

# CHAPTER 8220 SECRETARY OF STATE VOTING MACHINES

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**8220.1150 TEST BALLOTS.**

All test ballots must be marked "TEST."

Ballots must be prepared having votes in excess of the number allowed by law for each office and proposal appearing on the ballot.

For district offices in which the number of candidates appearing on the ballot for that office varies by district, test ballots must be prepared with the number of votes allowed by law for that office in that district and also must include votes in positions which are assigned to that office for which no candidate's name appears in those positions for that district.

In partisan primary elections test ballots must be prepared to check the program for splitting tickets. Test ballots must be prepared with votes appearing in the same ballot for candidates of opposite political parties, nonpartisan candidates, and proposals. At least one ballot must be prepared with votes for one party and including votes for a nonpartisan office in excess of the number permitted by law.

Test ballots must be prepared in which votes appear in positions other than those used for candidates or proposals. In preparing the test deck or ballot image a number of the ballots must be voted to include valid votes in the partisan, nonpartisan, and proposal sections of the ballot.

Blank ballots in which no positions have been voted must be included in the test deck or ballot image.

At least one test ballot must be prepared with votes in all positions where there is a candidate or measure on the ballot.

A duplicate of the test deck must be prepared to be used with the duplicate or backup computer program.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 201.022; 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204B.25; 204B.45; 204C.361; 204D.11; 206.57; 207A.09*

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**8220.1650 ADDITIONAL TEST DECKS.**

Upon request the secretary of state must be provided a test deck for any state, county, municipal, or school district election computer program, in which case a test deck of at least 50 blank ballots must be delivered to the secretary of state with directions for its use. The state chair of a major political party or designee may obtain a test deck for use at the public accuracy test. The secretary of state may request a test deck from a jurisdiction no later than 15 days prior to the election. The use of test decks provided by the secretary of state or a major political party does not substitute for the requirement for an election jurisdiction to prepare and use a test deck in accordance with parts 8220.1050 and 8220.1150.

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