

## CHAPTER 204D

### PARTICULAR ELECTIONS

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#### 204D.08 STATE PRIMARY BALLOTS.

*[For text of subsds 1 and 2, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 3. **Rotation of names.** On state primary ballots the name of each candidate for nomination to a partisan or nonpartisan office shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for nomination to that office so that the name of each candidate appears substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and at each intermediate place in that group of candidates. If the number of candidates for an office is equal to or less than the number to be elected, no rotation of candidate names is required and the official preparing the ballot shall determine the position of the candidates by lot.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 5. **Party columns; arrangement.** The names of candidates for nomination of the major political party that received the smallest average vote at the last state general election must be placed in the first column on the left side of the ballot. The names of candidates for nomination of the major political party that received the next smallest average vote at the last state general election must be placed in the second column, and so on. The average vote shall be computed in the manner provided in section 204D.13, subdivision 2.

*[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1998]*

**History:** 1999 c 132 s 25,26

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

*[For text of subsds 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 4. **Special federal white ballot.** The names of all candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States and senator and representative in Congress shall be placed on a ballot printed on white paper which shall be known as the "special federal white ballot." This ballot shall be prepared by the county auditor in the same manner as the white ballot and shall be subject to the rules adopted by the secretary of state pursuant to subdivision 1. The special federal white ballot shall be the only ballot sent to citizens of the United States who are eligible to vote by absentee ballot for federal candidates in Minnesota.

*[For text of subsds 5 and 6, see M.S.1998]*

**History:** 1999 c 132 s 27

#### 204D.13 WHITE BALLOT; PARTISAN OFFICES.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 2. **Order of political parties.** The first name printed for each partisan office on the white ballot shall be that of the candidate of the major political party that received the smallest average number of votes at the last state general election. The succeeding names shall be those of the candidates of the other major political parties that received a succeeding higher average number of votes respectively. For the purposes of this subdivision, the average number of votes of a major political party shall be computed by dividing the total num-

ber of votes counted for all of the party's candidates for statewide office at the state general election by the number of those candidates at the election.

Subd. 3. **Nominees by petition; placement on ballot.** The names of candidates nominated by petition for a partisan office voted on at the state general election shall be placed on the white ballot after the names of the candidates for that office who were nominated at the state primary. Prior to the state primary, the secretary of state shall determine by lot the order of candidates nominated by petition. The drawing of lots must be by political party or principle. The political party or political principle of the candidate as stated on the petition shall be placed after the name of a candidate nominated by petition. The word "nonpartisan" shall not be used to designate any partisan candidate whose name is placed on the white ballot by nominating petition.

**History:** 1999 c 132 s 28,29

#### 204D.14 CANARY BALLOTS; NONPARTISAN OFFICES.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1999 c 132 s 46]

#### 204D.19 SPECIAL ELECTIONS; WHEN HELD.

*[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1998]*

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1999 c 132 s 46]