

CHAPTER 205

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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205.075 TOWN GENERAL ELECTION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. Alternate date; metropolitan towns. A town located in the metropolitan area as defined by section 473.121 may, by resolution or ordinance, designate the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either the even-numbered or the odd-numbered year as the date of the town general election. Town supervisors elected at a November town general election shall serve four-year terms.

The ordinance or resolution changing the date of the town general election must include a plan to shorten or lengthen the terms of office to provide an orderly transition to the November election schedule.

The ordinance or resolution changing the date of the town general election may be proposed by the town board or by a resolution of the electors adopted at the annual town meeting and is effective upon an affirmative vote of the electors at the next town general election.

History: 1997 c 19 s 1

205.10 MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. Prohibition. No special election shall be held under this section on the second Tuesday in December and no special election authorized under subdivision 1 may be held within 40 days after the state general election.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 147 s 42

205.13 CANDIDATES, FILING.

Subdivision 1. Affidavit of candidacy. An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for an office to be voted for at the municipal general election shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk. Subject to the approval of the county auditor, the town clerk may authorize candidates for township offices to file affidavits of candidacy with the county auditor. The affidavit shall be in substantially the same form as that in section 204B.06, subdivision 1. The municipal clerk shall also accept an application signed by not less than five voters and filed on behalf of an eligible voter in the municipality whom they desire to be a candidate, if service of a copy of the application has been made on the candidate and proof of service is endorsed on the application being filed. Upon receipt of the proper filing fee, the clerk shall place the name of the candidate on the official ballot without partisan designation.

[For text of subs 1a to 6, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 147 s 43

205.17 BALLOTS.

Subdivision 1. Second, third, and fourth class cities; towns. In all statutory and home rule charter cities of the second, third and fourth class, and in all towns, for the municipal general election, the municipal clerk shall have printed on light green paper the official ballot containing the names of all candidates for municipal offices. The ballot shall be printed in

blocks of 50, shall be headed "City or Town Election Ballot," shall state the name of the city or town and the date of the election, and shall conform in other respects to the white ballot used at the state general election. The names shall be arranged on city ballots in the manner provided for the state elections. On town ballots names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged either:

(1) alphabetically according to the candidates' surnames; or

(2) in the manner provided for state elections if the town electors chose at the town's annual meeting to arrange the names in that way for at least two consecutive years.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 6. Form of ballot. The ballots for municipal elections must be prepared by the municipal clerk in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state.

History: 1997 c 18 s 1; 1997 c 147 s 44