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8200.3900 PROCESSING OF NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT APPLICATIONS.

All county auditors shall accept voter registration applications on forms prescribed by the Federal Election Commission as provided by the National Voter Registration Act if the application is from a person eligible to vote in Minnesota, and includes the registrant's name, address in Minnesota, previous address (if any), date of birth, registrant's signature, and the date of registration. The application must be processed and stored by the county auditor in the same manner as a Minnesota voter registration card.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.022; 201.221, 203B.09, 204B.14, 204B.45, 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8200.9115 FORM OF POLLING PLACE ROSTERS.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see MR]

Subp 3 **Production of rosters.** The Secretary of State shall identify and develop methods of producing polling place rosters. The Secretary of State shall provide polling place rosters for each election in the state. The roster may be provided to the county auditor on paper or computer tape or other electronic medium.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022, 201 221, 203B 09, 204B 14, 204B 45, 204C 361; 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8200.9305 ADMINISTRATION OF STATEWIDE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

The Secretary of State shall develop and operate a centralized database of all registered voters in the state of Minnesota. The database must be available to each county in the state through a statewide registration system provided by the Secretary of State. The registration system must allow the county auditors to add, change, and delete information from the system in order to maintain an accurate database of registrants. The system must provide all county auditors and the Secretary of State with a method to view and search registration information.

A county auditor must use the statewide registration system to execute the duties of chief registrar of voters and chief custodian of registration records in the auditor's county.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022; 201 221; 203B 09; 204B 14, 204B 45, 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8200.9310 PROCESSING OF COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS.

A completed voter registration card may be returned to any state agency or county auditor. The Secretary of State shall provide training to state agencies on the proper forwarding of completed voter registration cards. Completed registration cards received by the Secretary of State must be forwarded to the appropriate county auditor for entry into the statewide registration system. With the approval of the appropriate county auditor, the Secretary of State shall enter the registration cards into the statewide registration system for that county.

The Secretary of State may electronically transmit the information on the voter registration cards to the appropriate county auditor. The county auditor shall promptly enter the information into the statewide registration system. The original registration cards submitted to the Secretary of State must be maintained either by the Secretary of State or by the appropriate county auditor. Voter registration cards must be stored in either paper, microfilm, or electronic format.

The Secretary of State shall have full access to all functions of the statewide registration system and may, with the authorization of the county, add, change, or delete registration records or other information in the system.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022, 201 221, 203B 09; 204B 14, 204B 45, 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8200.9315 PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING DATA INTO STATEWIDE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

When entering information from a voter registration card into the statewide registration system, the Secretary of State or county auditor shall

A conduct a statewide search of the registration database to determine if the registrant has previously registered in Minnesota,

B assign the registrant to the proper voting precinct for the address provided on the registration card,

C determine all election districts in which the registrant will be eligible to vote,

D notify the appropriate county auditor if the registrant has moved from another county in the state in which the registrant was previously registered,

E assign the registration record a unique identification number, and date the record as to when the registration was entered into the registration database,

F maintain a record of voting history of the registrant for at least the previous six calendar years and a record of previous registrations and changes to voter status in the state for at least two years, and

G provide information on prior registrations in other states. At periodic intervals, the Secretary of State shall notify the chief election officials of other states of individuals who have registered to vote in Minnesota and who indicated a prior registration in their state.

The Secretary of State shall establish a precinct finder that must be maintained by each county auditor. The precinct finder must identify the voting precinct that will be assigned to the registrant. For the purposes of redistricting, the Secretary of State shall include geographical data from the United States Census Bureau in the precinct finder.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022, 201 221, 203B 09, 204B 14, 204B 45; 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8200.9320 INTERACTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the commissioner of public safety, shall develop a single unified application for use by the Department of Public Safety to permit eligible voters who have indicated they wish to register to vote to simultaneously register to vote and apply for a driver's license or state identification card. The Secretary of State and the commissioner of public safety may access a common database of information entered from this application.

The information from the unified application for voter registration and a driver's license or state identification card must be transferred electronically from the commissioner of public safety to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall make available to each county auditor the data necessary to add or update a voter record on the statewide registration system. The county auditor shall process the data in the manner provided in part 8200 9315.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022, 201 221; 203B 09, 204B 14, 204B.45, 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

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8200.9325 SECURITY FOR STATEWIDE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

All authorized users of the statewide registration system must be identified uniquely in the manner provided by the Secretary of State. No access to the statewide registration system will be allowed to any person not identified as an authorized user of the system.

To ensure that information obtained from the statewide registration system is being used in the manner provided by law, the Secretary of State shall insert verification records into the statewide registration system. The verification records must not be included on any master list or polling place roster. If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that information obtained from the statewide registration system was used in a manner inconsistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 201.091, a report must be immediately transmitted to the appropriate county attorney.

Statutory Authority: MS s 201.022, 201.221, 203B.09, 204B.14, 204B.45, 204C.361, 204D.11

History: 19 SR 593

8200.9953 REQUEST FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION LISTS, SPECIFIED BY PART 8200.6100.

To the Auditor of _____ County
County Courthouse
_____ (County Seat), Minnesota

I hereby request copies of the lists of registered voters for the following precincts

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

My name is _____
I reside at _____ (Street address)
_____ (City or Township)

I certify that I am a registered voter in Minnesota. I am aware that using the public information lists of voters for purposes not related to elections, political activities, or law enforcement is a violation of the law. I am also aware that any individual who subsequently acquires the public list of registered voters from me may only use that information for the purposes listed above. Any individual who acquires the public information lists of registered voters from me must first certify to the Secretary of State that the information in those lists will only be used for the purposes allowed in Minnesota election law.

(Date)

(Signature)

Statutory Authority: MS s 201.022, 201.221, 203B.09, 204B.14, 204B.45, 204C.361, 204D.11

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