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**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
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**8250.0350 FORM OF STATE PRIMARY BALLOT.**

The state partisan primary paper ballot must be prepared in the same manner as the white ballot, except as provided in this part. Ballot preparation for the state partisan primary ballot used with optical scan voting systems must conform to this part as much as practicable. The columns containing the names of candidates must be 5-1/4 inches wide. If fewer than three major political parties appear on the ballot, the center column containing instructions must be three inches wide.

The statements required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.08, subdivision 4, must be printed in upper case in as large as practicable but not smaller than 10-point type. Directly above the statement preceding the party names the words "INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS" must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but not smaller than 12-point type.

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

**History:** *17 SR 8*

**8250.0360 FORM OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOTS.**

**Subpart 1. General form.** The presidential primary ballot must be prepared in the same manner as the white ballot, except as provided in this part. Ballot pages and ballot cards for electronic voting systems must be prepared in the manner provided for paper ballots to the extent practicable.

**Subp. 2. Ballot heading.** The words "PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT" must be printed at the top of the ballot. Directly underneath this heading, the words "..... PARTY" must be printed, giving the appropriate party name.

**Subp. 3. Instruction to voters.** The following instruction must be printed directly below the paper ballot heading: "Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of the candidate you wish to vote for or next to the words 'UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES.'" A small arrow pointing downward must be printed to the left of this instruction, directly above the column in which a voter's marks are to be made.

**Subp. 4. Office title.** The title "PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES" must be printed in upper case and bold face directly above the names of the candidates. The instruction "VOTE FOR ONE" must be printed below the office title.

**Subp. 5. Order of candidates.** The secretary of state or the county auditor shall prepare a separate ballot for each major political party containing the names of the candidates of each party certified by the secretary of state. The names of the candidates must be rotated in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.08, subdivision 3. In the first position under the last candidate name, the words "UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES" must be printed. In the second position under the last candidate name, a blank line must be printed to allow a voter to write in the name of an individual whose name is not listed on the ballot.

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**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 201.022; 201.091; 201.221, 203B.08; 203B.09; 204B.25; 204B.45; 204C.361; 204D.11; 206.57; 207A.09*

**History:** *15 SR 2308; 17 SR 8*

## 8250.1400 EXAMPLE BALLOT.

At least 42 days before the presidential primary, state primary, and state general election, the secretary of state shall supply each auditor with a copy of an example ballot. The example ballot must illustrate the format required for the presidential primary, state primary, and state general election ballots. The presidential primary, state primary, and state general election ballots must conform in all respects to the example ballot.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 201.091; 201.221; 207A.09*

**History:** *15 SR 2308*

## 8250.1550 REIMBURSEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT COSTS.

The secretary of state shall reimburse each county using lever voting machines or electronic voting systems for the preparation of ballot cards, ballot labels, and ballot pages for the presidential primary election, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 207A.07, from the money appropriated by the legislature for this purpose. The county auditor shall submit a request for payment of ballot costs to the secretary of state no later than 30 days after the presidential primary. The request for payment must be accompanied by an itemized description of actual county expenditures, including copies of invoices. In addition, the county auditor must certify that the request for reimbursement is based on actual ballot costs incurred by the county in the presidential primary and that the ballots were prepared in the manner provided by law. The secretary of state shall complete issuance of reimbursements to the counties no later than 60 days after the presidential primary.

If the total amount of requests for reimbursement of ballot costs from all counties exceeds the total amount appropriated by the legislature for this purpose, the secretary of state shall apportion the reimbursements to the counties on the basis of the number of persons in each county registered to vote at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the presidential primary as a fraction of the total number of persons registered to vote in the state at that time.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 201.091; 201.221; 207A.09*

**History:** *15 SR 2308*