

**RULES  
OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE COORDINATOR OF ELECTIONS**

**CHAPTER 1360—2—1  
INTRODUCTION**

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**1360—2—1—.01 ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION.** The following rules and regulations for the purchase and use of punch card voting systems in the State of Tennessee are hereby adopted and promulgated by the Coordinator of Elections of the State of Tennessee and approved by the Tennessee Secretary of State under the authority of *T.C.A. §2—11—201(c)*.

*Authority:* *T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c)* . *Administrative History:* *Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Amendment filed June 4, 1974; effective July 4, 1974. Amendment filed March 13, 1980; effective April 26, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.*

**1360—2—1—.02 INTENT OF REGULATIONS.**

- (1) It is the intent of these regulations to provide for the use of punch card voting devices and ballots in the State of Tennessee in such a manner that:
  - (a) The freedom and purity of the ballot is safeguarded;
  - (b) The several county election commissions in this state shall have the option, with the approval of the Coordinator of Elections and the State Election Commission, to use alternate electoral devices, the regulation of which is not presently provided in the Election Code of the state of Tennessee as embodied in Chapter 740, Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee 1972 (Title 2, Tennessee Code Annotated).
  - (c) Each voter's vote will be accurately and honestly counted;
  - (d) A uniform procedure for the use of a punch card system of voting will be in use throughout the State of Tennessee;
  - (e) Maximum participation by all citizens in the electoral process will be encouraged; and
  - (f) The total of votes cast will accurately reflect the will of the majority of voters voting in any given election.

*Authority:* *T.C.A. §§2—901, 2—11—201(c)* . *Administrative History:* *Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.*

**1360—2—1—.03 STATE ELECTION CODE GOVERNS.** The Election Code of the State of Tennessee as embodied in Chapter 740, Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee, 1972 (Title 2, Tennessee Code Annotated), as amended, shall govern all elections conducted with the use of punch card voting devices and ballots except as otherwise necessarily modified by these regulations; provided, however, that the ballots herein provided for are not and shall not be construed to be, 'paper ballots' as that term is used in Title 2, Chapter 1—20, as amended, and the provisions of said Title with respect to paper ballots shall not apply to ballots covered by these regulations except as herein expressly provided otherwise.

(Rule 1360—2—1—.03, continued)

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**1360—2—1—.04 REGULATIONS HAVE FORCE OF LAW.** These regulations shall have the force of law until otherwise adopted, modified, amended, or repealed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§2—910, 2—11—201(c) . **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 19, 1974; effective May 19, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed August 19, 1994; effective December 29, 1994.