

1.1 Senator moves to amend the delete-everything amendment (SCS1636A11)
1.2 to S.F. No. 1636 as follows:

1.3 Page 1, line 17, delete "241,000" and insert "244,000" and delete "226,000" and insert
1.4 "245,000"

1.5 Page 1, line 20, after "Voting" insert "and Voter Engagement Advisory"

1.6 Page 1, line 21, delete everything after the period and insert "This is a onetime
1.7 appropriation."

1.8 Page 1, delete lines 22 to 24

1.9 Page 1, line 25, delete "2,114,000" and insert "1,908,000" and delete "694,000" and
1.10 insert "549,000"

1.11 Page 1, line 26, delete "\$769,000" and insert "\$538,000"

1.12 Page 1, line 27, delete everything after "and" and insert "each fiscal year thereafter."

1.13 Page 1, delete line 28

1.14 Page 2, after line 8, insert:

1.15 "\$200,000 the first year is to develop and
1.16 implement an educational campaign relating
1.17 to the restoration of the right to vote to
1.18 formerly incarcerated individuals, including
1.19 voter education materials and outreach to
1.20 affected individuals."

1.21 Page 2, line 9, delete "\$425,000" and insert "\$210,000"

1.22 Page 2, line 10, after "voting" insert "education" and delete everything after the period
1.23 and insert "This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. The secretary
1.24 of state may use up to \$10,000 of this appropriation for administrative costs."

1.25 Page 2, delete lines 11 and 12

1.26 Page 2, line 15, delete "0" and insert "33,000"

1.27 Page 3, line 3, delete "\$3,380,000" and insert "\$3,689,000"

1.28 Page 3, line 24, delete "\$4,150,000" and insert "\$4,932,000"

1.29 Page 28, line 20, delete "city" and insert "municipal"

1.30 Pages 32 to 44, delete sections 43 to 56

2.1 Page 50, delete section 64 and insert:

2.2 "Sec. 64. **RANKED CHOICE VOTING EDUCATION GRANTS.**

2.3 **Subdivision 1. Authorized costs.** A home rule charter city that has adopted ranked
2.4 choice voting for local elections is eligible to apply to the secretary of state for a grant to
2.5 be used for a public education campaign on the use of ranked choice voting. The public
2.6 education campaign must provide information to voters citywide but must focus on
2.7 communities with language barriers, new voters, or low voter participation rates.

2.8 **Subd. 2. Application.** The secretary of state may make a grant to an eligible home rule
2.9 charter city only after receiving an application from the city. The application must contain:

2.10 (1) the date the application is submitted;

2.11 (2) the name of the home rule charter city;

2.12 (3) the name and title of the individual who prepared the application;

2.13 (4) the total amount of the grant requested and a description of the proposed public
2.14 education campaign, including how the campaign will reach communities with language
2.15 barriers, new voters, or low voter participation rates;

2.16 (5) the total amount and source of the home rule charter city's money to be used to match
2.17 a grant from the account;

2.18 (6) a certified statement by the home rule charter city that the grant will be used only
2.19 for purposes authorized by this section; and

2.20 (7) any other information required by the secretary of state.

2.21 The deadline to submit grant applications is December 1, 2024.

2.22 **Subd. 3. Awarding grants.** (a) The secretary of state must not award grants prior to
2.23 January 1, 2025. The secretary of state must not award more than \$40,000 in grants to any
2.24 home rule charter city.

2.25 (b) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (a), a home rule charter city is eligible to
2.26 receive a grant of no more than 50 percent of the total cost of public educational campaigns
2.27 related to use of ranked choice voting. A home rule charter city may partner with and provide
2.28 grant funds to third-party entities to assist with a public education campaign.

2.29 (c) The secretary of state must establish a procedure for awarding and distributing grants
2.30 and a process for verifying the proper use of the grants after distribution. In evaluating the
2.31 applications, the secretary of state must consider only the information set forth in the

3.1 application and is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14. If the secretary of state
3.2 determines that the application has been fully and properly completed, and that there are
3.3 sufficient funds available to award the grant, either in whole or in part, the secretary of state
3.4 may approve the application, subject to the limitations in paragraph (a).

3.5 Subd. 4. **Report to the legislature.** No later than February 15, 2026, the secretary of
3.6 state must submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections
3.7 policy on grants awarded by this section. The report must include:

3.8 (1) a list of each grant awarded including the home rule charter city, the amount of the
3.9 grant, and how the funding will be spent; and

3.10 (2) the remaining balance of the appropriation for grants, if any. "

3.11 Page 52, delete section 65 and insert:

3.12 "Sec. 65. **RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY**
3.13 **TASK FORCE.**

3.14 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** A Ranked Choice Voting and Voter Engagement Task Force is
3.15 established. The purpose of the task force is to engage election officials, state and local
3.16 lawmakers, and community members for the purpose of assessing the adoption and
3.17 implementation of ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections and to study voter
3.18 engagement.

3.19 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of:

3.20 (1) the secretary of state or their designee;

3.21 (2) the state election director or their designee;

3.22 (3) four representatives of counties with experience administering elections, appointed
3.23 by the Minnesota Association of County Officers, as follows:

3.24 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;

3.25 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and

3.26 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;

3.27 (4) four representatives of cities with experience administering elections, appointed by
3.28 the League of Minnesota Cities, as follows:

3.29 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;

3.30 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and

- 4.1 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;
- 4.2 (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 4.3 of representatives;
- 4.4 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
- 4.5 (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the
- 4.6 house of representatives;
- 4.7 (8) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 4.8 (9) one representative of community-based organizations with demonstrated experience
- 4.9 and interest in voting methods and election administration, appointed by the governor;
- 4.10 (10) one representative who has experience administering elections at the county or city
- 4.11 level, appointed by the governor;
- 4.12 (11) one town clerk with experience administering elections, appointed by the Minnesota
- 4.13 Association of Townships;
- 4.14 (12) one representative appointed by the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans;
- 4.15 (13) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 4.16 (14) one representative appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 4.17 (15) one representative appointed by the Indian Affairs Council;
- 4.18 (16) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Disability;
- 4.19 (17) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind,
- 4.20 and Hard of Hearing;
- 4.21 (18) three public members appointed by the governor;
- 4.22 (19) two public members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- 4.23 (20) one public member appointed by the senate minority leader;
- 4.24 (21) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 4.25 (22) one public member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 4.26 (b) The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee, serves as the chair of the task force.
- 4.27 Members of the task force and subcommittees are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section
- 4.28 15.059, subdivision 6.

5.1 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than
5.2 August 1, 2023. No later than August 15, 2023, the secretary of state, or the secretary's
5.3 designee, must convene the first meeting of the task force. Appointing authorities described
5.4 in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (18) to (22), must give preference to appointees
5.5 who are new Americans; seniors; infrequent voters; Black, Indigenous, or people of color;
5.6 individuals with disabilities; residents of greater Minnesota; or residents of cities that have
5.7 adopted ranked choice voting.

5.8 (b) The task force and subcommittees are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

5.9 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide support staff,
5.10 office space, and administrative services for the task force.

5.11 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The task force must study voter-facing issues related to ranked choice
5.12 voting including, but not limited to, ballot design, voter instructions, usability of equipment,
5.13 and other aspects of ranked choice voting that involve the voter. The task force must meet
5.14 at least twice between August 1, 2023, and February 15, 2024, and at least twice between
5.15 February 16, 2024, and February 15, 2025.

5.16 Subd. 6. **Report.** (a) By February 15, 2024, and February 15, 2025, the task force must
5.17 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
5.18 with jurisdiction over elections policy and finance. The report must include:

5.19 (1) findings, conclusions, or recommendations relating to the voter-facing issues;

5.20 (2) draft legislation, if any, to implement the task force's recommendations;

5.21 (3) the reports submitted to the task force chair by the subcommittees as required by
5.22 subdivisions 7 and 8.

5.23 Subd. 7. **Ranked choice voting technical subcommittee.** (a) A ranked choice voting
5.24 technical subcommittee is established within the task force. The ranked choice voting
5.25 technical subcommittee must assess the technical aspects of implementing ranked choice
5.26 voting for local and statewide elections. Members designated or appointed pursuant to
5.27 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (11), are the members of the ranked choice voting
5.28 subcommittee. The ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet at least monthly
5.29 until the first report is submitted as provided in paragraph (d). After submission of the first
5.30 report, the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet regularly.

5.31 (b) One member of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee designated by the
5.32 secretary of state and the gubernatorial appointee with experience administering elections
5.33 at the county or city level serve as cochairs of the task force. The cochairs of the ranked

6.1 choice voting technical subcommittee are encouraged to request the participation of at least
6.2 two members of Minnesota's congressional delegation, or their designees, including one
6.3 member of the United States House of Representatives and one member of the United States
6.4 Senate. These members serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the task force.

6.5 (c) The ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must:

6.6 (1) assess the feasibility of local governments adopting ranked choice voting in
6.7 conjunction with state general elections, including cross-county municipalities and school
6.8 districts;

6.9 (2) assess the feasibility of adopting statewide ranked choice voting, particularly the
6.10 impact on local election administration and voter experience;

6.11 (3) assess system readiness and any challenges, obstacles, or barriers to adoption or
6.12 implementation of ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections;

6.13 (4) make recommendations on the standards and rules that would be needed to implement
6.14 ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections;

6.15 (5) assess the technology required to implement ranked choice voting for local and
6.16 statewide elections, including an inventory of current voting equipment across the state; an
6.17 assessment of the feasibility of ranked choice voting with varied election equipment and
6.18 systems; and recommendations for upgrading technology, where necessary or prudent; and

6.19 (6) recommend appropriations required to implement ranked choice voting for local and
6.20 statewide elections, including equipment and software, education, and training.

6.21 (d) By February 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025, the ranked choice voting technical
6.22 subcommittee must submit a report to the chair of the task force. The report must include:

6.23 (1) findings, conclusions, or recommendations relating to the duties of the subcommittee;
6.24 and

6.25 (2) draft legislation, if any, to implement the subcommittee's recommendations.

6.26 Subd. 8. **Voter engagement subcommittee.** (a) A voter engagement subcommittee is
6.27 established within the task force. The voter engagement subcommittee must assess voter
6.28 engagement. Members designated or appointed pursuant to subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
6.29 clauses (1) and (12) to (22), are the members of the voter engagement subcommittee. The
6.30 voter engagement subcommittee must meet at least monthly until the first report is submitted
6.31 as provided in paragraph (d). After submission of the first report, the voter engagement
6.32 subcommittee must meet regularly.

7.1 (b) The senate majority leader must designate one of the individuals appointed by the
7.2 senate majority leader as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee. The speaker of
7.3 the house of representatives must designate one of the individuals appointed by the speaker
7.4 of the house of representatives as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee.

7.5 (c) The voter engagement subcommittee must focus its analysis on eligible voters who
7.6 are new Americans; seniors; Black, Indigenous, or people of color; low income; and
7.7 individuals with disabilities. The voter engagement subcommittee must assess:

7.8 (1) current levels of understanding of voting methods used in Minnesota within the
7.9 communities of focus;

7.10 (2) voter education efforts that were undertaken in Bloomington, Minneapolis,
7.11 Minnetonka, Saint Louis Park, and Saint Paul after the adoption of ranked choice voting;
7.12 and

7.13 (3) best practices for educating and engaging voters in the communities of focus.

7.14 (d) By February 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025, the voter engagement subcommittee
7.15 must submit a report to the chair of the task force. The report must include:

7.16 (1) recommendations on how to increase voter participation in communities of focus;

7.17 (2) recommendations on how to further educate and engage voters in communities of
7.18 focus, including whether current voter education and outreach efforts are sufficient or should
7.19 be modified;

7.20 (3) recommendations on methods of voter outreach and education that should be
7.21 employed within communities of focus in cases in which a jurisdiction is considering
7.22 changing its method of voting and if it proceeds with changing its voting method; and

7.23 (4) any other recommendations related to voter engagement or education.

7.24 Subd. 9. **Sunset.** The task force and subcommittees expires March 1, 2025, or upon
7.25 submission of the final report to the legislature, whichever is earlier.

7.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, provided that the designated
7.27 appointing authorities may take actions necessary to name members to serve on the task
7.28 force beginning the day following final enactment."

7.29 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references