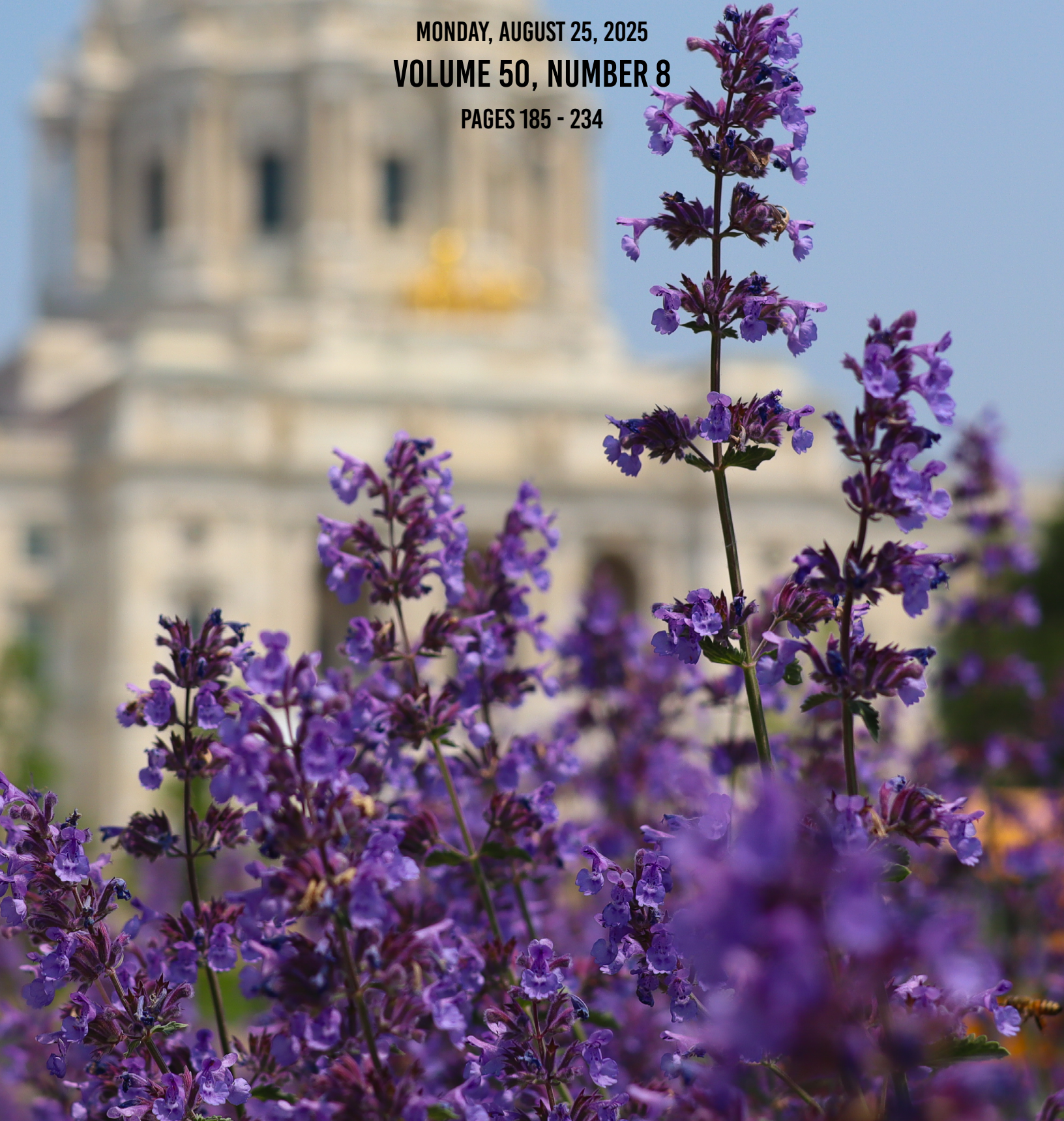


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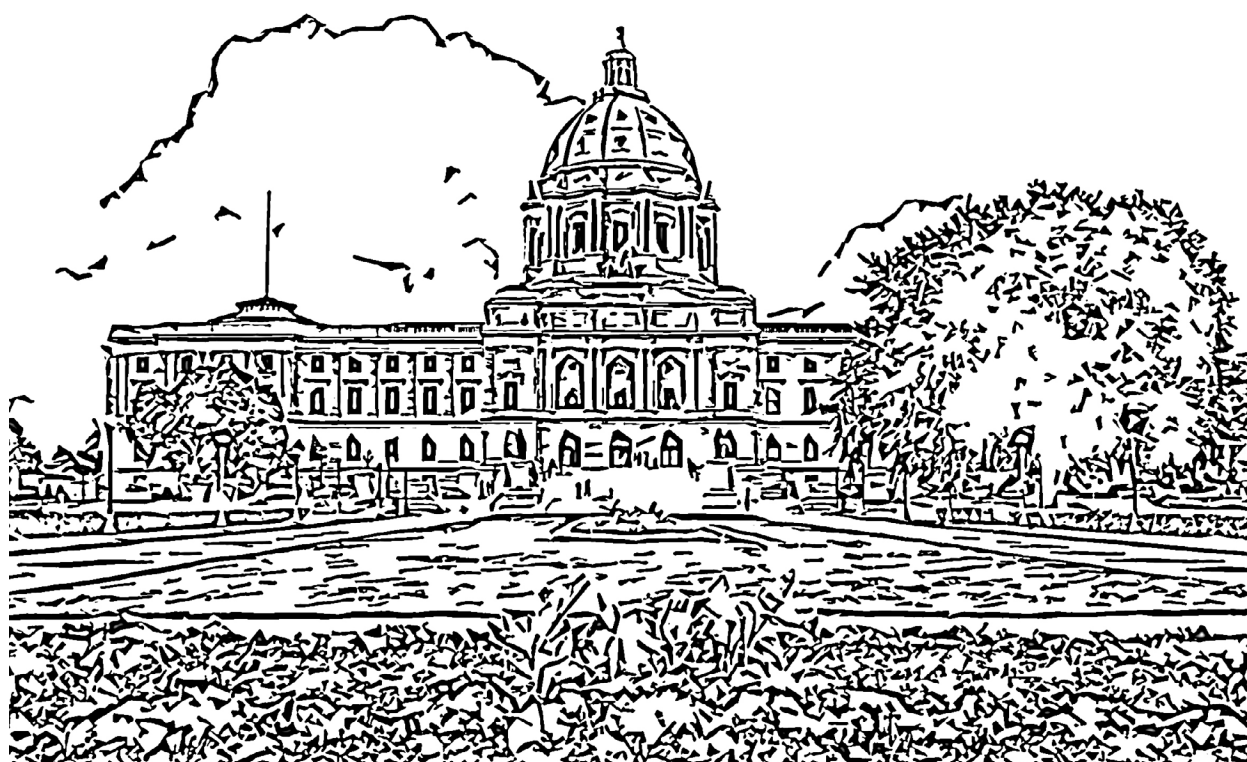
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An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

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**Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing.** After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

**Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing.** Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.1414.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

**KEY: Proposed Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated “all new material.” **Adopted Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

## Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

### Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Election Administration; DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received

**Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Elections Administration; Revisor’s ID Number R-4824; CAH Docket No. 8-9019-39440; Minnesota Rules Chapter 8200-8250**

**Introduction.** The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Court of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. You may submit written comments and/or a written request that a hearing be held on the proposed rules until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025**.

**Hearing.** If 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025**, the agency will hold a virtual public hearing on **Friday, October 10, 2025 at 12:00 pm**. You can participate in the virtual hearing, which will be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge from the Court of Administrative Hearings, via WebEx by using this link along with the associated access code and password:

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For a video and audio connection, join the hearing through an internet connection:

- Web link: **Webex Meeting Link**
- Meeting Number (access code): 2497 428 6333
- Password: i7nWuZXmc55

For audio-only connection, join the virtual hearing by telephone:

- Call: 1-415-655-0003 (this is not a toll-free number)
- Access code: 2497 428 6333
- Password: i7nWuZXmc55

To find out whether the agency will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearing, you should contact the agency contact person or check the agency website at [https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-the-office/rulemaking-data-practice/rulemaking/ after September 26, 2025 and before October 10, 2025](https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-the-office/rulemaking-data-practice/rulemaking/after%20September%2026%2C%202025%20and%20before%20October%2010%2C%202025).

**Subject of Rules.** The proposed rules are related to election administration. In particular, the proposed rules modify language related to voter registration; ballot formatting and instructions; absentee ballot administration; ballot safeguard procedures; mail balloting procedures; testing of voting systems; and election official training. The majority of the proposed changes are technical or clarifying in nature or are to conform to the rules with Minnesota Statutes. The Office also proposes to eliminate rules that are duplicative of, or inconsistent with, changes made to Minnesota Statutes.

**Statutory Authority.** The statutory authority to adopt these rules is Minnesota Statutes sections 201.121, subd. 3, 201.022, subd. 2, 201.061, subd. 3, 201.071, subd. 4, 201.091, subd. 4, 201.221, subd. 1, 201.221, subd. 2, 201.221, subd. 3, 203B.04, subd. 5(c), 203B.08, subd. 4, 203B.09, 203B.125, 204B.071(a), 204B.14, subdivision 4, 204B.25, subd. 2, 204B.45, subd. 3, 204D.08, subd. 1, 204D.11, subd. 1, 205.17, subd. 6, 205A.08, subd. 5, 206.57, subd. 1, 206.61, subd. 5, 206.81, 206.82, subd. 1, 206.84, subd. 3, and 207A.11(c).

**Publication of proposed rules.** A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed. The proposed rules may be viewed at: <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-the-office/rulemaking-data-practice/elections-rulemaking-2023-24/>

**Statement of Need and Reasonableness.** The statement of need and reasonableness (SONAR) contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules, and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR may also be viewed at: <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-the-office/rulemaking-data-practice/elections-rulemaking-2023-24/>

**Agency Contact Person.** The agency contact person is Justin R. Erickson at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, 20 W 12th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6895, [justin.erickson@state.mn.us](mailto:justin.erickson@state.mn.us). You may contact the agency contact person with questions about the rules.

**Public Comment.** You have until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025**, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules.

Your comment must be in writing and received by the due date. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change you propose. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must be made during this comment period. All evidence that you present should relate to the proposed rules. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate. All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review.

Submit written comments via the **Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website** (<https://mn.gov/oah/forms-and-filing/ecomments/>), by U.S. Mail delivered to the Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, or by fax 651-539-0310.



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All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review on the eComments website.

**Request for a Hearing.** In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the agency hold a public hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025**. You must include your name and address in your written request for hearing. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing.

**Withdrawal of Requests.** If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the agency will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to bring about the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If the agency is required to hold a public hearing, it will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

**Cancellation of Hearing.** The agency will cancel the hearing scheduled for October 10, 2025, if the agency does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-201-6895 after September 26, 2025, to find out whether the hearing will be held. On the scheduled day, you may check for whether the hearing will be held by going online at <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-the-office/rulemaking-data-practice/elections-rulemaking-2023-24/>

**Notice of Hearing.** If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the agency will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold the hearing on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until 4:00 pm or until all interested persons have been heard, whichever occurs first. Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Lipman can be reached by contacting William Moore, Rules Coordinator, Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone 651-361-7893, and [william.t.moore@state.mn.us](mailto:william.t.moore@state.mn.us).

**Hearing Procedure.** If the agency holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules.

You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge may order this five-day comment period extended for a longer period but for no more than 20 calendar days.

After the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period.

The Court of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the ***Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website*** (<https://mn.gov/oah/forms-and-filing/ecomments/>) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. If using the eComments website is not possible, you may submit post-hearing comments in person or via United States mail addressed to Judge Lipman at the address listed above. All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review on the eComments website.

This rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge, through William Moore, the CAH Rules Coordinator listed above.

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**Modifications.** The agency may modify the proposed rules either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted during the public comment and rule hearing process. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the agency follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency will publish a notice of adoption in the *State Register*. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency must publish a copy of the changes in the *State Register*.

**Adoption Procedure if No Hearing.** If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The agency will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

**Adoption Procedure after a Hearing.** If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State, or register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

**Lobbyist Registration.** *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions about this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

**Alternative Format/Accommodation.** Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

**Order.** I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

August 22, 2025

Steve Simon  
Secretary of State

## 8200.3000 REGISTRATION IN WRONG COUNTY.

A county auditor must accept a voter registration application delivered to the county auditor, even if the voter registration application includes a residential address outside of the county. When a county auditor receives a voter registration application ~~from a person whose~~ with a residential address is in another county, the auditor shall within two working days forward the application to the auditor of the proper county if the county can be ascertained.

## 8200.3550 NOTICE OF CHALLENGE REMOVAL.

The county auditor shall mail a notice indicating the person's name, address, precinct, and polling place to any registered voter whose ~~civil rights have~~ right to vote has been restored after ~~a felony conviction~~ the person is no longer incarcerated; who has been removed from under a guardianship of the person under which the person did not retain the right to vote; or who has been restored to capacity by the court after being ineligible to vote. The notice must require that it be returned if not deliverable.

## 8200.5100 REGISTRATION AT PRECINCT ONLY.

Subpart 1. **Procedure; proof.** Any person otherwise qualified but not registered to vote in the precinct in which the person resides may register to vote on election day at the polling place of the precinct in which the person resides. To



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register on election day, a person must complete and sign the registration application and provide proof of residence. A person may prove residence on election day only:

*[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

E. by having an employee employed by and working in a residential facility located in the precinct, who knows that the applicant is a resident of that residential facility, vouch for that facility resident, and sign the oath in part 8200.9939, in the presence of the election judge.

“Residential facility” means transitional housing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33, subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.01, subdivision 5; a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services establishment as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144D.01, subdivision 4; a veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 198; a residence licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Statutes, section 252.28; housing support as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter for battered women as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless is defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 201.061.

To be eligible to sign the oath, the employee must show proof of employment at the residential facility, which may be accomplished by methods including:

*[For text of subitems (1) to (3), see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 38 SR 1368]

**Subp. 5. Update.** A registered voter may change the information on record on election day at the polling place of the precinct in which the voter now resides. To do so, the voter must submit a voter registration application meeting all the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 201.071, and provide proof of residence as described in subparts 1 or 2. Subparts 1 and 2 and parts 8200.5200 to 8200.5500 apply to any update of a registration under this subpart.

## **8200.9115 FORM OF POLLING PLACE ROSTERS.**

Subpart 1. **General form of roster.** The polling place rosters must contain the following items from the statewide registration system: voter’s name, voter’s address, voter’s date of birth, voter’s school district number, and a line on which the voter’s signature can be written. When a voter’s registration has been challenged pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 201.121, subdivision 2, an indicator noting the voter’s challenged status must be printed on the line or included in the field provided for the voter’s signature. A similar indicator must be printed on the line or included in the field provided for the voter’s signature to note a voter’s guardianship or felony incarceration status, if any.

The following certification must be included at the top of each page of the polling place roster: “I swear or affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; that I ~~reside at the address shown and have resided~~ have maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding ~~this the~~ the election ~~and maintain residence at the address or location shown~~; that I am not under guardianship of the person in which the court order revokes my right to vote, have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and that I have the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, ~~my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence~~ I am not currently incarcerated for that conviction; and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.”

For polling places using electronic rosters, the same certification must be included as part of the voter signature certificate pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 201.225, subdivision 2, clause (9).

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One or more pages in a printed polling place roster must be provided for use by voters who register to vote in the polling place on election day. An election day registrant shall fill in the registrant's name, address, and date of birth and shall sign the roster on the line provided.

The polling place roster must also contain the name of the precinct and, for paper rosters, must include a page number. In addition, each line provided for a voter's signature must be consecutively numbered on each page.

The roster may also include additional material as permitted under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.221, subdivision 3.

*[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8200.9300 MAINTAINING CERTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; SECURITY.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 9, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 10. **Voter's receipt.** The election judges shall determine the number of ballots to be counted by ~~adding the number of return envelopes from accepted absentee ballots to~~ comparing the number of ballots with the number of voter's receipts issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.10, ~~subdivision 2,~~ or to the number of names signed on the polling place roster. The election jurisdiction may require that the election judges number or initial each voter's receipt as it is issued.

*[For text of subpart 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8200.9310 TREATMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 31 SR 350]

Subp. 5. **Updates.**

A. A voter with an active voter registration may change the information on record by submitting a voter registration application meeting all the requirements ~~for a new voter registration application of Minnesota Statutes, section 201.071, subdivision 1. Parts 8200.2600 to 8200.4000 shall apply to the processing of any update submitted through this subpart.~~

*[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8200.9940 PRECINCT LIST OF PERSONS VOUCHING FOR VOTER RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY AND NUMBER OF PERSONS VOUCHER FOR.**

Subpart 1. **Required information.** Information regarding persons vouching for voter residence on election day must be tracked according to the form and instructions in subpart 2. Counties, municipalities, or school districts authorized to use electronic rosters pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 201.225, may instead collect this information electronically.

### **Subp. 2. Instructions and form.**

#### **Instructions and Form:**

#### **Precinct List of Persons Vouching**

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

- To be completed by election judges.
- Use to track the number of people vouched for by each voucher.
- Cross out the next number each time that person vouches for a registrant.
- Employees of residential facilities may vouch for an unlimited number of facility residents who are registering to vote at the facility's address. Otherwise, vouchers may only vouch for a maximum of eight registrants.



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Voucher's Name	Voucher's Voter ID No.	Number Vouched for on Election Day
Example: John Doe	1234567	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
3		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
4		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
5		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
6		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
7		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
10		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
11		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
12		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
13		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
14		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
15		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
16		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
17		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
18		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
19		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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21		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
22		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
23		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
24		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
25		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
26		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
27		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
28		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
29		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
30		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Certified by the Head Election Judge of the Precinct:

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

**8200.9950 CHALLENGES TO VOTER REGISTRATION, SPECIFIED BY PART 8200.7100.**

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To the Auditor of \_\_\_\_\_ County

County Courthouse

\_\_\_\_\_ (County Seat), Minnesota

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of person making challenge), am a registered voter in  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Minnesota. I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ (Street or Route No.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City or Township).

I challenge the registration of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of challenged voter) whose registration lists his  
or her residence as \_\_\_\_\_ (Street or Route No.) \_\_\_\_\_ (City or  
Township).

The grounds for my challenge are based on the following facts and circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

(attach additional sheets of signed statement, including supporting documents, affidavits, or other evidence, if necessary).

This challenge is based on my personal knowledge, and I have exercised due diligence to personally verify the facts and  
circumstances establishing the basis for the challenge.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Challenger)

## 8210.0100 PRESIDENTIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

### Subp. 2. Form of certificate of eligibility.

Signature Envelope

**Voter must complete this section**

please print clearly

**Voter name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter Former Address in MN** \_\_\_\_\_ MN

### **ID number**

(MN driver's license #,

MN ID card #,

or last four digits of SSN) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card, or  
Social Security number.

Current phone number (optional):

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Current email address (optional):

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I certify that I

- will be at least 18 years old on election day;
- am a citizen of the United States;
- am not under guardianship of the person in which the court order revokes my right to vote;
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;
- ~~have the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence;~~
- am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense;
- previously lived in Minnesota at the address printed above;
- moved from Minnesota to another state within 30 days of the election; and
- am not eligible to vote in the state in which I now live.

Voter Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

## **8210.0200 PERMANENT ABSENTEE ~~BALLOT APPLICATION~~ VOTER.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 4. **Permanent ~~application~~ absentee voter.** An eligible voter under Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.04, subdivision 5, may apply to the county auditor or municipal clerk using a form provided by the secretary of state to automatically receive an absentee ballot ~~application~~ for each election in which the voter is eligible to vote. ~~The county auditor shall make available the form provided by the secretary of state for this purpose. The voter shall complete the form and return it to the county auditor or municipal clerk. A municipal clerk who receives a completed application shall forward it to the county auditor immediately.~~ The voter's permanent application absentee voter status must be indicated and permanently maintained on the voter's registration record on the statewide voter registration system.

The county auditor shall maintain a list of voters who have applied to automatically receive an absentee ballot application. At least 60 days before each election, ~~the county auditor or municipal clerk shall send an absentee ballot application to each person on the list who is eligible to vote in the election.~~

*[For text of subparts 4a to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8210.0225 APPLICATIONS FROM CHALLENGED VOTERS.**

A voter registration application must be sent with the ballot to any challenged voter ~~and to each voter whose voter registration application is incomplete under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.061, subdivision 1a, or 201.121, who applies for an absentee ballot.~~ The absentee ballot process must be administered as if the voter was not registered to vote.

## **8210.0500 INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENT VOTER.**

Subpart 1. **Required instructions.** Instructions to the absent voter shall be transmitted with the absentee ballot materials ~~sent or delivered to the absent voter.~~ The instructions shall be in the form in subparts 2, 3, or 4 or 5 and 6. The instruction headings with numbers must be in no smaller than 12-point type and the rest of the text must be in no smaller than 10-point type, except for the confidentiality notice, which may be in 7-point type. The instructions must explain how to correctly mark the ballot. The instructions must inform the voter of the effect of casting multiple votes for an office and, in the case of a partisan primary, the effect of voting for candidates of more than one party. The instructions must include information on how to correct a ballot before it is cast and counted, including instructions on how to request a replacement ballot if the voter is unable to change the ballot or correct an error. The instructions must include a graphic

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depiction of the absentee ballot materials and how they are to be completed and assembled by the voter. The instructions must also include a privacy notice that complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 13.04. The secretary of state must provide each county auditor with sample instructions with graphic depictions. Jurisdictions may provide additional instructions to voters, provided the instructions comply with the typeface requirements of this part.

## Subp. 2. Instructions for registered voters. Instructions

### How to vote by absentee ballot

#### for registered voters

#### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Larger white return envelope\*
- Pen with black ink
- Your ID number

Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

See below if you do not have any of these numbers.

- Witness

~~Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota~~ Any person who is at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and who is a citizen of the United States,

*including your spouse or relative,*

*or a notary public,*

*or a person with the authority to administer oaths*

- \* If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.

#### 1 Vote!

- Show your witness your blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your votes for that office will not count.

*See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

#### 2 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Carefully refold the ballot the way it was delivered to you.
- Do not write on this envelope.

#### 3 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

#### 4 Fill out the white signature envelope completely



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- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- Print your Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**Be sure to use one of the same numbers that you provided on your absentee ballot application. You may provide both numbers if you are unsure what you provided on your absentee ballot application.**

*If you do not have any of these numbers, check the box.*

- Read and sign the oath.
- Ask your witness to print their name ~~and Minnesota street address, including city (not a P. O. Box),~~ in the box at the top of the witness section and sign their name in the box at the bottom of the witness section.

*If your witness is an official or notary, they must print their title instead of an address.*

*Notaries must also affix their stamp.*

- Seal the envelope.

## **5 Put the signature envelope into the larger white return envelope to protect your private information from view**

- Seal the envelope.

## **6 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the return envelope**

### **Ballots may not be delivered to your polling place**

You have three options:

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person before election day or by ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, or
- Ask someone to deliver it by ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

*This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.*

**See the other side for special instructions if you have a disability.**

**To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit ~~www.mnvotes.org~~ mnvotes.gov.**

### **Correcting a mistake**

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [email] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

### **If you have a disability:**

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

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- Sign the return signature envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask your witness to sign for you in your presence. (Have the witness sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

- If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

Please note: Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence, as outlined above.

## Subp. 3. Instructions for ~~unregistered~~ nonregistered voters. Instructions

### How to vote by absentee ballot

#### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- Voter registration application\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Larger white return envelope\*
- Pen with black ink
- Minnesota driver's license with your address  
or other authorized proof of where you live.

*See other side for a list of options*

- Your ID number

Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

*See below if you do not have any of these numbers.*

- Witness

Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota Any person who is at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and who is a citizen of the United States,

*including your spouse or relative,*

*or a notary public,*

*or a person with the authority to administer oaths*

- \* If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.

**Important: You must submit the voter registration application with your ballot (in the white signature envelope) for your vote to be counted.**

#### 1 Fill out the voter registration application and sign it

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- Show your witness your driver's license or other authorized proof of where you live.

*See the other side for a list of options.*

## 2 Vote!

- Show your witness your blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

*See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

## 3 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Carefully refold the ballot the same way it was delivered to you.
- Do not write on this envelope.

## 4 Put the tan ballot envelope and the voter registration application in the white signature envelope

## 5 Fill out the white signature envelope completely

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- Print your Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**Be sure to use one of the same numbers that you provided on your absentee ballot application. You may provide both numbers if you are unsure what you provided on your absentee ballot application.**

*If you do not have any of these numbers, check the box.*

- Read and sign the oath.
- Ask your witness to print their name ~~and Minnesota street address, including city (not a P. O. Box),~~ in the box at the top of the witness section, indicate which proof you showed them, and sign their name in the box at the bottom of the witness section.

*If your witness is an official or notary, they must print their title ~~instead of an address~~.*

*Notaries must also affix their stamp.*

- Seal the envelope.

## 6 Put the signature envelope into the larger white return envelope to protect your private information from view

- Seal the envelope.

## 7 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the return envelope

### Ballots may not be delivered to your polling place

You have three options:

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person before election day or by ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, or

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- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Ask someone to deliver it by ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

*This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.*

To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit ~~www.mnvotes.org~~ [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov).

## Options for proof of where you live

A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or permit with your current address

or

A photo ID that does not have your current address along with a document that has your current address

- **Eligible photo IDs:** Minnesota or another state's driver's license, learner's permit, or ID card; U.S. passport; U.S. military or veteran ID card; Minnesota high school/college/university ID card; or tribal ID card with your signature, from a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
- **Eligible documents with your current address:** an original bill, including account statements and start-of-service notifications, dated within 30 days before or with a due date 30 days before or after the election; a current student fee statement; or a residential lease if valid through election day. Eligible bills are: gas, electric, solid waste, water, sewer, phone, cell phone, television, Internet provider, credit card, or banking services; or bills for rent or mortgage payments.

or one of the following:

- A ~~yellow~~ receipt for a valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or permit with your current address
- Vouching: the signature of a registered voter who lives in your precinct and personally knows that you live in the precinct. If your witness is registered to vote in this precinct, your witness may vouch for you. *This person must complete and sign the voucher form on the back of the voter registration application.*
- A tribal ID card with your name, address, signature, and picture, from a tribe recognized by the BIA
- A "Notice of Late Registration" if you received one from the county auditor or city clerk
- If you have moved within your precinct or changed your name, a current registration in the precinct
- Vouching for residents of certain residential facilities: the signature of an employee of your residential facility, including nursing homes, ~~group homes~~ assisted living facilities, ~~battered women's~~ domestic abuse victim shelters, homeless shelters, etc. If you are not sure if the residential facility where you live is eligible, call your local election official. *The employee must complete and sign the voucher form on the back of the voter registration application.*

## Correcting a mistake

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [email] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

## If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

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- Sign the return signature envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask your witness to sign for you in your presence. (Have the witness sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

- If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

Please note: Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence, as outlined above.

## Subp. 4. Instructions for military and overseas voters transmitted ballots by mail. Instructions

### How to vote by absentee ballot for military and overseas voters

#### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Larger white return envelope\*
- Pen with black ink
- Your ID number

Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, U.S. passport number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

*See below if you do not have any of these numbers.*

- \* If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.

#### 1 Vote!

- Mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

*See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

#### 2 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Carefully refold the ballot the way it was delivered to you.
- Do not write on this envelope.

#### 3 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

#### 4 Fill out the white signature envelope completely



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- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address (present or last).
- Print your email address and phone number (optional).
- Print your Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, passport number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**Be sure to use one of the same numbers that you provided on your absentee ballot application. You may provide both numbers if you are unsure what you provided on your absentee ballot application.**

*If you do not have access to any of these documents, leave this space blank.*

- Read and sign the oath.
- Seal the envelope.

## **5 Put the signature envelope into the larger white return envelope to protect your private information from view**

- Seal the envelope.

## **6 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the return envelope**

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using mail, a package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- Postage is not required if the postal permit is on the envelope and it is sent using U.S. mail, U.S. military mail, or the diplomatic pouch. Postage may be required if you use a foreign mail service or a package delivery service.

**See the other side for special instructions if you have a disability.**

**To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit <http://www.mnvotes.org> [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov).**

If you have any questions, contact your county elections office at [insert email address] or [insert telephone number].

### **Correcting a mistake**

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [email] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

### **If you have a disability:**

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, another person may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling in the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return signature envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask another person to sign for you in your presence. (Have this person sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask another person to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

- If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

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Please note: Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence as outlined above.

**Subp. 5. Cover letter for military and overseas voters transmitted ballots electronically.** Dear Military/Overseas Absentee Voter:

Your absentee ballot and supporting materials for the election on [month day, year] are attached. Your absentee ballot is being sent to you electronically because you requested this delivery method on your application. Please print, fill out, and return these materials so they are received by your county by Election Day, [day of the week], [month day, year].

**A paper ballot must be returned to Minnesota and received by Election Day to be counted.**

You may use the domestic mail service of the country you are located in, an international package delivery service, or the military or state department's mail services. Be sure to vote and return this ballot as soon as possible to ensure timely return. Your ballot must be received by your county elections office by Election Day to be counted.

This communication contains:

- A ballot
- Voting instructions
- Ballot envelope template
- Certificate of Eligibility
- Mailing envelope template

Carefully follow the instructions to ensure proper return of your voted ballot.

- ☐ Print the materials
- ☐ Fill out your ballot
- ☐ Fold and seal your ballot and place it in your ballot envelope
- ☐ Fill out the Certificate of Eligibility
- ☐ Put the completed materials in your mailing envelope
- ☐ Send your ballot by mail or package delivery service so that it is received by Election Day

**To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit <http://www.mnvotes.org> [mnvotes.gov](http://www.mnvotes.org).**

Contact your county elections office at [email] or [phone number] if you have any questions. Voting assistance for military and overseas citizens is also available at <https://www.fvap.gov/>.

**Please note:** Each voter must submit an application and receive their own ballot. **Do not forward this ballot to other voters.** A ballot received from a voter who did not submit an application will not be counted. Refer other military or overseas voters who need to apply for a ballot to <http://www.mnvotes.org> [mnvotes.gov](http://www.mnvotes.org).

Thank you.

**Subp. 6. Instructions for military and overseas voters transmitted ballots electronically. Instructions**  
**How to vote by absentee ballot for military and overseas voters sent ballots electronically**

**Note: Your ballot must be printed out and physically returned. It cannot be returned electronically.**

**You will need:**

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- A printer
- A pen with black ink
- Two envelopes (you have 3 options):
  - Address your own blank envelopes by hand
  - Print the envelope templates directly onto envelopes (print the mailing envelope onto an envelope approximately 4 1/8 inches x 9 1/2 inches so that everything is positioned according to postal regulations)
  - If you do not have access to any envelopes, create the envelopes by folding and taping or gluing the attachments.
- Your ID number  
Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, U.S. passport number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.  
*See below if you do not have access to any of these numbers.*

## 1 Print the materials

- Print your ballot, the Certificate of Eligibility, and the envelope templates if you are using them.
- Please note that the ballot may take multiple pages.
- Your printer should automatically scale the document to fit on the printable area of the page. Just be sure that none of the words or ovals are cut off.

## 2 Vote!

- Mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your votes for that office will not count.

*See below if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

## 3 Use one of the envelopes as the ballot envelope

- Put your ballot in this envelope to keep your votes private.
- Seal the envelope.
- Do not write on this envelope.

## 4 Fill out the Certificate of Eligibility completely

- Print your name and your Minnesota street address, including city (present or last).
- Print your email address and phone number (optional).
- Print your Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, passport number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

**Be sure to use one of the same numbers that you provided on your absentee ballot application. You may provide both numbers if you are unsure what you provided on your absentee ballot application.**

*If you do not have access to any of these documents, leave this space blank.*

- Read and sign the oath.

## 5 Put it all together

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- Attach the Certificate of Eligibility to the ballot envelope.
- Your second envelope is the return (mailing) envelope.
- Put the ballot envelope and the Certificate of Eligibility into the return envelope.
- Seal the return envelope.
- Address the return envelope to:

Official Absentee Balloting Material  
..... County  
[Street address]  
[City], MN [Zip Code]  
USA

## 6 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address above

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using mail, a package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- Postage is not required if the postal permit is on the envelope and it is sent using U.S. mail, U.S. military mail, or the diplomatic pouch. Postage may be required if you use a foreign mail service or a package delivery service.

To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit <http://www.mnvotes.org> [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov).

If you need any help while voting, please contact your county elections office at [insert email address] or [insert telephone number].

## Correcting a mistake

- Print out a new ballot, or
- Ask for a new ballot from your election office, or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

## If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, another person may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the Certificate of Eligibility, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the Certificate yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask another person to sign for you in your presence. (Have this person sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask another person to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

- If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

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presence as outlined above.

*[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8210.0600 STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER.

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 1a. **Statement of registered absentee voter form.** Signature Envelope

**Voter must complete this section**

please print clearly

**Voter name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter MN address** \_\_\_\_\_ MN

**ID number**

(MN driver's license #,

MN ID card #,

or last four digits of SSN) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card, or a Social Security Number.

I certify that on Election Day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote.

**Voter Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness must complete this section**

**Witness name** \_\_\_\_\_

~~MN street address~~

(or title, if an  
official or notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ MN

City

**Title** - only required for authorized officials or notaries

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that:

- the voter showed me the blank ~~ballots~~ ballot before voting;
- the voter marked the ~~ballots~~ ballot in private or, if physically unable to mark the ~~ballots~~ ballot, the ~~ballots~~ ballot was marked as directed by the voter;
- the voter enclosed and sealed the ~~ballots~~ ballot in the ballot envelope; and
- I am ~~or have been registered to vote in Minnesota~~ at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States, or am a notary, or am authorized to give oaths.

**Witness Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

If notary, must affix stamp



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Subp. 1b. **Statement of ~~unregistered~~ nonregistered absentee voter form.**

Signature Envelope

**Voter must complete this section**

please print clearly

**Voter name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter MN address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ MN

**ID number**

(MN driver's license #,

MN ID card #,

or last four digits of SSN) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card, or a Social Security Number.

I certify that on Election Day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote.

**Voter Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness must complete this section**

**Witness name** \_\_\_\_\_

~~MN street address~~

(or title, if an

official or notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Street Address~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~MN~~

~~City~~

~~**Title** - only required for authorized officials or notaries~~

Witness MUST CHECK ONE indicating proof of residence provided by voter: (See instructions)

- ☐ MN driver's license, ID card, permit, or receipt
- ☐ Bill, student fee statement, or residential lease plus photo ID
- ☐ Registered voter in the precinct who vouched for voter's residence in the precinct (must complete the voucher form on the back of the Voter Registration Application)
- ☐ Tribal ID card
- ☐ Notice of late registration
- ☐ Previous registration in the same precinct
- ☐ An employee of a residential facility in the precinct who vouched for voter's residence at the facility (must complete the voucher form on the back of the Voter Registration Application)

I certify that:

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- the voter showed me the blank ~~ballots~~ ballot before voting;
- the voter marked the ~~ballots~~ ballot in private or, if physically unable to mark the ~~ballots~~ ballot, the ~~ballots~~ were ballot was marked as directed by the voter;
- the voter enclosed and sealed the ~~ballots~~ ballot in the ballot envelope;
- the voter registered to vote by filling out and enclosing a voter registration application in this envelope;
- the voter provided proof of residence as indicated above; and
- I am ~~or have been registered to vote in Minnesota~~ at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States, or am a notary, or am authorized to give oaths.

Witness Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

If notary, must affix stamp

*[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 3. **Printing specifications.** The statement shall be printed on the back of the absentee ballot ~~return~~ signature envelope. The words “Voter must complete this section” and “Witness must complete this section” shall be printed in no smaller than 12-point bold type. The “X” on the signature lines must be in at least 20-point type. The remainder of the statement shall be printed in no smaller than 10-point medium type. The area for the voter’s name and address must be no smaller than 1-1/4 inches by 3-1/4 inches. The voter’s certificate must be at least 4-1/8 inches wide. ~~County auditors and municipal clerks may use the existing stock of absentee ballot return envelopes on hand as of January 1, 2014, for absentee voting conducted in-person.~~

*[For text of subparts 4 and 4a, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8210.0710 FORMAT AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPES.

*[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 3. **Envelope labeling.** The envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1a, must have the words “Signature Envelope - Registered” printed in no smaller than 8-point type. The envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1b, must have the words “Signature Envelope - ~~Unregistered~~ Nonregistered” printed in no smaller than 8-point type. The envelopes printed with the form printed according to part 8210.0800 must have the words “Signature Envelope - UOCAVA” printed in no smaller than 8-point type.

*[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Additional instructions for ~~unregistered~~ nonregistered voters.** The following words must be printed above the voter’s certificate for envelopes with the form prepared under part 8210.0600, subpart 1b:

“Put the Ballot Envelope and the

Voter Registration Application

in here, then seal flap”

The words may appear on the reverse side of the envelope.

*[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Checklist for ~~unregistered~~ nonregistered voters.** Envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1b, must have the following words printed on the exterior of the return envelope:

**“Have you . . .**

- ☐ Sealed your ballot in the tan ballot envelope?
- ☐ Put the ballot envelope and your voter registration application in the white signature envelope?
- ☐ Filled out the white signature envelope completely and signed it?
- ☐ Asked your witness to complete their section and sign their name?
- ☐ Put the white signature envelope into this envelope?

**Return your ballot so it is received by Election Day.”**

*[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8210.2200 DUTIES OF COUNTY AUDITOR OR MUNICIPAL CLERK UPON RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE.**

Subpart 1. **Personal delivery.** Absentee ballot return envelopes that are delivered in person by an absent voter or an agent must be received by the county auditor or municipal clerk by ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots delivered by agent under Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.11, subdivision 4, must be delivered to the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots received by personal delivery after ~~3:00~~ 5:00 p.m. ~~of on~~ election day or after 8:00 p.m. on election day if delivered under Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.11, subdivision 4, shall be marked as received late by the county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

*[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8210.2400 SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES.**

The county auditor or municipal clerk shall establish measures for safeguarding absentee ballot return envelopes received prior to election day.

*[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]*

D. When the ballot board opens accepted return envelopes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, ~~all absentee ballot return envelopes retained by the county auditor or municipal clerk shall be removed from the place of safekeeping and compared with the record required by this rule to ensure that all envelopes are accounted for. Any discrepancy shall be reported to the secretary of state promptly~~ they must comply with the provisions of that subdivision and report any discrepancy to the secretary of state promptly.

## **8210.2450 DUTIES OF BALLOT BOARD MEMBERS WHEN EXAMINING RETURN ENVELOPES UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 203B.121.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Witness eligibility.** An absentee ballot may not be rejected for lack of an eligible witness, if a witness has signed the statement required from a witness by part 8210.0600, subpart 1a or 1b, and, if appropriate:

~~A. has provided a Minnesota address as part of the witness’s certification on the return envelope;~~

~~B. A.~~ has provided the title indicating that they are eligible to administer oaths; or

~~C. B.~~ has affixed a notarial stamp.

Subp. 6. **Ballot already cast.** Ballot board members must use the statewide voter registration system or available polling place rosters to determine whether another ballot from the voter has been accepted. If a ballot is received before the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, any ballot that has been previously received from that voter and has not been rejected is deemed spoiled and must not be counted. If a ballot is received after the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election and another absentee ballot has been accepted for that voter, the

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return envelope must be marked “rejected.”

## **8210.2500 MAIL PICKUP.**

Each municipal clerk shall communicate with the United States postal service facility serving the municipality with regard to the handling of absentee ballot return envelopes received by the post office on election day. The municipal clerk shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all return envelopes received by the post office ~~before 4 p.m.~~ on election day are delivered before the closing of the polls to the ballot board. Absentee ballots returned by mail delivery and received after election day shall be marked as received late by the county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

## **8210.2700 RECEIPT OF FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS.**

Subpart 1. **If Federal Post Card Application was received.** If a voter submits a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot for which a Federal Post Card Application was received, the county auditor must accept or reject the ballot in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section ~~203B.24 and 203B.25~~ 203B.23.

*[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8210.3000 MAIL BALLOTING.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 4. **Mailing ballots.** The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk shall mail ballots to the voters registered in the municipality or unorganized territory. A ballot mailing must be sent to each registered voter no earlier than 46 or later than ~~44~~ 28 days prior to the election if mail balloting in the voter’s precinct is proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.45. No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.

A ballot mailing must be sent no earlier than 46 or later than 14 days prior to the election if a mail election is being conducted in the jurisdiction pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.46. No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.

No ballot may be mailed to a challenged voter. A notice must be transmitted to challenged voters with an explanation of the challenge and with instructions on how they may apply for an absentee ballot if they believe their registration was challenged in error.

The mail balloting process for voters whose registrations are incomplete under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.061, subdivision 1a, or 201.121, must be administered as if the voter were not registered to vote. A notice must be transmitted to voters with incomplete registrations with instructions on how they may apply for an absentee ballot.

Ballots must be sent by nonforwardable mail. Ballots for eligible voters who reside in health care facilities may be delivered as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.11. The ballot mailing must be addressed to the voter at the voter’s residence address as shown on the registration file unless the voter completes an absentee ballot request as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.04 or 203B.16.

A return envelope, a ballot secrecy envelope, and instructions for marking and returning mail ballots must be included with the ballots. The instructions must include a telephone number or electronic mail address which voters can call or write for help in mail voting. The instructions must also include a privacy notice that complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 13.04. At the request of the secretary of state, a survey card that the voter can return to the secretary of state must also be included. The ballot return envelope must be printed with the mail voter’s certificate. The ballot return envelope must be addressed for return to the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk that is conducting the election. First class postage must be affixed to the return envelope.

Subp. 4a. **Form of instructions to mail voters. Instructions**

## How to vote by mail ballot

### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Pen with black ink
- Witness

~~Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota~~ Any person who is at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and who is a citizen of the United States,

*including your spouse or relative,*

*or a notary public,*

*or a person with the authority to administer oaths*

\* If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.

### 1 Vote!

- Show your witness your blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

*See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

### 2 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Carefully refold the ballot the way it was delivered to you.
- Do not write on this envelope.

### 3 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

### 4 Fill out the white signature envelope completely

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- Read and sign the oath.
- Ask your witness to print their name ~~and Minnesota street address, including city (not a P. O. Box);~~ in the box at the top of the witness section and sign their name in the box at the bottom of the witness section.

*If your witness is an official or notary, they must print their title instead of an address.*

*Notaries must also affix their stamp.*

- Seal the envelope.

### 5 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the signature envelope

You have three options:



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- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, or
- Ask someone to deliver it by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.  
*This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.*

If you have questions, please call (...) ...-.... .

**See other side for special instructions if you have a disability**

## Correcting a mistake

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [email] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

## If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return signature envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask your witness to sign for you in your presence. (Have your witness sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot  
• be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

Please note: Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence as outlined above.

Subp. 4b. **Form of mail voter's certificate.**

Signature Envelope

**Voter must complete this section**

please print clearly

**Voter name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter MN Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
MN

I certify that on Election Day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote.

**Voter Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness must complete this section

Witness name \_\_\_\_\_

~~MN~~ street address

(or title, if an  
official or notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
MN

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

Title - only required for authorized officials or notaries

I certify that:

- the voter showed me the blank ~~ballots~~ ballot before voting;
- the voter marked the ~~ballots~~ ballot in secrecy or, if physically unable to mark the ~~ballots~~ ballot, the ~~ballots-~~  
were ballot was marked as directed by the voter;
- the voter enclosed and sealed the ~~ballots~~ ballot in the ballot envelope; and
- I am ~~or have been registered to vote in Minnesota~~ at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States, or am a notary, or am authorized to give oaths.

Witness Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

If notary, must affix stamp

*[For text of subparts 4c to 13, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8215.0200 BALLOTS.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

**Subp. 5. Order and form of write-in candidate lines.** If a party chair has requested that its party ballot contain a place for write-in candidates, below the name of the last candidate for each office shall be placed a blank line, and on the blank line the voter may write the name of persons not printed on the ballot for whom the voter desires to vote. Above or below the write-in line, the words “write-in, if any” must appear in as large as practicable but no smaller than 6-point type and must be aligned next to the vote target.

## 8215.0300 POLLING PLACE VOTING.

Subpart 1. **Form of roster.** At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: “I am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote, and I understand that my choice of a party’s ballot will be ~~public information~~ shared with the chair of my selected major political party.” This statement must appear separately from the statement certification included in part 8200.9115, subpart 1.

*[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8215.0400 ABSENTEE VOTING.

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 2. **Application form.**

*[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

B. The absentee ballot oath must also contain the following statement: “I am in general agreement with the

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principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote, and I understand that my choice of a party's ballot will be public information shared with the chair of my selected major political party."

*[For text of subparts 3 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Change of major party choice.** Until the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter may change the voter's choice of which major political party ballot the voter wishes to receive by spoiling the voter's ballot and submitting an application indicating the major political party ballot the voter is requesting. ~~An absentee~~ A ballot cast under the alternative procedures provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.081, ~~subdivision 3,~~ cannot be spoiled after it has been deposited in the ballot box.

*[For text of subparts 8 and 9, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8215.0500 MAIL BALLOTING.

*[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 3. **Form of instructions to mail voters.** Notwithstanding part 8210.3000, subpart 4a, the form of instructions to mail voters to be used in a presidential nomination primary must substitute the following instructions:

### How to vote by mail ballot

#### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Pen with black ink
- Witness

~~Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota~~ Any person who is at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and who is a citizen of the United States,

*including your spouse or relative,*

*or a notary public,*

*or a person with the authority to administer oaths*

*\*If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.*

### 1 Vote!

- Choose the ballot of the party that you are in general agreement with the principles of.
- Show your witness that party's blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on your ballot.
- Do not vote for more than one candidate. If you do, your vote will not count.
- Do not vote the ballot of more than one party. Only return one ballot.
- Destroy and discard the extra blank ballot. You can destroy the ballot by shredding or tearing the extra ballot in half. Do not return the extra ballot.

*See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.*

### 2 Seal only one voted ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Carefully refold the ballot the way it was delivered to you.
- Do not write on this envelope.

## 3 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

## 4 Fill out the white signature envelope completely

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- In the oath, print the name of the political party ballot that you chose. If you do not print a party name, your vote will not count. If you return a different ballot than you indicate in the oath, your vote will not count.
- Read and sign the oath.
- Ask your witness to print their name ~~and Minnesota street address, including city (not a PO Box),~~ in the box at the top of the witness section and sign their name in the box at the bottom of the witness section.

*If your witness is an official or notary, they must print their title instead of an address.*

*Notaries must also affix their stamp.*

- Seal the envelope.

## 5 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the signature envelope

You have three options:

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using United States mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, or
- Ask someone to deliver it by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

*This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.*

If you have questions, please call (...) ...-.... .

## See other side for special instructions if you have a disability

### Correcting a mistake

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [email] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).

### If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return signature envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask your witness to sign for you in your presence. (Have your witness sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

- If you have a print disability, you may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted electronically in an accessible format by contacting your county auditor. If you request a ballot be transmitted electronically in an accessible format, you may then complete your ballot electronically but must print your voted ballot and return this ballot and completed certificate of voter eligibility to your local election office.

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Please note: Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence as outlined above.

*[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Form of mail voter's certificate.** Notwithstanding part 8210.3000, subpart 4b, the form of the mail voter's signature certificate to be used in a presidential nomination primary must be as follows:

Signature Envelope

**Voter must complete this section**

please print clearly

**Voter name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter MN Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
MN

I certify that on Election Day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote. I am in general agreement with the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, and I understand that my choice of a party's ballot will be ~~public-~~  
~~information shared with the chair of my selected major political party.~~

**Voter Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness must complete this section**

**Witness name** \_\_\_\_\_

~~MN street address~~

(or title, if an official or notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
MN

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

**Title** - only required for authorized officials or notaries

I certify that:

- the voter showed me the blank ballot before voting;
- the voter marked the ballot in secrecy or, if physically unable to mark the ballot, the ballot was marked as directed by the voter;
- the voter enclosed and sealed the ballot in the ballot envelope; and
- I am ~~or have been registered to vote in Minnesota~~ at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States, or I am a notary, or I am authorized to give oaths.

**Witness Signature X** \_\_\_\_\_

If notary, must affix stamp

*[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Change of major party choice.** Until the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter may change the voter's choice of which major political party ballot the voter requested by spoiling the voter's ballot and requesting that the county transmit to the voter replacement ballots.

*[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8220.1150 TEST BALLOTS.

All test ballots must be marked “TEST.” in a manner to indicate they are test ballots.

Ballots must be prepared having votes in excess of the number allowed by law for each office and proposal appearing on the ballot.

For district offices in which the number of candidates appearing on the ballot for that office varies by district, test ballots must be prepared with the number of votes allowed by law for that office in that district.

In partisan primary elections test ballots must be prepared to check the program for splitting tickets. Test ballots must be prepared with votes appearing in the same ballot for candidates of opposite political parties, nonpartisan candidates, and proposals. At least one ballot must be prepared with votes for one party and including votes for a nonpartisan office in excess of the number permitted by law.

In preparing the test deck, a number of the ballots must be voted to include valid votes in the partisan, nonpartisan, and proposal sections of the ballot. The test deck must include ballots involving no overvotes or marks in unassigned locations, valid votes for each candidate and ballot question, overvotes, undervotes, and invalid votes in many different combinations.

At least one test ballot must be prepared in which marks appear in the precinct identifier or ballot style indicator.

At least one test ballot must be included that is folded, as if it were mailed.

At least one test ballot marked by a different pen must be included.

Blank ballots in which no positions have been voted must be included in the test deck.

When required to be used in an election pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 206.57, subdivision 5, the test deck must include a number of ballots marked by an electronic ballot marker sufficient to have marked all vote targets on the ballot in every precinct.

## 8220.1550 PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST.

~~The election jurisdiction must hold a public accuracy test within 14 days prior to the election for the purpose of demonstrating the accuracy of the computer programs and voting systems to be used at the election.~~ In order to demonstrate the accuracy of the computer programs and voting systems to be used at an election, the election jurisdiction must hold a public accuracy test at least three days prior to the voting equipment being used. A ballot-marking device used for absentee voting must be tested according to part 8220.1350. The public accuracy test must be conducted according to Minnesota Statutes, section 206.83.

The time and place of the public accuracy test must be designated by the election jurisdiction providing the computer program, which must give at least ~~48 hours~~ five days public notice of the time and place of the test by publication in official newspapers and by posting a notice in the office of the county auditor and each local election official conducting the test.

The test must be open to the public. At least two election judges of different political parties must witness the test. The chief election official of the election jurisdiction shall explain the methods and test procedures used to determine the accuracy of the computer programs. This will include submitting as public record the certificate prepared in accordance with part 8220.1450 that all precincts have been tested using the test deck prepared under the direction of the election jurisdiction.

The sealed container containing the computer programs, test deck, and predetermined results must be opened and the computer programs tested to determine their accuracy on the voting systems on which they are to be used on election day. The testing of the voting systems and programs must be with the test deck prepared under the direction of the election jurisdiction. In election jurisdictions with three or fewer precincts, all the precincts must be tested. In election jurisdictions with more than three precincts, a minimum of three precincts must be tested. The precincts must be tested

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on at least one of each unique model of voting equipment used by the election jurisdiction. One precinct from each congressional district, legislative district, county commissioner district, ward, and school district on the ballot must be tested. The official conducting the election shall select the precincts to be tested.

If an error is detected in any part of the testing, the cause must be ascertained, the error corrected, and an errorless count must be made on all precincts. At the discretion of the election jurisdiction, the meeting may be adjourned to a time and date certain.

This rule does not apply to ballot marking devices used for absentee voting. Those devices must be tested under part 8220.1350.

## **8230.2040 RECORDING VALID WRITE-IN VOTES.**

A write-in vote is only valid and able to be counted if the ballot is marked in the oval or other target shape opposite the blank when a voter writes an individual's name on the line provided for write-in votes. If a valid write-in vote exists, the election judges shall determine whether the write-in vote has caused an overvote. If the write-in vote has caused an overvote, the ballot is defective for that office only.

If the write-in vote does not cause an overvote for that office, the election judges shall enter the candidate's name and the office on the write-in vote tally sheet. The ballot must be placed with the other valid ballots for tabulation.

If the write-in vote causes an overvote for that office and the target next to the write-in vote is not completed, the election judges shall place the ballot in the envelope marked "ballots for which duplicates were or are to be made." The manner of duplication is prescribed in part 8230.3850.

At the discretion of the county auditor, the processing of write-in ballots may be done at the central counting center or at the office of the local election official or county auditor rather than at the precinct polling place.

## **8230.2250 DELIVERY OF TRANSFER CASE.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 2. **Delivery by two election judges.** The transfer case containing the required items as identified in part 8230.2050 must be delivered directly to the official conducting the election, central counting center, or collection point for transportation to the official conducting the election or central counting center by two election judges, not of the same political party.

## **8230.3850 DUPLICATION OF BALLOTS.**

Any ballots requiring duplication at the polling place or central counting center must be duplicated in the following manner:

*[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]*

F. When a ballot created pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii), requires duplication, it shall be duplicated onto a blank ballot and the same process shall be used as that for other ballots needing duplication under this part.

## **8230.4355 BALLOT BOXES FOR PRECINCT COUNTING CENTERS.**

Ballot boxes used with precinct count voting systems may be separate or part of the ballot counting equipment provided that the ballot is fed directly into a locked or sealed ballot box. ~~The ballot box may contain a compartment that receives ballots on which all votes have been counted except those for offices for which the write-in target has been completed.~~ An auxiliary ballot box, that may be separate or an additional compartment, must be supplied to be used if the voting system fails to function or for ballots that cannot be read by the ballot counter.

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## 8230.4365 PRECINCT COUNT VOTING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Opening ballot box during voting hours.** Two election judges of different political parties may open the ballot boxes on election day to straighten or remove the voted ballots but they shall not count or inspect the ballots. If removing ballots, the election judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's main compartment into containers and seal them. ~~If the ballot box contains a compartment for write-in ballots, the judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's write-in compartment into containers separate from the other ballots and seal them.~~ The judges shall label the ballot containers and store them in a secure location. The judges shall note on the incident report the fact that the ballot box was opened, the time the box was opened, and, if applicable, the numbers of any seals used to seal the ballot containers.

*[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8235.0300 NOTICE.

Within 24 hours of receipt of any request for a recount for the election of presidential electors or after determining that a publicly funded recount is authorized and requested for any other office, or within 48 hours of receipt of a written request for a discretionary recount and filing of a security deposit if one is required, the official in charge of the recount shall send notice to the candidates for the office to be recounted and the county auditor of each county wholly or partially within the election district. The notice must include the date, starting time, and location of the recount, the office to be recounted, and the name of the official performing the recount. The notice must state that the recount is open to the public.

## 8235.0700 GENERAL PROCEDURES.

At the opening of a recount the recount official or legal adviser shall present the procedures contained in this rule for the recount. The custodian of the ballots shall make available to the recount official the precinct summary statements, the precinct boxes or the sealed containers of voted ballots, and any other election materials requested by the recount official. If the recount official needs to leave the room for any reason, the recount official must designate a deputy recount official to preside during the recount official's absence. A recount official must be in the room at all times. If the recount includes ballot format as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii), and the ballots were used by ten or fewer voters in the precinct, the election judges from that precinct are not eligible to participate in conducting a recount or postelection review in that precinct. The containers of voted ballots must be unsealed and resealed within public view. No ballots or election materials may be handled by candidates, their representatives, or members of the public. There must be an area of the room from which the public may observe the recount. Cell phones and video cameras may be used in this public viewing area, as long as their use is not disruptive. The recount official shall arrange the counting of the ballots so that the candidates and their representatives may observe the ballots as they are recounted. Candidates may each have one representative observe the sorting of each precinct. One additional representative per candidate may observe the ballots when they have been sorted and are being counted pursuant to part 8235.0800, subpart 2. Candidates may have additional representatives in the public viewing area of the room. If other election materials are handled or examined by the recount officials, the candidates and their representatives may observe them. The recount official shall ensure that public observation does not interfere with the counting of the ballots. The recount official shall prepare a summary of the recount vote by precinct.

## 8240.1600 ELECTION JUDGE BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 4. **Course content.** A basic training course must include necessary information and skill development in the following areas:

*[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]*

C. judges' duties during voting hours:

(1) election day voter registration;



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(2) electronic pollbook training (if used in the jurisdiction);

(2)(3) persons allowed in polling place;

(3)(4) challenge process;

(4)(5) voting process;

(5)(6) spoiled ballots;

(7) assistance to voters in languages other than English;

(6)(8) assistance to disabled voters; and

(7)(9) absentee ballots voter information privacy;

*[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]*

F. major problems at prior elections; ~~and~~

G. how to follow instructions from the head election judge; and

H. if election judges will be working with absentee or early voting, their training must also include:

(1) absentee ballot board procedures; and

(2) in-person absentee and early voting procedures.

## **8240.1655 QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINEE ELECTION JUDGES.**

*[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 3. **Qualifications.** A trainee election judge must be a United States citizen, must be at least 16 years of age, and must meet any residency requirement specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.19, subdivision 6. Until graduation, trainee election judges must provide certification from their school that they are enrolled in a Minnesota high school, and are performing at an academic level acceptable to the principal of the trainee's high school. Until graduation, a trainee election judge who is home-schooled must provide certification from the trainee's parent that the trainee is performing at an academic level acceptable to serve as a trainee election judge.

*[For text of subparts 4 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8240.1750 HEAD ELECTION JUDGE TRAINING.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 2. **Course content.** The head election judge training course must include information on the following topics:

*[For text of items A to F, see Minnesota Rules]*

G. security and emergency plans;

~~G.~~ H. head election judges' duties at the polling place after the polls close; and

H. I. how to return election materials to the local election official after the ballots have been counted.

## **8240.2700 MUNICIPAL CLERK TRAINING REQUIREMENT.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Training content.** An election administration training course for municipal clerks must include training on:  
*[For text of items A to H, see Minnesota Rules]*

~~I.~~ electronic pollbook training (if used in the jurisdiction);

~~I. J.~~ mail ballot precincts and mail elections;

~~J. K.~~ voting before election day (absentee and early voting);

~~K. L.~~ security practices and emergency plans; and

~~L. M.~~ post-election duties.

*[For text of subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8240.2800 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TRAINING REQUIREMENT.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 5. **Training content.** An election administration training course for school district clerks must include training on:

*[For text of items A to H, see Minnesota Rules]*

~~I.~~ electronic pollbooks, if used in the school district;

~~I. J.~~ mail elections;

~~J. K.~~ absentee voting;

~~K. L.~~ security practices and emergency plans; and

~~L. M.~~ post-election duties.

*[For text of subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 8240.2900 COUNTY AUDITOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 4. **Training content.** An election administration training course for county auditors must include training on:

*[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]*

~~F.~~ ballot and equipment preparation;

*[For text of item G, see Minnesota Rules]*

~~H.~~ mail ballot precincts and mail elections;

~~I.~~ voting before election day (early and absentee voting);

*[For text of item J, see Minnesota Rules]*

~~K.~~ security practices and emergency plans;

~~L.~~ post-election duties; and

~~M.~~ records retention and data practice requests; and

~~M. N.~~ the duties performed by municipal and school district clerks.

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*[For text of subparts 5 to 9, see Minnesota Rules]*

## **8250.1810 FORMAT OF BALLOTS FOR OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEMS.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 9. **Order of candidates for ~~partisan office~~ president and vice president in general election.** At the same time that the secretary of state certifies the names of nominees under Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.32, subdivision 2, the secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the order in which the names of the candidates representing the political parties as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 7, must appear for every partisan office on the ballot. Candidates nominated by petition must appear on the ballot beneath the names of the candidates of the political parties as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 200.02, subdivision 7, and in the order determined by lot by the secretary of state. At least 11 weeks before the state general election, the secretary of state shall draw lots once by political party or principle for the candidates for president and vice president nominated by petition. To draw the lot, a candidate who has used the word “independent” to designate the candidate’s party or principle must be identified by the word “independent” followed by the candidate’s surname. If more than one candidate is nominated by petition for the same office within the same political party or principle, the secretary of state shall draw a supplementary lot within that party or principle by candidate surname to determine the order of those candidates. ~~The order of political parties or principles determined by the drawing of lots applies to all partisan offices on the ballot.~~

*[For text of subparts 10 to 17, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 18. **Example ballot.** The secretary of state shall supply each auditor with a copy of an example ballot by May 1 of each year. Translated copies of the example ballots shall be provided according to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.295, subdivision 1. The example ballot must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the primary and general elections that year. The county auditor shall distribute copies of the example ballot to municipal and school district clerks in municipalities and school districts holding elections that year. The official ballots must conform in all respects to the example ballot.

Subp. 19. **Alternative ballot.** The requirements in this part do not apply to the printed and marked paper ballots that use the alternative ballot format permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii). For precincts using alternative ballots, the marked paper ballot must indicate, at a minimum, the date of the election; the name of the precinct; an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator; and the voter’s votes for each office or question, generated from the voter’s use of a touch screen or other electronic device on which a complete ballot meeting the information requirements of all applicable laws was displayed electronically. The ballot must also include lines for initials of at least two election judges.

**REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 8200.5100, subpart 3; and 8200.9320, are repealed.

# Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the State Register. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* Sections 14.14-14.28, or
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only. The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

**KEY: Proposed Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."  
**Adopted Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

## Department of Labor and Industry

### Occupational Safety and Health Division

#### Proposed Exempt Permanent Rules Adopting Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards by Reference

In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of:

- "Hazard Communication Standard; Final rule: correction and technical amendment."
- "Personal Protective Equipment in Construction; Final Rule"

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Minnesota OSHA) proposes to adopt the following revisions to the Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Rules, as authorized under Minnesota Statutes § 182.655.

This notice proposes the adoption by reference of amendments to Occupational Safety and Health Standards already proposed and adopted by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Federal OSHA).

All interested or affected persons have 30 days from the date this notice is published in the *State Register* to submit, in writing, data and views on the proposed amendments to the rule. Comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments are encouraged. Each comment should identify the portion of the proposed amendment addressed, the reason for the comment, and any proposed change.

Any person may file with the Commissioner written objections to the proposed amendments stating the grounds for those objections and may request a public hearing. A public hearing will be held if 25 or more persons submit written requests for a public hearing on the proposed amendments within the 30-day comment period. Requests for hearing must include the name and address of the person submitting the request, define the reasons for the request, and discuss any proposed changes. If a public hearing is required, the Department will proceed according to the provisions of Minnesota

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Statutes § 182.655 and Minnesota Rules 5210.0020 to 5210.0100.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be sent to: Occupational Safety and Health Division, Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4307.

DATE: June 17, 2025

Nicole Blissenbach Commissioner

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following is a brief summary of the proposed amendments. To review the complete Federal Register notices referenced below, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

**“Amending the Hazard Communication Standard to conform to the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.”** On May 20, 2024, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register*, to amend the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The modifications to the standard include but are not limited to revised criteria for classification of certain health and physical hazards to better capture and communicate the hazards to downstream users; revised provisions for updating labels; new labeling provisions for small containers (including provisions addressing the labeling of small containers and the relabeling of chemicals that have been released for shipment); new provisions related to concentrations or concentration ranges being claimed as trade secrets; technical amendments related to the contents of safety data sheets (SDSs); and related revisions to definitions of terms used in the standard.

On October 9, 2024, Federal OSHA published a final rule in the *Federal Register* with corrections and technical amendments made to the original amended Hazard Communication Standard, which had been published as final rule in the federal register on May 20, 2024. The correction and technical amendments consist of two corrections to the regulatory text involve mis-numbered portions of paragraph (d) in the final rule and removing a phrase regarding the transmission of labels by electronic or other technological means, which had been inadvertently included in paragraph (f) (11). Other updates to the document include corrections to errors in the appendices of the document. In particular, OSHA added a correction involving hazard statements for aerosols and updating them to reflect chemicals under pressure in appendix C.

By this notice, Minnesota OSHA proposes to adopt the updated final rule correction and technical amendment as published in the *Federal Register* October 9, 2024.

**“Personal Protective Equipment in Construction.”** On December 12, 2024, Federal OSHA published in the *Federal Register* a revision to its personal protective equipment (PPE) standard for construction to explicitly require that the equipment must fit, which became final rule on January 13, 2025. The revision amends 29 CFR 1926.95, Criteria for Personal Protective Equipment in Construction, to make explicit the existing requirement that employers in the construction industry must ensure PPE worn by employees fits. This update states that employers must ensure that all employee PPE is of safe design and construction for the work being performed, and that the PPE is selected to ensure it properly fits each affected employee.

By this notice, Minnesota OSHA proposes to adopt the final rule amendment as published in the *Federal Register* December 12, 2024.

## 5205.0010 ADOPTION OF FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BY REFERENCE.

*[For text of subparts 1 and 1a, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 2. **Part 1910.** Part 1910: Occupational Safety and Health Standards as published in Volume 43, No. 206 of the Federal Register on October 24, 1978, and corrected in Volume 43, No. 216 on November 7, 1978, which incorporates changes, additions, deletions, and corrections made up to November 7, 1978; and subsequent changes as follows:

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*[For text of items A to UU, see Minnesota Rules]*

VV. Federal Register, Volume 89, No. 196, pages 81829-81836, dated October 9, 2024: “Hazard Communication Standard.”

*[For text of subparts 3 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 6. **Part 1926.** Part 1926: Construction Safety and Health Regulations as published in Part VII, Volume 44, No. 29 of the Federal Register on February 9, 1979, which incorporates changes, additions, deletions, and corrections made up to October 17, 1978, the incorporation and redesignation of the regulatory text of the General Industry Occupational Safety and Health Standards (29 CFR Part 1910) that have been identified as applicable to construction work as published in the Federal Register, Volume 58, No. 124, dated June 30, 1993, and corrected in Volume 58, No. 143, dated July 28, 1993; and additional changes as follows:

*[For text of items A to II, see Minnesota Rules]*

JJ. Federal Register, Volume 89, No. 239, pages 100321-100346, dated December 12, 2024: “Personal Protective Equipment in Construction.”

*[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

## Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

## Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority and Minnesota Department of Commerce

### Notice of Request for Information to Understand the Impact of the New Requirements in Federal Law (HR1) for Certain Clean Energy Projects and Facilities to Secure Federal Investment Tax Credits

To assist in meeting Minnesota’s Clean Electricity Standard for electric utilities to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MnCIFA) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Commerce) are issuing a Request for Information (RFI) from developers, contractors, project owners, equipment suppliers, manufacturers and other interested parties to understand the impact of the new requirements in federal law (HR1) for certain clean energy projects and facilities to secure federal investment tax credits.

MnCIFA and Commerce specifically seek information related to:

1. The perceived challenges to project owners and developers of wind and solar projects to meet new Foreign Entity of Concern (FEOC) material assistance requirements which will apply to projects that begin construction on January 1, 2026 or later.
2. The potential value to project owners to begin construction by December 31, 2025 to secure a statutory federal waiver with respect to FEOC Material Assistance requirements,
3. Actions that state and local actors may take to assist project developers in beginning construction by December 31, 2025 to secure the FEOC Material Assistance waiver, and

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4. Actions that state and local actors may take to assist project developers in meeting FEOC Material Assistance requirements for projects that begin construction January 1, 2026 or after.

This RFI is available to view and download on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website at <https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp> through the submission deadline.

Responses must be submitted by no later than Friday, September 12, at 1 p.m. Central Time. Proposals must be submitted online. Instructions for submission of content and link to the online form for submission are detailed in the RFI.

This RFI is for information gathering purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or obligation on the part of MNCIFA or Commerce to provide funding. All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Respondents should only submit information that they wish to make publicly available and should not enclose any information considered confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

## Department of Health

### Division of Health Policy – Managed Care Systems Section

#### Notice of Application for Essential Community Provider Status - Lakeland Mental Health Center

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an application for designation as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) has been submitted to the Commissioner of Health by the Lakeland Mental Health Center. Clinical services are offered at: 980 South Tower Road, Fergus Falls MN 56537; 702 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Alexandria, MN 56308; 928 8<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501; 14 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Glenwood MN 56334; and 1010 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S, Moorhead, MN 56560.

An ECP is a health care provider that serves high-risk, special needs, and underserved individuals. In order to be designated as an ECP, a provider must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* Section 62Q.19 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 4688. The public is allowed 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice to submit written comments on the application. The commissioner will approve or deny the application once the comment period and compliance review is complete.

For more information contact:

Managed Care Systems Section  
***Health.mcs@state.mn.us***  
Minnesota Department of Health  
P.O. Box 64882  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882  
651-201-5176

## Department of Human Services (DHS)

### Health Care Administration

#### Public Notice Regarding Changes to Payment Rates and Methodologies, and Services under the Medical Assistance Program

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to recipients, providers of services, and to the public of certain statutory changes made to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program that the 2025 Minnesota Legislature enacted during the regular session and 1<sup>st</sup> special session. This notice is published pursuant to 42 United States Code §1396a(a)(13)(A) (§1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act), which requires the Department to publish final institutional payment rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and the justification for such rates. It is also published pursuant to *Code of*

*Federal Regulations*, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 CFR § 447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is any significant proposed change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for Medicaid services.

Effective September 1, 2025, the Department will update the base rates for certain pregnancy-related services delivered on a fee for service basis including the at risk antepartum management rate, the care coordination rate, the prenatal education rate, and the at risk post-partum follow-up home visit rate. The update is part of an annual rate increase. This change is expected to have a fiscal impact of \$23,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$23,500 in fiscal year 2027.

Effective October 1, the 25-group Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) case mix classifications will be used for rate-setting purposes for nursing facility residents. Minnesota statutes section 144.0724 establishes the method and criteria used to determine resident reimbursement classifications based upon the assessments of residents of nursing homes whose payment rates are established under Sections 256R. This change is authorized by Minnesota Laws 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9, Article 1, Sections 12 and 24. The legislation specifies the methodology for calculating payment rates for the implementation of PDPM. This change is expected to have a state budget impact of \$1.957 million in FY 2026 and \$4.309 million in FY 2027.

For more information, questions, or comments, please contact [dhs.spa.comments@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.spa.comments@state.mn.us).

## Department of Public Safety

### State Fire Marshal

#### Notice of Public Review and Comment Period on PFAS Waiver Applications from Oil Refineries and Terminals

The State Fire Marshal (SFM) division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) invites the public to review and comment on waiver applications submitted by oil refineries and terminals regarding their use of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Under Minnesota Statutes §116.943 – also known as **Amara’s Law** – which took effect in 2024, the use and application of products containing PFAS are restricted and subject to reporting requirements. However, the law allows for the possibility of a waiver if an application is submitted and approved by the State. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the SFM website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm> to review the submitted applications and provide comments.

The public comment period will be open from August 25, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

## State Law Library

### Notice of County Law Library Fees 7/1/2025

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 134A.09 and 134A.10, the following law library fees are to be in effect as of 7/1/2025.

County	Civil	Probate	Conc Crt	Fel G Misd	Misd	P Misd	Parking
Anoka	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Fillmore	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
Renville	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00



# State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the State Register, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

## Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Grant Opportunity

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

### Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) Request for Proposals for Community Stabilization: Distressed Multifamily Rental Building Program (Program)

Minnesota Housing announces the availability of up to \$50,000,000 in one-time state appropriations for the preservation or recapitalization of distressed buildings. Of this amount, up to \$15,000,000 is for the preservation or recapitalization of housing that includes supportive housing.

Applications are due to Minnesota Housing by Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at noon Central Time.

The Program was established pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2023, chapter 37, article 1, section 2, subdivision 29* and *Minnesota Laws 2023, ch. 37, art. 2, sec. 6* as a one-time program to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing. *Minnesota Laws 2024, ch. 127, art. 14, sec. 11* and *Minnesota Laws 2024, ch. 127, art. 15, sec. 38 – 43* amended the appropriation for the Community Stabilization Program, specifying that \$50,000,000 is for the preservation or recapitalization of distressed buildings. Funds will be distributed as grants or loans through the Request for Proposals process.

Application materials and resources can be found on Minnesota Housing's *Community Stabilization: Distressed Multifamily Rental Building Program* webpage. Review the *Community Stabilization: Distressed Multifamily Rental Building Program Guide* for complete program eligibility requirements, eligible uses, definitions, and other important program information.

Questions about the program should be directed to Beverly Wilharm at 651.284.0077 or [distressedbldg.mhfa@state.mn.us](mailto:distressedbldg.mhfa@state.mn.us).

This request does not obligate Minnesota Housing to award funds or complete the proposed program. Minnesota Housing reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this solicitation are solely the responsibility of the responder.

## Minnesota Department of Human Services Notice of Grant Opportunities

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) places notice of any available grant opportunities on the DHS Grant Requests for Proposals website: *Open grants, RFPs and RFIs*.

# State Contracts

**Informal Solicitations:** Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

**Formal Solicitations:** Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

**Requirements:** There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

## Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State advertises contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New notices may be added daily and will remain posted for the duration specified in each individual notice. For questions or to report any issues viewing the information on the website, please email Minnesota State at [Sourcing@MinnState.edu](mailto:Sourcing@MinnState.edu).

## Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Engineering Services Division Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

**P/T Contracting Opportunities:** MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

**Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices:** MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

**MnDOT's Prequalification Program:** MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

**MnDOT Consultant Services website:** [www.dot.state.mn.us/consult](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult)

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please call the Consultant Services Help Line at 651-366-4611, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

# Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

### Notice of Call for Bids for 2025 Plumbing Infrastructure Upgrade Program

<b>Airport Location:</b>	<b>Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>2025 Plumbing Infrastructure Upgrade Program</b>
<b>MAC Contract No.:</b>	<b>106-2-1079</b>
<b>Bids Close At:</b>	<b>2:00 PM on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>
<b>Bid Opening Conference Call:</b>	<b>3:00 PM on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>
<b>Teleconference Dial In #:</b>	<b>1-612-405-6798</b>
<b>Conference ID #:</b>	<b>897 927 742#</b>

**Notice to Contractors:** Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

**Note:** You can sign up on our portal (<https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

**Small Businesses (SB):** The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 5%.

**Bid Security:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

**Availability of Construction Documents:** Plans and specifications are at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$15.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #9790199 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

**MAC Internet Access of Additional Information:** A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on August 25, 2025, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.org/doing-business/solicitations> (construction bids).

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## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

### Notice of Call for Bids for 2025 Recarpeting Program

**Airport Location:** Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport  
**Project Name:** 2025 Recarpeting Program  
**MAC Contract No.:** 106-2-1101  
**Bids Close At:** 2:00 PM on September 16, 2025  
**Bid Opening Conference Call:** 3:00 PM on September 16, 2025  
**Teleconference Dial In #:** 1-612-405-6798  
**Conference ID #:** 897 927 742#

**Notice to Contractors:** Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

**Note:** You can sign up on our portal (<https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

**Small Businesses: (SB)** The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 11%.

**Bid Security:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

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## Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

### Notice of Call for Bids for 2025 Terminal 1 Tug Drive Waterproofing

**Airport Location:** Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport  
**Project Name:** 2025 Terminal 1 Tug Drive Waterproofing  
**MAC Contract No.:** 106-2-1078  
**Bids Close At:** 2:00 PM on September 16, 2025  
**Bid Opening Conference Call:** 3:00 PM on September 16, 2025  
**Teleconference Dial In #:** 1-612-405-6798  
**Conference ID #:** 897 927 742#

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**Small Businesses (SB):** The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 14%.

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**Project Labor Agreement:** This project is subject to the MAC’s Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix B.

**Availability of Construction Documents:** Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #9758064 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

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