

CHAPTER 8230
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POLLING PLACES AND COUNTING CENTERS

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8230.0250 ARRANGEMENT OF VOTING DEVICES.

Precincts using punch card or optical scan voting systems may provide voting booths or self-contained stations for use by voters in casting their ballots. The booths or stations must be equipped with lights or arranged so that adequate lighting is available for voters to be able to see and mark the ballots. The booths or stations must be arranged so the secrecy of the ballot is not violated. If a voter claims that the arrangement of the booths or stations does not afford the opportunity to vote in secrecy, the judges shall rearrange the device or booth to provide for increased secrecy.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 206.57; 206.84*

History: *20 SR 2787*

8230.2250 DELIVERY OF TRANSFER CASE.

Subpart 1. **Seal and certificate.** The transfer case must be sealed with a seal so that it is impossible to open the case or insert or remove ballots without breaking the seal. Attached to the transfer case by the seal must be a certificate signed by the judges indicating its content, the precinct name, and the number of the seal used to seal the case. The seal number must also be recorded in the certificate of the election judges. The transfer case certificate must be in a clear plastic envelope and affixed to the case by the seal.

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

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History: *20 SR 2787*

8230.3250 ABSENTEE VOTING, ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. **Demonstrator.** A demonstrator voting device must be available to absentee voters and instructions for casting a ballot on an electronic voting system must be offered to each absentee voter by the municipal clerk or an election judge.

[For text of subps 5 to 10, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 206.57*

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8230.4350 OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEMS.

[For text of subps 1 to 6, see M.R.]

Subp. 7. **Ballots at counting center.** The vote totals for central count optical scan systems may be certified by either the election judges who served in the precinct or a set of election judges specifically appointed to serve at the counting center. When the polling place closes, the appropriate election judges shall complete the steps in items A to I.

A. At the polling place, count the number of ballots in the ballot box and either identify ballots that will need to be remade at the counting center, or process ballots requiring duplication prior to transporting them to the counting center.

B. Seal the ballots inside the transfer case.

C. Complete the parts of the summary statement indicating the number of ballots in the transfer case and the seal number.

D. Transport the transfer case to the counting center, or to a collection point for transportation to the counting center, by two election judges of different political parties.

E. At the counting center, compare the transfer case seal and the seal number on the summary statement. If the vote totals are to be certified by the election judges at the counting

center, all further processing of the ballots and certification of the returns is done by the counting center judges.

F. Remove ballots from the transfer case and read into the ballot counter.

G. Process ballots requiring duplication or manual counting, as needed.

H. Reseal counted ballots in the transfer case and record the seal number on the summary statement.

I. Sign certification of vote totals on the summary statement as recorded by the ballot counter.

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