

CHAPTER 202A

CAUCUSES, CONVENTIONS, ELECTIONS, CANVASS

202A.14 Precinct caucus.

202A.19 Caucus, school schedule preemption, excusal from employment to attend.

202A.14 PRECINCT CAUCUS.

Subdivision 1. **Time and manner of holding.** At 8:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday in March in every state general election year there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus in the manner provided in sections 202A.14 to 202A.19.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 168 s 1

202A.19 CAUCUS, SCHOOL SCHEDULE PREEMPTION, EXCUSAL FROM EMPLOYMENT TO ATTEND.

Subdivision 1. No school board, county board of commissioners, township board, or city council may conduct a meeting after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus.

Subd. 2. Every employee who is entitled to attend a major political party precinct caucus is entitled, after giving the employer at least ten days written notice, to absent himself from his work for the purpose of attending the caucus during the time for which the caucus is scheduled without penalty or deduction from his salary or wages on account of his absence other than a deduction in salary for the time he absented himself from his employment.

Subd. 3. The University of Minnesota may not schedule an event which will take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus unless permission to do so has been received from the board of regents. No state university may schedule an event which will take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus unless permission to do so has been received from the state university board. No community college may schedule an event which will take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus unless permission to do so has been received from the state board for community colleges.

Subd. 4. No school official may deny the use of a public school building for the holding of a major political party precinct caucus if the school office has received a written request for the use of the school building 30 days or more prior to the date of the caucus.

Subd. 5. No public elementary or secondary school may hold a school sponsored event after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus.

Subd. 6. No state agency, board, commission, department or committee shall conduct a public meeting after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus.

History: 1983 c 168 s 2