

Final Exam (Part 2)

Question 1

Which of the following statement(s) is/are true:

- A. Candidates for Minnesota State Auditor have to be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).
- B. A Low-Fat/Low Cholesterol Diet is healthier than a Low Carb (carbohydrate) Diet.
- C. Candidates for Minnesota Attorney General have to be an attorney.
- D. Carbon dioxide is plant food, not pollution. Studies consistently show that higher CO₂ levels increase the mass of plant root, trunk, leaves and fruit, resulting in a booming biosphere.
- E. All of the above.

C. Incorrect:

There is no Constitutional requirement for the Attorney General to be an attorney; even though that makes sense to most people.

Minnesota Statute 204B.06, Subdivision 8, states,

“A candidate for judicial office or for the office of county attorney shall submit with the affidavit of candidacy proof that the candidate is licensed to practice law in this state. Proof means providing a copy of a current attorney license. A candidate for county sheriff shall submit with the affidavit of candidacy proof of licensure as a peace officer in the state. Proof means providing a copy of a current Peace Officer Standards and Training Board license.”

While the Legislature requires professional qualification at the county level, the Minnesota Constitution has no standards for Attorney General or, for that matter, State Auditor. To conservatives, this may sound ominous, even alarming, but there simply are no such requirements for Attorney General or State Auditor. An individual could be a High School dropout or simply politically ambitious and be elected Attorney General or State Auditor.