

CHAPTER 201

REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

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201.016 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING; VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. **Determination of residence.** An eligible voter may vote only in the precinct in which the voter maintains residence. The residence of a voter shall be determined in accordance with section 200.031.

Subd. 1a. **Violations; penalty.** The county auditor shall mail a violation notice to any voter who the county auditor can determine has voted in a precinct other than the precinct in which the voter maintains residence. The notice must be in the form provided by the secretary of state. The county auditor shall also change the status of the voter in the statewide registration system to "challenged" and the voter shall be required to provide proof of residence to either the county auditor or to the election judges in the voter's precinct before voting in the next election. Any of the forms authorized by section 201.061 for registration at the polling place may be used for this purpose.

A voter who votes in a precinct other than the precinct in which the voter maintains residence after receiving an initial violation notice as provided in this subdivision is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Any subsequent violation is a misdemeanor.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 132 s 3,4

201.054 METHODS OF REGISTERING; PROHIBITIONS; PENALTY.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Prohibitions; penalty.** No individual shall intentionally:

(a) Cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered in any precinct if the individual is not eligible to vote;

(b) Cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered for the purpose of voting in more than one precinct;

(c) Misrepresent the individual's identity when attempting to register to vote; or

(d) Aid, abet, counsel, or procure any other individual to violate this subdivision.

A violation of this subdivision is a felony.

History: 1999 c 132 s 5

201.12 PROPER REGISTRATION; VERIFICATION BY MAIL; CHALLENGES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Challenges.** Upon return of any nonforwardable mailing from an election official, the county auditor or the auditor's staff shall ascertain the name and address of that individual. If the individual is no longer at the address recorded in the statewide registration system, the county auditor shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system. An individual challenged in accordance with this subdivision shall comply with the provisions of section 204C.12, before being allowed to vote. If a notice mailed at least 60 days after the return of the first nonforwardable mailing is also returned by the postal service, the county auditor shall change the registrant's status to "inactive" in the statewide registration system.

History: 1999 c 132 s 6

201.13 REPORT OF DECEASED VOTERS; CHANGES TO VOTER RECORDS.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. **Request for removal of voter record.** If a voter makes a written request for removal of the voter's record, the county auditor shall remove the record of the voter from the statewide registration system.

History: 1999 c 132 s 7