

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Leibham:

The current text of s. 5.15 (6) (b), stats., stipulates that when election returns are reported from a consolidated polling place consisting of more than one ward, separate returns must be maintained for each separate ballot at partisan elections so that when the voters of one ward have a different ballot than the voters of another ward the winners of an election may be determined. As a practical matter, the same practice must be followed at nonpartisan elections so that we can determine the winners of these elections too. Because it's likely that the question would arise as to why, under this draft, the "separate return" requirement would be maintained only for partisan elections, this draft applies the "separate return" requirement to nonpartisan elections as well. This should confirm current practice. If you would like to address this matter differently, please let me know.

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