

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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WRIT OF ELECTION.  
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To the people of the State of Minnesota; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the county auditors of the several counties of the State of Minnesota; and to all election officials of the election districts, towns, villages, boroughs, cities and counties of the State of Minnesota, greeting:

Whereas a vacancy now exists in the term of a United States Senator from Minnesota, caused by the death of the late Senator Knute Nelson;

Now, therefore, I, J. A. O. Freus, governor of the State of Minnesota, acting by and under the authority and direction contained in the seventeenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and with the advice of the attorney general of the State of Minnesota, hereby issue, publish, and declare this my writ of election for a special election to be held throughout the State of Minnesota on Monday, the 16th day of July, 1923; and I do hereby direct that a special election shall be held on that day in order that there may be chosen at said election a Senator of the United States from the State of Minnesota to fill said vacancy and to represent the State of Minnesota in the Senate of the United States until the end of the term for which said Senator Knute Nelson was originally elected, to-wit, until March 4, 1925.

And I do further order, declare and direct that a special primary election for the nomination of candidates for

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election to said office of United States Senator for said unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson shall be held throughout the State of Minnesota on Monday, the 18th day of June 1923, in order that candidates may be nominated at said primary election for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

And I do further order, direct and prescribe that said nominations and said election of a United States Senator for the unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson be held and conducted in the manner following, to-wit:

1. On or before May 29th, 1923, any person eligible and desirous of having his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for United States Senator in congress from this state for said unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson shall file his affidavit with the secretary of state, stating his age and place of residence, that he is a qualified voter in the State of Minnesota, the name of his political party, that he desires to be a candidate for the office of United States Senator in Congress for said unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson, that he affiliated with said party at the last general election, and either that he did not vote thereat or voted for a majority of the candidates of said party at such election and intends to so vote at the next ensuing general election.

2. Upon the receipt of each such affidavit in his office accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the secretary of state shall file and record the same. As soon as the time herein allowed for filing such affidavits has expired the secretary of state shall prepare, print and deliver to the county auditors of the several counties of the state an adequate number of special primary election ballots containing the names and party designations of all such candidates; and said county auditors shall forthwith distribute

and deliver such ballots to the proper election officials throughout their respective counties and same shall be used in said primary election. After the results of said primary election shall have been determined, and in due time, the secretary of state shall likewise prepare and deliver (and said county auditors shall likewise distribute) suitable ballots containing the names and party designations of the candidates nominated at said primary, which ballots shall be used in the final election of a senator to fill said unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson.

3. The issuance of this writ of election shall constitute and be deemed official notice to all persons throughout the State of Minnesota of said special elections, both primary and final. But let this writ of election be published one time forthwith in a legal newspaper in the Capital City of the State of Minnesota; and the local authorities at their discretion may also give such further and additional notice as they deem desirable. Sample ballots may be posted or published a single time two or more days preceding said primary, and likewise preceding said final election.

4. It shall not be necessary to create any new precincts, appoint judges or make new registration of voters for the special election hereby called or the primary therefor, but wherever registration of voters is required the registration lists for both the last preceding general election and all subsequent city and primary elections may be used; the precincts shall be the same as at the last preceding general or city election or primary election (as the case may be); the hours of opening and closing the polls shall be the same; the polling places shall be the same or as near as may be; and the judges of election at the last general or city election or primary election (as the case may be) in any precinct shall serve as judges of election for the special

election hereby called and the primary therefor, and vacancies of judges may be filled in the same manner as in the case of general elections and such judges shall have the right to take from the city clerk or other legal custodian and use at the special election hereby called and the primary therefor, the registers used at said last general election and subsequent city and primary elections, any names thereon being subject to challenge as at a general election. If any person whose name does not appear on said registers shall ask to vote at said primary election, his name shall be entered upon such registers upon taking such oath, answering such questions and complying with such other provisions of the existing laws as required for registration.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this writ, the provisions of the laws of the State of Minnesota made and provided for election at special elections of representatives in congress to fill unexpired terms and vacancies shall, as far as practicable, govern and control said final election of a senator in congress from this state for the unexpired term of said Senator Knute Nelson. Except as last above specified or elsewhere provided in this writ, the general primary and election laws applicable to the regular nomination and election of state officers shall control, if practicable; but the time specified by statute for any particular purpose may be shortened. All details not herein provided for shall be governed and carried out as directed by the secretary of state.

6. As soon as may be after said special primary and final elections, respectively, the votes cast thereat shall be canvassed by the state canvassing board (which shall be named and convened by the secretary of state) in the same manner as the votes for state officers at a regular primary and general election. The candidate for senator in congress receiving the greater number of votes cast at said final election shall be



declared to be elected; and a certificate to that effect shall be delivered forthwith by the secretary of state to said candidate so elected.

To this end and as authority and direction therefor have you then and there this writ.

Witness my hand as the governor of the State of Minnesota this 17th day of May, 1923, and the great seal of the State of Minnesota.

By the governor:

*Wm. H. Johnson*  
Secretary of State

*J. A. O. P. P.*

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