

25-26a02. Precinct boundaries; establishment or change; requirements; designation of precincts; municipal and township enclaves; legislative districts. Election precincts in all counties of the state shall be established or changed by county election officers in such a manner that:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each election precinct shall be composed of contiguous and compact areas having clearly observable boundaries using visible ground features which meet the requirements of the federal bureau of the census and which coincide with census block boundaries as established by the federal bureau of the census and shall be wholly contained within any larger district from which any municipal, township or county officers are elected;

(b) election precincts for election purposes shall be designated consecutively in the county by number or name, or a combination of name and number;

(c) any municipal exclave or township exclave shall be a separate precinct and designated by a separate number or name, or combination of name and number, and shall not be identified with or as a part of any other municipal or township precinct;

(d) from and after the time that the legislature has been redistricted in 1992, precincts shall be arranged so that no precinct lies in more than one legislative district;

(e) a street or other roadway which has been platted but not graded is not a visible or observable feature for the purposes of this section; and

(f) where a legislative district boundary coincides with a municipal boundary which is changed by reason of annexation, such legislative district boundary shall be maintained as a precinct boundary until the next legislative redistricting regardless of whether such a legislative district boundary uses a visible ground feature or coincides with a census block boundary.

History: L. 1987, ch. 123, § 2; L. 1990, ch. 127, § 1; April 19.