

CHAPTER 204D

PARTICULAR ELECTIONS

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204D.04 BALLOT PREPARATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 2. **Instructions to printer; printer's bond.** The official charged with the preparation and distribution of the ballots shall prepare instructions to the printer for rotation of the names of candidates, for layout of the ballot and for providing the ballots in groups of 50. The instructions shall be approved by the legal advisor of the official before delivery to the printer. Before a contract is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall furnish a sufficient bond in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. If the cost of the ballots exceeds \$1,000 the official responsible for printing the ballots shall set the amount of the bond in an amount no greater than the value of the purchase.

History: 1987 c 175 s 11

204D.08 STATE PRIMARY BALLOTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 4. **State partisan primary ballot; party columns.** The state partisan primary ballot shall be headed by the words "State Partisan Primary Ballot." The ballot shall be printed on white paper. The ballot must be designed to include a form of party indicator by which the voter may choose the party in whose primary the voter intends to vote. Each major political party shall have a separate column on the ballot, which column shall be headed by the words "..... Party," giving the party name. Below the party name the following statement shall be printed.

"Do not vote for candidates of more than one party."

The names of the candidates seeking the nomination of each major political party shall be listed in that party's column. If only one individual files an affidavit of candidacy seeking the nomination of a major political party for an office, the name of that individual shall be placed on the state partisan primary ballot at the appropriate location in that party's column.

In each column, the candidates for senator in congress shall be listed first, candidates for representative in congress second, candidates for state senator third, candidates for state representative fourth and then candidates for state office in the order specified by the secretary of state.

The party columns shall be substantially the same in width, type and appearance. The columns shall be separated by a 12 point solid line.

[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 222 s 3

204D.11 STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; CANDIDATES; OFFICIAL IN CHARGE; RULES; REIMBURSEMENT.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 6. **Gray ballot.** When the canary ballot would be longer than 30 inches, the

following offices that should be placed on the canary ballot may be placed instead on a separate gray ballot:

- (a) all county or municipal judicial offices; or
- (b) all county or municipal judicial offices, and all district judicial offices.

All soil and water conservation district supervisor offices may be placed on the gray ballot.

The gray ballot must be headed with the words: "District Nonpartisan General Election Ballot." Separate ballot boxes must be provided for these gray ballots.

History: 1987 c 175 s 12