

STATE OF MINNESOTA

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECRETARY OF STATE

In the matter of the Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the Secretary of State for Voter Registration (LMCAR 2.0101 - 2.1101), Preparation of the White Ballot (LMCAR 2.2101 - 2.2115), Absentee Voting Materials and Delivery Procedures (LMCAR 2.4101 - 2.4205), and Election Judge Training (LMCAR 2.5101 - 2.5119).

1. Voter Registration

STATEMENT OF NEED

The above-captioned rules governing voter registration, except LMCAR 2.0904, are amendments to existing rules of the Secretary of State.

The need to adopt the amendatory rules arises because Minn. Stat. ch. 201 (1981 Supp.) provides for the registration of voters and Minn. Stat. 201.221 (1981 Supp.) mandates that the Secretary of State adopt rules to implement Chapter 201, facilitate the execution of federal and state election laws in an orderly manner, assist local election officials by establishment

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Statement of Need

of uniform forms and procedures and provide uniform regulations governing the maintenance of voter registration records.

The need to adopt 2.0904 arises because Minn. Laws 1981, Ch. 92 mandates that the Secretary of State prescribe forms and procedures for use when electronic or automatic data processing systems for maintaining registration files are used in place of duplicate registration cards. A temporary rule was adopted .

2.0904 (A) is necessary to insure adequate information about use of alternate systems. 2.0904 (B), (C), (F) and (H) are necessary to protect the integrity of the voter registration files and insure that all information required by law is maintained 2.0904 (D) and (E) are necessary to prescribe forms required by law. 2.0904 (G) and (I) are necessary to prescribe alternative in polling place procedures when duplicate registration cards are not used.

The proposed amendments to 2.0402, 2.0602 and 2.0606 accomplish changes made necessary by Minn. Laws, 1981, ch. 29. Proposed amendments to 2.0505, 2.0506 and 2.0301 D.13 clarify instructions, remove obsolete language or simplify procedures. The proposed amendment to 2.0601 alters the form to insure that all information required by M.S. 201.061, subd. 3-4 is provided.

2. White Ballot Preparation

The above captioned rules governing white ballot preparation are amendments to existing rules of the Secretary of State.

The need for the rules arises because Minn. Stat. ch. 204D (1981 Supp.) provides for the conduct of particular elections. Minn. Stat. 204D.11 mandates that the Secretary of State adopt rules for preparation and time of delivery of the white ballot.

Proposed amendments to 2.2112 and 2.2113 accomplish changes made necessary by Minn. Laws 1981, ch. 29 or simplify ballot preparation to reduce costs.

2. Absentee Voting

The above captioned rules governing absentee ballots are amendments to existing rules of the Secretary of State.

The need for the rules arises because Minn. Stat. ch. 203B (1981 Supp.) provide for absentee voting. Minn. Stat. 203B.08 subd. 4 and 203B.09 mandate that the Secretary of State adopt rules establishing the form and content and type size for the printing of blank applications for absentee ballots, return envelopes, certificates of eligibility, ballot envelopes and directions for casting an absentee ballot and procedures to be followed to assure accurate and timely return of absentee ballots.

Statement of Need

Proposed amendments to 2.4101, 2.4101, 2.4201 and 2.5101 accomplish changes made necessary by Minn. Laws 1981, ch. 29. Proposed amendments to 2.4103, 2.5104, 2.5102 and 2.5103 make forms simpler or simplify and clarify language. Proposed amendments to 2.4105 are necessary to ensure that absentee ballots can be properly delivered.

4. Election Judge Training

The above captioned rules governing election judge training are amendments to existing rules of the Secretary of State.

The need to adopt the amendatory rules arises because Minn. Stat., ch. 204B (1981 Supp.) provides for general provisions related to the conduct of elections and M.S. 204B.25 mandates that the Secretary of State adopt rules establishing a program for the training of election judges. Proposed amendments 2.5101, 2.5106 and 2.5115 accomplish changes made necessary by Minn. Laws 1981, ch. 29. Proposed amendments to 2.5102 and 2.5103 clarify language. Proposed amendments to 2.5106 and 2.5116 ensure that sufficient time is allowed for developing and conducting an effective training program.