

CHAPTER 8250
SECRETARY OF STATE
WHITE BALLOTS

8250 0365 FORM OF PINK BALLOT
8250 0370 FORM OF CANARY BALLOT

8250 0375 FORM OF GRAY BALLOT

8250.0365 FORM OF PINK BALLOT.

Subpart 1 **General form.** The ballot for constitutional amendments 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 "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT" must be printed at the top of the ballot. Directly below the heading will be a bold dividing line running the width of the ballot. The following statement shall be beneath the dividing line and printed in upper and lower case "Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment, will have the same effect as voting no for the amendment." A bold dividing line running the width of the ballot shall be immediately below the statement.

Subp 3 **Instructions to voters.** The following instructions must be printed directly below the statement required in subpart 2 "To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, put an (X) in the square before the word "YES" at the left of the proposition. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, put an (X) in the square before the word "NO." A bold dividing line running the width of the ballot must appear immediately below the instructions.

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

History: *19 SR 593*

8250.0370 FORM OF CANARY BALLOT.

Subpart 1 **General form.** The canary 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 order.** County offices must be listed first on the canary ballot in the following order: county commissioner, county auditor, county treasurer, county recorder, county sheriff, county attorney, county coroner, and county surveyor. Special district offices must follow the last county office. Judicial offices must follow special district offices and appear in the following order: chief justice – supreme court, associate justice – supreme court, judge – court of appeals, and judge – district court. Where judicial seats are designated by number, the offices must be listed in numerical order. Optical scan ballots must be prepared in the order provided in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206. County and judicial offices for which there is only one candidate will appear in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 204D 14.

Subp 3 **Ballot size.** The canary ballot must be 5–1/4 inches wide and no more than 30 inches long.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022, 201.221, 203B.09, 204B 14, 204B 45, 204C 361, 204D 11*

History: *19 SR 593*

8250.0375 FORM OF GRAY BALLOT.

Subpart 1 **General form.** The judicial nonpartisan office ballot must only be used if the canary ballot exceeds 30 inches in length, except in counties using optical scan ballots, when the gray ballot may be prepared at the discretion of the county auditor. The ballot for judicial nonpartisan offices 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.

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Subp 2 **Ballot order.** Offices appearing on the gray ballot must be listed in the order provided by part 8250.0370, subpart 2

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201 022; 201.221, 203B 09, 204B 14, 204B 45, 204C 361, 204D.11*

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