

## CHAPTER 204D

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#### **204D.02 OFFICERS CHOSEN AT STATE GENERAL ELECTION; TERMS OF OFFICE.**

Subdivision 1. **Officers.** All elective state and county officers, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, district, county and county municipal courts, state senators and state representatives, and senators and representatives in congress shall be elected at the state general election held in the year before their terms of office expire. Presidential electors shall be chosen at the state general election held in the year before the expiration of a term of a president of the United States.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1982]*

**History:** 1983 c 247 s 88

#### **204D.06 CERTIFICATION OF NAMES BY SECRETARY OF STATE.**

At least 42 days before a state primary, the secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the names of all candidates who have properly filed affidavits of candidacy with the secretary of state and who will be voted for in their respective counties at that primary.

**History:** 1983 c 303 s 16

#### **204D.08 STATE PRIMARY BALLOTS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 6. **State and county nonpartisan primary ballot.** The state and county nonpartisan primary ballot shall be headed "State and County Nonpartisan Primary Ballot." It shall be printed on canary paper. The names of candidates for nomination to the supreme court, court of appeals, district, county and county municipal courts and all county offices shall be placed on this ballot.

No candidate whose name is placed on the state and county nonpartisan primary ballot shall be designated or identified as the candidate of any political party or in any other manner except as expressly provided by law.

**History:** 1983 c 247 s 89

#### **204D.11 STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; CANDIDATES; OFFICIAL IN CHARGE; RULES; REIMBURSEMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **White ballot; rules; reimbursement.** The names of the candidates for all partisan offices voted on at the state general election shall be placed on a single ballot printed on white paper which shall be known as the "white ballot." This ballot shall be prepared by the county auditor subject to the rules of the secretary of state. The state shall contribute to the cost of preparing the white ballot and the envelopes required for the returns of that ballot. The secretary of

state shall adopt rules for preparation and time of delivery of the white ballot and for establishing a basis for distributing to the counties the money appropriated by the state for white ballot costs.

*[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 5. **Ballot headings.** The white, pink and special federal white ballot shall be headed with the words "State General Election Ballot." The canary ballot shall be headed with the words "Ballot of Nonpartisan Candidates."

**History:** 1983 c 216 art 2 s 26; 1983 c 247 s 90; 1983 c 301 s 163; 1983 c 303 s 17,18

NOTE: Subdivision 5 was also amended by Laws 1983, chapter 253, section 19, to read as follows:

"Subd. 5. **Ballot headings.** The white, pink and special federal white ballot shall be headed with the words 'State General Election Ballot.' The canary ballot shall be headed with the words 'County and Judicial District Nonpartisan General Election Ballot.'"

### 204D.13 WHITE BALLOT; PARTISAN OFFICES.

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 3. **Nominees by petition; placement on ballot.** The names of candidates nominated by petition for a partisan office voted on at the state general election shall be placed on the white ballot after the names of the candidates for that office who were nominated at the state primary. Candidates nominated by petition shall be placed on the ballot in the order in which the petitions were filed. The political party or political principle of the candidate as stated on the petition shall be placed after the name of a candidate nominated by petition. The word "nonpartisan" shall not be used to designate any partisan candidate whose name is placed on the white ballot by nominating petition.

**History:** 1983 c 253 s 20

### 204D.14 CANARY BALLOTS; NONPARTISAN OFFICES.

Subdivision 1. **Rotation of names.** The names of candidates for nonpartisan offices on the canary ballot shall be rotated in the manner provided for rotation of names on state partisan primary ballots by section 204D.08, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Uncontested offices.** Nonpartisan offices for which there is only one candidate shall appear after all contested offices on the canary ballot.

**History:** 1983 c 303 s 19

### 204D.15 PINK BALLOT; FORM; DISTRIBUTION; SAMPLE BALLOT.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 2. **Distribution.** The pink ballot shall be provided in groups of 50. At least 25 days before the state general election the secretary of state shall forward to the county auditor of each county sufficient ballots to enable the county auditor to comply with the absentee voting provisions of section 204B.28, subdivision 2. The county auditor shall give a receipt to the secretary of state stating the number of pink ballots and the date when they were received.

*[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1982]*

**History:** 1983 c 303 s 20