

CHAPTER 201

REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

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201.061 REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 3. Election day registration. An individual who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration card, making an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence. An individual may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

(1) showing a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07;

(2) showing any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;

(3) showing one of the following:

(i) a current valid student identification card from a post-secondary educational institution in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section 135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary of state; or

(ii) a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card; or

(4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other individual on that election day.

A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration card.

[For text of subds 4 to 7, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 227 s 4

201.091 REGISTERED VOTER LISTS; REPORTS; REGISTRATION PLACES.

Subdivision 1. Master list. Each county auditor shall prepare and maintain a current list of registered voters in each precinct in the county which is known as the master list. The master list must be created by entering each completed voter registration card received by the county auditor into the statewide registration system. It must show the name, residence address, and date of birth of each voter registered in the precinct. The information contained in the master list may only be made available to public officials for purposes related to election administration, jury selection, and in response to a law enforcement inquiry concerning a violation of or failure to comply with any criminal statute or state or local tax statute.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 4. Public information lists. The county auditor shall make available for inspection a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth, and voting history of each registered voter in the county. The telephone number must be included on the list if provided by the voter. The public information list may

also include information on voting districts. The county auditor may adopt reasonable rules governing access to the list. No individual inspecting the public information list shall tamper with or alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information list or who acquires a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may use any information contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement. The secretary of state may provide copies of the public information lists and other information from the statewide registration system for uses related to elections, political activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a public official concerning a failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local tax statute.

Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement. Requests to examine or obtain information from the public information lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state.

Upon receipt of a written request and a copy of the court order, the secretary of state may withhold from the public information list the name of any registered voter placed under court-ordered protection.

[For text of subds 5 and 8, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 227 s 5,6; 1991 c 349 s 28

201.13 VOTER REGISTRATION CARD REMOVAL.

Subdivision 1. Commissioner of health, reports of deceased residents. The commissioner of health shall report monthly to the secretary of state the name, address, date of birth, and county of residence of each individual 18 years of age or older who has died while maintaining residence in Minnesota since the last previous report. The secretary of state shall determine if any of the persons listed in the report are registered to vote and shall prepare a list of those registrants for each county auditor. The county auditor shall change the status of those registrants to "deceased" in the statewide registration system. Upon receipt of the list, the county auditor shall remove from the files the registration cards of the voters reported to be deceased and make the appropriate changes in the statewide registration system.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 227 s 7

201.1611 POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION VOTER REGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. Forms. All post-secondary institutions that enroll students accepting state or federal financial aid shall provide voter registration forms to each student upon payment of tuition, fees, and activities funds at the commencement of fall quarter. The forms must contain spaces for the information required in section 201.071, subdivision 1, and applicable rules of the secretary of state. The institutions may request these forms from the secretary of state.

Subd. 2. Student voter registration. Upon registration or receipt of payment of fees, students must be asked if they want to register to vote at the same time. A copy of each completed voter registration form must be sent to the county auditor of the county in which the voter maintains residence or to the secretary of state as soon as possible. All completed voter registration forms must be forwarded to the county auditor within five days and in no case later than 21 days before the general election.

History: 1991 c 227 s 8