

CHAPTER 205

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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205.13 CANDIDATES, FILING.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 1a. **Filing period.** In municipalities nominating candidates at a municipal primary, an affidavit of candidacy for a city office or town office voted on in November must be filed not more than 70 days nor less than 56 days before the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September preceding the municipal general election. In all other municipalities, an affidavit of candidacy must be filed not more than 70 days and not less than 56 days before the municipal general election.

[For text of subds 1b to 6, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 18 s 35

205.17 BALLOTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 6, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 7. **Example ballot.** No later than 30 days before absentee ballots must be prepared and delivered under section 204B.35 for use in a town general election conducted in March, the secretary of state shall supply each town clerk in a town conducting a March general election with a copy of an example ballot. The example ballot must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the general election that year.

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 18 s 36

205.185 PROCEDURE.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** (a) Within seven days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any election or the governing body of a town conducting the general election in November shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election. The governing body of a town conducting the general election in March shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election within two days after an election.

(b) After the time for contesting elections has passed, the municipal clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. In case of a contest, the certificate shall not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court.

(c) In case of a tie vote, the governing body shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall certify the results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots and the returns of the election.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 18 s 37