

**53.46 Powers and duties of state commissioner.**

The state commissioner is authorized and empowered:

1. To make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions and intent of [this division](#);
2. To prescribe and direct the preparation of specially printed ballots, envelopes and other papers of different size and weight to be used in connection with absent voting by voters in the armed forces of the United States, if, in the discretion of the state commissioner, the state commissioner shall determine that such a special ballot and other papers will facilitate voting by such voters; provided that the content of any such specially printed matter shall be the same as that used for absent voters generally in the particular precinct in which said armed forces ballot is to be cast, and provided further that such ballots, envelopes and other papers shall be substantially uniform in size and weight throughout the state; and provided further that the provisions of [section 49.56](#), establishing the maximum cost of printing ballots, shall apply to the cost of printing any such specially printed ballots by the several counties;
3. To prescribe any forms that are not otherwise prescribed by law, and which in the judgment of the state commissioner are necessary to facilitate the carrying out of the purposes and intent of [this division](#);
4. To arrange for special transportation of ballots in co-operation with the government of the United States through any authorized instrumentality thereof and to that end the state commissioner is empowered to direct the commissioners of the several counties of the state to send ballots to voters in the armed forces of the United States other than in the usual course of mail;
5. To employ such clerical assistance as the state commissioner may require in carrying out the state commissioner's functions, to purchase and requisition any office supplies the state commissioner may require, and certify for payment the expenses of carrying out the state commissioner's functions under [this division](#);
6. To call upon any department or division of the state government for information and assistance in connection with carrying out the provisions of [this division](#);
7. To co-operate with any authorized departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the government of the United States in effecting the intent and purposes of [this division](#).

[C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §53.46]

Referred to in [§48A.5](#)