

CHAPTER 201

REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

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201.071 REGISTRATION CARDS.

Subdivision 1. **Form.** A registration card must be of suitable size and weight for mailing and contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name, middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence; voter's telephone number; date of registration; and voter's signature. The card must also contain the following certification: I certify that I will be at least 18 years old on election day and am a citizen of the United States, that I reside at the address shown and will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day, and that I am not under guardianship of the person, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and have not been convicted of a felony without having my civil rights restored. I understand that giving false information to procure a registration is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

The form of the voter registration card must be as provided in the rules of the secretary of state.

[For text of subds 2 to 8, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 223 s 1

201.081 REGISTRATION FILES.

The statewide registration system is the official record of registered voters. The voter registration cards and the terminal providing access to the statewide registration system must be under the control of the county auditor or the public official to whom the county auditor has delegated the responsibility for maintaining voter registration records. The voter registration cards and terminals providing access to the statewide registration system must not be removed from the control of the county auditor except as provided in this subdivision. The county auditor may make photographic copies of voter registration cards in the manner provided by section 138.17.

History: 1993 c 223 s 2

201.11 PRECINCT BOUNDARIES CHANGED, CHANGE OF FILES.

When the boundaries of a precinct are changed, the county auditor shall immediately update the voter records for that precinct in the statewide registration system to accurately reflect those changes.

History: 1993 c 223 s 3

201.13 REPORT OF DECEASED VOTERS; CHANGES TO VOTER RECORDS.

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. Within 60 days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor shall change

the status of those registrants to "deceased" in the statewide registration system and remove from the files the registration cards of the voters reported to be deceased.

Subd. 2. Voter registration card removal for deceased nonresidents. The county auditor may remove from the files the voter registration cards of voters who have died outside of the county, after receiving notice of death. Notice must be in the form of a printed obituary or a written statement signed by a registered voter of the county. The county auditor shall also make the appropriate changes in the data base of the statewide registration system when voter registration cards are removed from the files.

Subd. 3. Use of change of address system. The county auditor may delete the records in the statewide registration system of voters whose change of address can be confirmed by the United States Postal Service. The secretary of state may provide the county auditors with periodic reports on voters whose change of address can be confirmed by the United States Postal Service.

History: 1993 c 101 s 1; 1993 c 223 s 4,5

NOTE: Subdivision 2 was also amended by Laws 1993, chapter 101, section 1, to read as follows:

"Subd. 2. **Voter registration record changes for deceased nonresidents.** Within 60 days after receiving notice of death of a voter who has died outside the county, the county auditor shall change the voter's status to "deceased" and remove from the files the voter's registration cards. Notice must be in the form of a printed obituary or a written statement signed by a registered voter of the county."

201.15 PROBATE JUDGE, REPORT GUARDIANSHIPS AND COMMITMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Guardianships, incompetents and psychopaths. The probate judge in each county shall report monthly to the county auditor the name and address of each individual 18 years of age or over, who maintains residence in that county and who, during the month preceding the date of the report:

- (a) was placed under a guardianship of the person;
- (b) adjudged legally incompetent by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, or inebriation; or
- (c) was adjudged a psychopathic personality.

The judge shall also report the same information for each individual transferred to the jurisdiction of the court who meets a condition specified in clause (a), (b) or (c). Upon receipt of the report, the county auditor shall determine whether any individual named in the report is registered to vote. The county auditor shall change the status on the record in the statewide registration system of any individual named in the report to indicate that the individual is not eligible to reregister or vote.

Subd. 2. Restoration to capacity. The probate judge in each county shall report monthly to the county auditor the name and address of each individual transferred from guardianship to conservatorship or who is restored to capacity by the court after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 1. Upon notice from the judge of probate of a restoration to capacity, or of a transfer from guardianship to conservatorship, the county auditor shall change the status on the voter's record in the statewide registration system to "active."

History: 1993 c 223 s 6