

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...At the top of a ballot containing questions only, the words “Special Election Ballot” shall be printed...”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...When a county, municipal, school district, or hospital district election is held other than in conjunction with a federal or state office, the applicable words... “School District Ballot”...shall be printed...”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 5: “...The name of the appropriate municipality, school district, or special district may be added directly under the office types listed in this subpart.”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10: “Ballot questions must be printed after offices of the same jurisdiction. Directly after the office type required in subpart 2, the following words must be printed in upper and lower case and no smaller than 8-point type: “To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word ‘Yes’ on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word ‘No’ on that question.” or if a target shape other than an oval is used on the ballot, then the word “oval” must be replaced with the applicable target shape word...”

Official Ballot


Judge _____

Judge _____

School District _____ (Optional)

(Month) _____, 2025

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

School District Questions

Optional: School District Name

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word “Yes” on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word “No” on that question.

School District Question 1

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

When two or more ballot questions occur in a single jurisdiction, be sure to number the questions as above. If the question is an operating levy referendum question authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, use the notice below.

Yes

No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 2

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

When two or more ballot questions occur in a single jurisdiction, be sure to number the questions as above. When the question is related to the renewal of an existing levy referendum, use the notice below.

Yes

No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

School District Question 3

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

The body of the question is printed here in upper and lower case letters, as large as possible, but in no case smaller than 8 point type. The title must be printed in the same section as the body of the question to which it refers, and must also be in no smaller than 10 point type. “Yes” and “No” must be placed directly below and no smaller than 10 point and bold. School District bond election where debt service payments are made entirely from transfers of revenue from the capital fund to the debt service fund.

Yes

No

Precinct Name

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10: “...When more than one question is on the ballot for a given jurisdiction, each ballot question must be designated by a number and must be preceded by the words... ”School District Question”...and the number assigned to the question in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold type. The name and/or number of the jurisdiction that the question will represent may be printed directly under the heading of the question.”

M.S. §126C.17, subd. 9: “...The Notice required under section 275.60 may be modified to read, in cases of renewing existing levies at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year: “BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.” The ballot may contain a textual portion with the information required in this subdivision and a question stating substantially the following: “Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by (petition to) the board of, School District No. ..., be approved?”

M.S. §275.60: “(a) “Notwithstanding any general or special law or any charter provisions, but subject to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, any question submitted to the voters by any local governmental subdivision at a general or special election after June 8, 1995, authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, must include on the ballot the following notice in boldface type: “BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”...” (c) “... This section does not apply to a school district bond election if the debt service payments are to be made entirely form transfers of revenue from the capital fund to debt service fund.”

M.R. 8250.1810, Subp. 3: “...The name of the jurisdiction preparing the ballot may be added within the heading in no smaller than 8-point type. The date of the election must be printed within the heading in no smaller than 8-point type...”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10: “..The question heading and numbers (where applicable) must be shaded with a screen of at least ten percent. A clerk, county auditor, or appropriate governing body shall provide a title for each question printed on the ballot. The title must not contain more than ten words and must not be used on the ballot until it has been approved by the jurisdiction’s legal counsel. The title must be printed in bold type in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10 point type and must be printed in the same section as the body of the question to which it refers...”

NOTE: For specific ballot question language requirements regarding referendum revenue see M.S. §126C.17.

M.S. §205A.05, subdivision 1(a): “Uniform election dates. (a) Except as allowed in paragraph (b), a special election held in a school district must be held on one of the following dates: the second Tuesday in February, the second Tuesday in April, the second Tuesday in May, the second Tuesday in August, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(b) a special election may be held on a date other than those designated in paragraph (a) if the special election is held in response to an emergency or disaster, “Emergency” means an unforeseen combination of circumstances that calls for immediate action to prevent a disaster from developing or occurring. “Disaster” means a situation that creates an actual or catastrophic loss to property or the environment.”