

**CHAPTER 8250**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**WHITE BALLOTS**

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**8250.0370 FORM OF CANARY BALLOT.**

*[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]*

Subp. 2. **Ballot order.** County offices must be listed first on the canary ballot in the following order: commissioner, auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, attorney, surveyor, and coroner. 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.

*[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 204D.11*

**History:** *20 SR 2787*

**8250.1200 TYPE STYLES AND SIZES.**

The words “Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for” must be printed in upper and lower case in 8–point bold type.

The words “STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT” must be printed in upper case in 18–point type.

The office and its identification must be printed in upper case in 10–point bold type.

The words “VOTE FOR ONE” must be printed in upper case in 8–point bold type.

The names of the candidates must be printed in upper case in 8–point bold type.

The party designation or political principle must be printed in upper and lower case 8–point bold type

The words “OFFICIAL BALLOT” on the back of the ballot must be printed in upper case in 18–point bold type, the date in upper case in 8–point type, and the word “Judge” in upper and lower case in 10–point type

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 204D.11*

**History:** *20 SR 2787*

**8250.1500 [Repealed, 20 SR 2787]****8250.1600 APPLICABILITY.**

Parts 8250.1600 to 8250.1800 apply to electronic voting systems, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 206.56, subdivision 8. To the extent possible, parts 8250.0100 to 8250.1400 apply to the use of electronic voting systems, unless otherwise provided.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 206 57*

**History:** *20 SR 2787*

**8250.1800 FORMAT OF BALLOT CARDS FOR OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEMS.**

Subpart 1. **Type sizes.** The type sizes in items A to E must be used in the printing of ballot cards.

A. The titles “FEDERAL OFFICES,” “STATE OFFICES,” and “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS” must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 14–point type

B. The office titles must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type. Immediately under each office title, the instruction "VOTE FOR ONE" or "VOTE FOR ONE TEAM" must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type. The office titles must either be shaded with a screen of ten percent or less, or printed white on black.

C. The candidate names must be printed in upper case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type. The party name must be printed under the candidate name in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type. The name of the candidate must be aligned as close to the vote target as possible.

D. The title of a proposed question must be printed in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type. The body of the question must be printed in upper and lower case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type. The words "YES" and "NO" must be printed to the left of the vote targets in upper case and bold face in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.

E. On each write-in line the words "Write-In If Any" must appear in upper and lower case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 6-point type. The words "Write-In If Any" must be aligned next to the vote target.

*[For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 206.84*

**History:** *20 SR 2787*