Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Exception; certain partisan candidates.** (a) If no more than one candidate files for nomination by a major political party for a partisan office, the candidate who filed must be declared the nominee upon the close of filing, subject to the requirements of section 204D.13, subdivision 5.

If every candidate for a partisan office has been declared the nominee upon the close of filing, the office must be omitted from the state primary ballot. If all offices, both partisan and nonpartisan, have been omitted from the state primary ballot in a municipality or county, the governing body of the municipality or county may decide that the state primary will not be conducted in that municipality or county.

(b) Within 15 days after the close of filing, each municipal clerk or county auditor whose governing body has decided not to conduct the state primary shall post notice that the offices have been so omitted and the state primary canceled and shall send a copy of the notice to the secretary of state.

Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.12, is amended to read:

**204D.12 NAMES PLACED ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS.**

Without payment of an additional fee, the county auditor shall place on the appropriate state general election ballot the name of every candidate:

(1) whose nomination at the state primary has been certified by the appropriate canvassing board or whose nomination was declared upon the close of filing under section 204D.03, subdivision 3;
(2) who has been nominated by petition, including candidates certified by the secretary
of state; and

(3) who was nominated and whose name was omitted from the state nonpartisan primary
ballot pursuant to section 204D.07, subdivision 3. Only the names of duly nominated
candidates may be placed on a ballot.

Sec. ... Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to
read:

Subd. 5. **Candidate designation of political party.** (a) The name of a candidate for
partisan office may only be identified with a political party designation on the state general
election ballot if the candidate:

(1) was nominated as the party's candidate for the office at the state primary election;
or

(2) was endorsed for the office according to the internal rules of the political party and
either:

(i) was declared nominated under section 204D.03, subdivision 3; or

(ii) represents a party whose candidates are not nominated at the state primary election
or under section 204D.03, subdivision 3.

(b) A candidate nominated under paragraph (a), clause (2), must submit evidence of the
political party's endorsement to the filing officer that received the candidate's affidavit of
candidacy or nominating petition. Evidence of endorsement must be submitted no later than
71 days prior to the date of the state general election. A candidate who does not submit
evidence of endorsement as required by this paragraph may not appear on the state general
election ballot with a political party designation."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly