

39.3 Definitions.

The definitions established by [this section](#) shall apply wherever the terms so defined appear in [this chapter](#) and in [chapters 39A, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48A through 53](#), and [68A](#) unless the context in which any such term is used clearly requires otherwise.

1. “Absentee ballot” means any ballot authorized by [chapter 53](#).
2. “City” means a municipal corporation not including a county, township, school district, or any special purpose district or authority. When used in relation to land area, “city” includes only the land area within the city limits.
3. “City election” means any election held in a city for nomination or election of the officers thereof including a city primary or runoff election.
4. “Commissioner” means the county commissioner of elections as defined in [section 47.2](#).
5. “Election” means a general election, primary election, city election, school election or special election.
6. “Eligible elector” means a person who possesses all of the qualifications necessary to entitle the person to be registered to vote, whether or not the person is in fact so registered.
7. “General election” means the biennial election for national or state officers, members of Congress and of the general assembly, county and township officers, and for the choice of other officers or the decision of questions as provided by law.
8. “Infamous crime” means a felony as defined in [section 701.7](#), or an offense classified as a felony under federal law.
9. “Primary election” means that election by the members of various political parties for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for public office held as required by [chapter 43](#).
10. “Public measure” means any question authorized or required by law to be submitted to the voters at an election.
11. “Registered voter” means a person who is registered to vote pursuant to [chapter 48A](#).
12. “Registrar” means the state registrar of voters designated by [section 47.7](#).
13. “Registration commission” means the state voter registration commission established by [section 47.8](#).
14. “School election” means that election held pursuant to [section 277.1](#).
15. “Special election” means any other election held for any purpose authorized or required by law.
16. “State commissioner” means the state commissioner of elections as defined in [section 47.1](#).
17. “Written” and “in writing” may include any mode of representing words or letters in general use. A signature, when required by law, must be made by the writing or markings of the person whose signature is required. If a person is unable due to a physical disability to make a written signature or mark, that person may substitute either of the following in lieu of a signature required by law:
 - a. The name of the person with a disability written by another upon the request and in the presence of the person with a disability.
 - b. A rubber stamp reproduction of the name or facsimile of the actual signature of the person with a disability when adopted by that person for all purposes requiring a signature and then only when affixed by that person or another upon the request and in the presence of the person with a disability.

[C97, §1089; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, **§720**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §49.2; C75, 77, 79, 81, §39.3]

[93 Acts, ch 143, §3](#); [94 Acts, ch 1169, §43, 65](#); [94 Acts, ch 1180, §1](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1071, §7](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1134, §2, 115](#)

Referred to in [§46.25](#), [48A.2](#), [48A.11](#), [53.18](#), [275.1](#), [362.2](#)