

Order Adopting Rules

Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State

Adoption of Rules Relating to Elections Administration; Revisor's ID Number R-4824; OAH Docket No. 8-9019-39440; Minnesota Rules Chapter 8200-8250

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The Office of the Secretary of State has complied with all notice and procedural requirements in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, Minnesota Rules, chapter 1400, and other applicable law.
2. The Office adopts the Administrative Law Judge's Report dated December 8, 2025 and incorporates the Report into this Order except as described below.
3. The Office made one modification to the rule as proposed by adding an effective date of June 1, 2026, to allow local election officials time to prepare new forms incorporating the new rules and so as not to interfere with the orderly election process of local special elections that will be happening before that date. If the amendments are not published in the State Register until after June 1, 2026, they would become effective five working days after publication.
4. This modification does not make the rule substantially different because it makes no substantive changes to the rule as proposed. The difference is within the scope of the matter announced and in character with the issues raised in the notice of intent to adopt rules; the modification is a logical outgrowth of the contents of the notice of intent to adopt rules and the comments submitted in response to the notice; and the modification does not diminish the fair warning that the outcome of the rulemaking proceeding could be the rule in question.
5. The rules are needed and reasonable.

ORDER

The above-named rules, in the form published in the State Register on August 22, 2025, with the modifications as indicated in the Revisor's draft, file number AR4824, dated 12/19/26, are adopted under my authority in Statutes, section 5B.08.

February 5, 2026

Date

Steve Simon

Steve Simon
Secretary of State