

CHAPTER 208

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

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208.03 NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Presidential electors for the several political parties of this state shall be nominated by delegate conventions called and held under the supervision of the respective state central committees of the parties of this state. The names of the persons nominated as presidential electors shall be certified to the secretary of state by the chairperson of the convention for the office of presidential elector on or before primary election day.

History: 1981 c 217 s 1

208.04 PREPARATION OF BALLOTS.

Subdivision 1. When presidential electors are to be voted for, a vote cast for the party candidates for president and vice-president shall be deemed a vote for that party's electors as filed with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall certify the names of all duly nominated presidential and vice-presidential candidates to the county auditors of the counties of the state. Each county auditor, subject to the rules of the secretary of state, shall cause the names of the candidates of each major political party and the candidates nominated by petition to be printed in capital letters, set in type of the same size and style as for candidates on the state white ballot, before the party designation. To the left of, and on the same line with the surnames, near the margin, shall be placed a square or box, in which the voters may indicate their choice by marking an "X".

The form for the presidential ballot and the relative position of the several candidates shall be determined by the rules applicable to other state officers. The state ballot, with the required heading, shall be printed on the same piece of paper and shall be below the presidential ballot with a blank space between one inch in width.

Subd. 2. The rules for preparation and delivery of presidential ballots shall be the same as the rules for white ballots under section 204D.11, subdivision 1. The secretary of state shall reimburse the counties for the cost of the preparation of the presidential ballot.

History: 1981 c 29 art 7 s 23,24

208.05 STATE CANVASSING BOARD.

The state canvassing board at its meeting on the second Tuesday after each general election shall open and canvass the returns made to the secretary of state for presidential electors, prepare a statement of the number of votes cast for the persons receiving votes for these offices, and declare the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes for each office duly elected. When it appears that more than the number of persons to be elected as presidential electors have the highest and an equal number of votes, the secretary of state, in the presence of the board shall decide by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected. The governor shall transmit to each person declared elected a certificate of election, signed by the governor, sealed with the state seal, and countersigned by the secretary of state.

History: 1981 c 217 s 2