidates for office and all questions and propositions to be submitted that are not required by law to be placed on other ballots, including but not to be restricted to, the candidates for all county elective offices, and the candidates for the district and probate court offices.

**Subd. 2. Form of canary ballot.** The canary ballot shall be prepared under the direction of the county auditor, and the ballot shall be headed, "County and District Ballot."

**Subd. 3. Sample ballots, notice.** Two weeks before the general election the auditor shall file a sample of the white ballot and the canary ballot in his office for public inspection, and two weeks before the general election the auditor shall give one week's published notice of the contents of the official state ballot and the county and district ballot.

[1973 c 3 s 5]

**203.35 Primary ballots**

[For text of subds. 1 to 6, see M.S.1971]

**Subd. 7. Primary party ballot.** The party ballot shall be headed by the words, "Consolidated Primary Election Ballot." Each political party shall have a separate ticket on the consolidated ballot, under which the names of all the candidates of the political party shall be grouped. Each political party ticket shall be headed by the words, "..... Party Ticket," giving the party name. Below the party name shall be printed the words, "You cannot split your ballot. If you vote for candidates of more than one party, your ballot will be rejected." Each party ticket shall be separated by a 12-point solid rule line. On the consolidated ballot the candidates for senator in congress shall be first, candidates for representative in congress shall be second, candidates for senator in the legislature shall be third, and candidates for representative in the legislature shall be fourth. The candidates for state office shall follow the candidates for representative in the legislature.

[1973 c 3 s 6]

[For text of subd. 8, see M.S.1971]

**Subd. 9. Primary nonpartisan ballot, form.** The nonpartisan ballot shall be headed, "Primary Election Ballot Candidates to be Nominated Without Party Designation," and otherwise the same as the party ballot.

[1973 c 3 s 7]

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## 203.41 Judicial office

**Subdivision 1. Notice of election.** Each justice of the supreme court and each district or county court judge is deemed to hold a separate nonpartisan office. When one or more justices of the supreme court or one or more judges in a judicial or county court district are to be nominated at the same primary election or elected at the same general election, the notice of election shall state the name of each justice or judge whose successor is to be nominated or elected.

**Subd. 2. Ballot, form.** The official ballot shall contain the names of all candidates for each judicial office, and it shall state the number of candidates for whom an elector may vote. The official ballot shall designate each office as:

"For the office of associate (or chief justice) of the supreme court to which ..... was elected for the regular term," or "to which  
name of justice  
..... was appointed."  
name of justice

or in the case of the district court:

"for the office of judge of the district court of ..... judicial district  
number  
to which ..... was elected for the regular term," or "to  
name of judge  
which ..... was appointed,"  
name of judge  
or in the case of the county court:

"for the office of judge of the county court of the county or counties of  
..... to which ..... was elected for the reg-  
name of judge  
ular term," or:

"for the office of judge of the county court of the county or counties  
of ..... to which ..... was appointed,"  
name of judge

as the case may be. The ballots for both the primary and general elections shall show the names of the justice or judge whose successor is to be elected at the general election, and in the case of a district court judge, the number of the judicial district, in the spaces provided for that purpose. Where voting machines are used and the statements provided in this section cannot be inserted because of length, the designation shall be:

"Successor to ..... elected (or appointed)."  
name

The office of judge of the district court of Hennepin county, Juvenile Court Division, shall also be designated on the ballot in conformity with section 260.021.

**Subd. 3. Incumbent, designation.** In any case when the chief justice, associate justice, or judge is a candidate to succeed himself, the word, "incumbent" shall be printed after his name where it appears among the names of the candidates for the office.

[1973 c 569 s 4]

## 203.43 Expenses

The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clause (a), the cost of printing the white and pink ballots, and all necessary expenses incurred by the secretary of state in connection with elections, shall be paid by the state out of moneys not otherwise appropriated. The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clauses (b) and (c), the cost of printing the county and district canary ballots, all necessary expenses incurred by auditors in connection with elections, and the expenses of special county elections, shall be paid by the respective counties. The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clauses (d) and (e), the cost of printing the municipal light green ballots, of providing

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ballot boxes and polling places, and equipping the same, and all necessary expenses of the clerks of municipalities on account of elections, except special county elections, shall be paid by the respective towns, villages, or cities where the elections are held. All disbursements hereunder shall be presented, audited, and paid as in the case of other public expenses.

[1973 c 571 s 1]

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Sec.	Repealed.	Sec.	Repealed.
204.07	Marking and reception of ballots (New).	204.077	Registration, voter's certificate.
204.075	Repealed.	204.13	Assistance to voters.
204.076	Town meetings or elections on candidates; local issues; residence of voters.	204.17	Challenges.

**204.07** [Repealed, 1973 c 676 s 33]

**204.073 Marking and reception of ballots**

Satisfied with the voter's qualifications, the election judge shall mark the duplicate registration card accordingly, and other judges shall have charge of and receive from each voter the ballots.

[1973 c 676 s 24]

**204.075** [Repealed, 1973 c 676 s 33]

**204.076 Town meetings or elections on candidates; local issues; residence of voters**

The voters at a town meeting or the voters at an election on candidates who will serve, or on issues which will relate to only one precinct may be limited to voters who have resided within the precinct for 30 days.

[1973 c 676 s 25]

**204.077** [Repealed, 1973 c 676 s 33]

**204.08 Registration, voter's certificate**

**Subdivision 1. Form of certificate.** Wherever voters are registered under a permanent registration system before any person desiring to vote receives the ballots from the judges, a certificate containing the following information shall be signed by the applicant:

I hereby certify that I am permanently registered in accordance with the Minnesota Election Law and am voting only in this precinct.

(Signature of Voter)

.....  
(Address)

.....  
(Approved)

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Judge of Election

[1973 c 676 s 26]

[For text of subd. 2, see M.S.1971]

Subd. 3 [Repealed, 1973 c 676 s 33]

**204.13 Assistance to voters**

[For text of subd. 1, see M.S.1971]

**Subd. 2. Disabled voter, assistance.** Two judges, who are not members of the same political party, shall likewise assist a voter who is at the entry of