203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.

Subdivision 1. **State general elections.** Prior to a state general election, the county auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open:

(1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election;

(2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election;

(3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and

(4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

A polling place designated under section 203B.081, subdivision 4, may be open alternate days and hours.

Subd. 2. **Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open for voting as authorized under section 203B.081 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the town, must be open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town general election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county auditor's election duties, need not comply with this section.

Subd. 3. **Voters in line.** All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision 2.

History: *1983 c 303 s 4; 1991 c 265 art 9 s 61; 1999 c 132 s 13; 2000 c 467 s 8; 2004 c 293 art 2 s 13; 2023 c 62 art 4 s 50*