

1.1 **Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 1426:** A bill for an act relating to the operation of state government;  
1.3 appropriating money for the legislature, the governor's office, state auditor, attorney general,  
1.4 secretary of state, and certain agencies, boards, councils, and retirement funds; setting  
1.5 salaries for constitutional officers; changing provisions in state government operations;  
1.6 changing provisions for information technology; creating offices, councils, commissions,  
1.7 and task forces; modifying grants management oversight; establishing a pilot program for  
1.8 construction materials to meet certain standards for global warming potential; implementing  
1.9 recommendations of Advisory Task Force on State Employment and Retention of Employees  
1.10 with Disabilities; modifying licensing requirements under the Board of Cosmetologist  
1.11 Examiners; modifying processes and responsible parties for assessing cemeteries; establishing  
1.12 a grant program; authorizing studies; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,  
1.13 sections 1.135, subdivisions 2, 4, 6, by adding a subdivision; 1.141, subdivision 1; 3.07;  
1.14 3.09; 4.045; 16A.055, by adding a subdivision; 16A.126, subdivision 1; 16A.1286,  
1.15 subdivision 2; 16B.4805, subdivision 1; 16B.97, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 16B.98, subdivisions  
1.16 5, 6, 8, by adding a subdivision; 16B.991; 16E.01, subdivisions 1a, 3, by adding a  
1.17 subdivision; 16E.016; 16E.03, subdivision 2; 16E.14, subdivision 4; 16E.21, subdivisions  
1.18 1, 2; 43A.01, subdivision 2; 43A.02, by adding subdivisions; 43A.04, subdivisions 1a, 4,  
1.19 7; 43A.08, subdivision 1; 43A.09; 43A.10, subdivisions 2a, 7; 43A.14; 43A.15, subdivision  
1.20 14, by adding a subdivision; 43A.18, subdivision 6; 43A.19, subdivision 1; 43A.191; 43A.21,  
1.21 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 43A.36, subdivision 1; 43A.421; 145.951;  
1.22 155A.23, subdivisions 8, 18, by adding a subdivision; 155A.27, subdivisions 1, 5a, 10;  
1.23 155A.271, subdivision 1; 155A.29, subdivision 1; 179A.01; 179A.03, subdivision 15;  
1.24 307.08; 381.12, subdivision 2; Laws 2023, chapter 5, sections 1; 2; proposing coding for  
1.25 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 15; 15B; 16A; 16B; 16E; 43A; 155A; 381; repealing  
1.26 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 3, 5; 1.141, subdivisions 3, 4, 6;  
1.27 4A.01; 4A.04; 4A.06; 4A.07; 4A.11; 16E.0466, subdivision 2; 124D.23, subdivision 9;  
1.28 124D.957; Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended.

1.29 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.30 Page 4, line 11, delete "14,963,000" and insert "14,965,000" and delete "14,252,000"  
1.31 and insert "14,254,000"

1.32 Page 4, line 12, delete "\$14,266,000" and insert "\$14,268,000"

1.33 Page 4, line 13, delete "\$14,276,000" and insert "\$14,278,000"

1.34 Page 9, line 18, delete "2" and insert "3" and delete "52" and insert "53"

1.35 Page 13, line 25, delete "2028" and insert "2027"

1.36 Page 13, line 34, delete "54,239,000" and insert "54,249,000" and delete "59,490,000"  
1.37 and insert "59,500,000"

1.38 Page 14, line 4, delete "\$13,479,000" and insert "\$13,489,000" and delete "\$14,480,000"  
1.39 and insert "14,490,000"

1.40 Page 14, line 8, delete "\$6,480,000" and insert "\$6,470,000"

1.41 Page 17, line 21, delete "623,000" and insert "748,000" and delete "645,000" and insert  
1.42 "770,000"

2.1 Page 17, line 28, delete "45,193,000" and insert "44,923,000"

2.2 Page 18, line 1, delete "44,772,000" and insert "44,502,000"

2.3 Page 18, line 12, delete "\$19,227,000" and insert "\$18,957,000"

2.4 Page 18, line 19, after the period, insert "This amount is available until June 30, 2027."

2.5 Page 18, line 22, delete "2" and insert "3"

2.6 Page 22, after line 22, insert:

2.7 "Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 6.91, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** ~~(a)~~ The amount necessary to fund obligations under subdivision  
2.9 2 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue.

2.10 ~~(b) The sum of \$6,000 in fiscal year 2011 and \$2,000 in each fiscal year thereafter is~~  
2.11 ~~annually appropriated from the general fund to the state auditor to carry out the auditor's~~  
2.12 ~~responsibilities under sections 6.90 to 6.91."~~

2.13 Page 23, after line 11, insert:

2.14 "ARTICLE 2

2.15 ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

2.16 Section 1. STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

2.17 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
2.18 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
2.19 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

2.20 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
2.21 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.

2.22 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"  
2.23 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

2.24 APPROPRIATIONS

2.25 Available for the Year

2.26 Ending June 30

2.27 2024

2025

2.28 Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE \$ 244,000 \$ 245,000

2.29 These amounts are for the Legislative

2.30 Coordinating Commission to support the

2.31 Ranked Choice Voting and Voter Engagement

3.1 Advisory Task Force established under article  
 3.2 7, section 50. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.3 **Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF STATE** **\$ 1,698,000** **\$ 549,000**

3.4 The base for this appropriation is \$538,000 in  
 3.5 fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

3.6 \$800,000 the first year is for the secretary of  
 3.7 state to make grants to counties and  
 3.8 municipalities to improve access to polling  
 3.9 places for individuals with disabilities and to  
 3.10 provide the same opportunity for access and  
 3.11 participation in the electoral process, including  
 3.12 privacy and independence, to voters with  
 3.13 disabilities as that which exists for voters with  
 3.14 no disabilities. Funds may be used to purchase  
 3.15 equipment or to make capital improvements  
 3.16 to publicly owned facilities. This is a onetime  
 3.17 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 3.18 2027.

3.19 \$200,000 the first year is to develop and  
 3.20 implement an educational campaign relating  
 3.21 to the restoration of the right to vote to  
 3.22 formerly incarcerated individuals, including  
 3.23 voter education materials and outreach to  
 3.24 affected individuals.

3.25 **Sec. 4. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC**  
 3.26 **DISCLOSURE BOARD** **\$ 1,743,000** **\$ 1,731,000**

3.27 **Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS** **\$ 165,000** **\$ 33,000**

3.28 For changes to the report required under  
 3.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 201.145,  
 3.30 subdivision 3.

4.1 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; HELP AMERICA VOTE**  
 4.2 **ACT STATE MATCHING FUNDS.**

4.3 \$461,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the Help America  
 4.4 Vote Act (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, and is credited  
 4.5 to the state match requirement of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, Public Law  
 4.6 117-103, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328. This is a  
 4.7 onetime transfer.

4.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.9 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; COURT ORDERED**  
 4.10 **ATTORNEY FEES.**

4.11 \$495,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of  
 4.12 state for the payment of attorney fees and costs awarded by court order in the legislative  
 4.13 and congressional redistricting cases Peter Wattson, et al.; Paul Anderson, et al.; and Frank  
 4.14 Sachs, et al. v. Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, Nos. A21-0243 and A21-0546,  
 4.15 and interest thereon. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.17 Sec. 8. **TRANSFER; STATE ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.**

4.18 \$3,899,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the general fund to the general account  
 4.19 of the state elections campaign account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.31.  
 4.20 This is a onetime transfer.

4.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.22 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** ~~Notwithstanding section 4.07, Money in the Help America~~  
 4.23 ~~Vote Act account may be spent only pursuant to direct appropriations enacted from time to~~  
 4.24 ~~time by law. Money in the account must be spent~~ is appropriated to the secretary of state  
 4.25 to improve the administration of elections in accordance with the Help America Vote Act,  
 4.26 the state plan certified by the governor under the act, and for reporting and administrative  
 4.27 requirements under the act and plan. To the extent required by federal law, money in the  
 4.28 account must be used in a manner that is consistent with the maintenance of effort  
 4.29 requirements of section 254(a)(7) of the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252,  
 4.30 based on the level of state expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

5.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 5.2 applies to any balances in the Help America Vote Act account existing on or after that date.

5.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

5.4 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) The amounts designated by individuals for the state elections  
 5.5 campaign account, less three percent, are appropriated from the general fund, must be  
 5.6 transferred and credited to the appropriate account in the state elections campaign account,  
 5.7 and are annually appropriated for distribution as set forth in subdivisions 5, 5a, 6, and 7.  
 5.8 The remaining three percent must be kept in the general fund for administrative costs.

5.9 (b) In addition to the amounts in paragraph (a), ~~\$1,020,000~~ \$4,932,000 for each general  
 5.10 election is appropriated from the general fund for transfer to the general account of the state  
 5.11 elections campaign account.

5.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025."

5.13 Page 25, after line 5, insert:

5.14 "Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.15 Subd. 2. **Contents.** (a) The fiscal note, where possible, shall:

5.16 (1) cite the effect in dollar amounts;

5.17 (2) cite the statutory provisions affected;

5.18 (3) estimate the increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures;

5.19 (4) include the costs which may be absorbed without additional funds;

5.20 (5) include the assumptions used in determining the cost estimates; and

5.21 (6) specify any long-range implication.

5.22 (b) The fiscal note may comment on technical or mechanical defects in the bill but shall  
 5.23 express no opinions concerning the merits of the proposal.

5.24 (c) The fiscal note must assume the legal validity of the bill, but may comment on  
 5.25 potential litigation that may result from passage of the bill.

5.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

5.27 Page 62, after line 20, insert:

5.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

5.29 Page 62, after line 22, insert:

6.1 "EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

6.2 Page 67, after line 17, insert:

6.3 "Sec. 55. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF GRANT AND BUSINESS SUBSIDY**  
6.4 **RECIPIENTS.**

6.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
6.6 meanings given.

6.7 (b) "Grant" means a grant or business subsidy funded by an appropriation in this act.

6.8 (c) "Grantee" means a business entity as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.001.

6.9 Subd. 2. **Financial information required; determination of ability to perform.** Before  
6.10 an agency awards a competitive, legislatively-named, single source, or sole source grant,  
6.11 the agency must assess the risk that a grantee cannot or would not perform the required  
6.12 duties. In making this assessment, the agency must review the following information:

6.13 (1) the grantee's history of performing duties similar to those required by the grant,  
6.14 whether the size of the grant requires the grantee to perform services at a significantly  
6.15 increased scale, and whether the size of the grant will require significant changes to the  
6.16 operation of the grantee's organization;

6.17 (2) for a grantee that is a nonprofit organization, the grantee's Form 990 or Form 990-EZ  
6.18 filed with the Internal Revenue Service in each of the prior three years. If the grantee has  
6.19 not been in existence long enough or is not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, the  
6.20 grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee is exempt and must  
6.21 instead submit the grantee's most recent board-reviewed financial statements and  
6.22 documentation of internal controls;

6.23 (3) for a for-profit business, three years of federal and state tax returns, current financial  
6.24 statements, certification that the business is not under bankruptcy proceedings, and disclosure  
6.25 of any liens on its assets. If a business has not been in business long enough to have three  
6.26 years of tax returns, the grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee  
6.27 has appropriate internal financial controls;

6.28 (4) evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state under Minnesota  
6.29 Statutes, chapter 317A, or other applicable law;

6.30 (5) if the grantee's total annual revenue exceeds \$750,000, the grantee's most recent  
6.31 financial audit performed by an independent third party in accordance with generally accepted  
6.32 accounting principles; and

7.1 (6) certification, provided by the grantee, that none of its principals have been convicted  
7.2 of a financial crime.

7.3 Subd. 3. **Additional measures for some grantees.** The agency may require additional  
7.4 information and must provide enhanced oversight for grants that have not previously received  
7.5 state or federal grants for similar amounts or similar duties and so have not yet demonstrated  
7.6 the ability to perform the duties required under the grant on the scale required.

7.7 Subd. 4. **Assistance from administration.** An agency without adequate resources or  
7.8 experience to perform obligations under this section may contract with the commissioner  
7.9 of administration to perform the agency's duties under this section.

7.10 Subd. 5. **Agency authority to not award grant.** If an agency determines that there is  
7.11 an appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a competitive, single source, or sole source grant  
7.12 cannot or would not perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency must  
7.13 notify the grantee and the commissioner of administration and give the grantee an opportunity  
7.14 to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee does not satisfy the agency's concerns  
7.15 within 45 days, the agency must not award the grant.

7.16 Subd. 6. **Legislatively-named grantees.** If an agency determines that there is an  
7.17 appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a legislatively-named grant cannot or would not  
7.18 perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency must notify the grantee,  
7.19 the commissioner of administration, and the chair and ranking minority members of Ways  
7.20 and Means Committee in the house of representatives, the chairs and ranking minority  
7.21 members of the Finance Committee in the senate, and the chairs and ranking minority  
7.22 members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with primary  
7.23 jurisdiction over the bill in which the money for the grant was appropriated. The agency  
7.24 must give the grantee an opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee  
7.25 does not satisfy the agency's concerns within 45 days, the agency must delay award of the  
7.26 grant until adjournment of the next regular or special legislative session.

7.27 Subd. 7. **Subgrants.** If a grantee will disburse the money received from the grant to  
7.28 other organizations to perform duties required under the grant agreement, the agency must  
7.29 be a party to agreements between the grantee and a subgrantee. Before entering agreements  
7.30 for subgrants, the agency must perform the financial review required under this section with  
7.31 respect to the subgrantees.

7.32 Subd. 8. **Effect.** The requirements of this section are in addition to other requirements  
7.33 imposed by law, the commissioner of administration under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
7.34 16B.97 to 16B.98, or agency grant policy."

8.1 Page 90, after line 29, insert:

8.2 "ARTICLE 6

8.3 MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE

8.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
8.5 to read:

8.6 Subd. 15a. **Transfer.** A "transfer" means the authorization to move state money from  
8.7 one fund, account, or agency to another fund, account, or agency within the state treasury.  
8.8 When authorized by law, a transfer must reduce money in one fund, account, or agency and  
8.9 increase the same amount to a separate fund, account, or agency.

8.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.11 Subdivision 1. **State revenue and expenditures.** In February and November each year,  
8.12 the commissioner shall prepare a forecast of state revenue and expenditures. The November  
8.13 forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor no later than ~~the end of the first~~  
8.14 ~~week of December 6.~~ The February forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor  
8.15 by the end of February. Forecasts must be delivered to the legislature and governor on the  
8.16 same day. If requested by the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy,  
8.17 delivery to the legislature must include a presentation to the commission.

8.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, as amended by Laws  
8.19 2023, chapter 10, section 2, is amended to read:

8.20 Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application of  
8.21 inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of investment  
8.22 income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the forecast, the  
8.23 commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the senate ~~State~~  
8.24 ~~Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means  
8.25 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three weeks  
8.26 before the forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of the  
8.27 forecast, the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the senate  
8.28 ~~State Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means  
8.29 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff of any changes in these variables from the previous  
8.30 forecast.



9.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
9.2 read:

9.3 Subd. 1i. **Budget close report.** By October 15 of each odd-numbered year, the  
9.4 commissioner shall prepare a detailed fund balance analysis of the general fund for the  
9.5 previous biennium. The analysis shall include a comparison to the most recent publicly  
9.6 available fund balance analysis of the general fund. The commissioner shall provide this  
9.7 analysis to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives Ways  
9.8 and Means Committee and the senate Finance Committee, and shall post the analysis on  
9.9 the agency's Web site.

9.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.11 Subd. 2. **Additional revenues; priority.** (a) If on the basis of a forecast of general fund  
9.12 revenues and expenditures, the commissioner of management and budget determines that  
9.13 there will be a positive unrestricted budgetary general fund balance at the close of the  
9.14 biennium, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate money to the following  
9.15 accounts and purposes in priority order:

9.16 (1) the cash flow account established in subdivision 1 until that account reaches  
9.17 \$350,000,000;

9.18 (2) the budget reserve account established in subdivision 1a until that account reaches  
9.19 ~~\$2,377,399,000~~ \$2,852,098,000;

9.20 (3) the amount necessary to increase the aid payment schedule for school district aids  
9.21 and credits payments in section 127A.45 to not more than 90 percent rounded to the nearest  
9.22 tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available and with any remaining funds  
9.23 deposited in the budget reserve; and

9.24 (4) the amount necessary to restore all or a portion of the net aid reductions under section  
9.25 127A.441 and to reduce the property tax revenue recognition shift under section 123B.75,  
9.26 subdivision 5, by the same amount;

9.27 ~~(5) the amount necessary to increase the Minnesota 21st century fund by not more than~~  
9.28 ~~the difference between \$5,000,000 and the sum of the amounts credited and canceled to it~~  
9.29 ~~in the previous 12 months under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 11, until the sum~~  
9.30 ~~of all transfers under this section and all amounts credited or canceled under Laws 2020,~~  
9.31 ~~chapter 71, article 1, section 11, equals \$20,000,000; and~~

9.32 (6) for a forecast in November only, the amount remaining after the transfer under clause  
9.33 (5) must be used to reduce the percentage of accelerated June liability sales tax payments

10.1 ~~required under section 289A.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), until the percentage equals~~  
 10.2 ~~zero, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. By March 15 following the November~~  
 10.3 ~~forecast, the commissioner must provide the commissioner of revenue with the percentage~~  
 10.4 ~~of accelerated June liability owed based on the reduction required by this clause. By April~~  
 10.5 ~~15 each year, the commissioner of revenue must certify the percentage of June liability~~  
 10.6 ~~owed by vendors based on the reduction required by this clause.~~

10.7 (b) The amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section are appropriated  
 10.8 from the general fund within two weeks after the forecast is released or, in the case of  
 10.9 transfers under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), as necessary to meet the appropriations  
 10.10 schedules otherwise established in statute.

10.11 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall certify the total dollar amount  
 10.12 of the reductions under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), to the commissioner of education.  
 10.13 The commissioner of education shall increase the aid payment percentage and reduce the  
 10.14 property tax shift percentage by these amounts and apply those reductions to the current  
 10.15 fiscal year and thereafter.

10.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.97, is amended to read:

10.17 **16A.97 TOBACCO BONDS.**

10.18 The commissioner may sell and issue debt under ~~either or both of sections 16A.98 and~~  
 10.19 section 16A.99, but the net proceeds of bonds issued and sold under ~~those sections together~~  
 10.20 that section must not exceed \$640,000,000 during fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

10.21 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

10.22 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.98, is repealed.

10.23 **ARTICLE 7**  
 10.24 **ELECTIONS POLICY**

10.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 8.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

10.26 Subdivision 1. **Investigate offenses against provisions of certain designated sections;**  
 10.27 **assist in enforcement.** The attorney general shall investigate violations and assist in the  
 10.28 enforcement of the following laws as provided in this section:

10.29 (1) the law of this state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices  
 10.30 in business, commerce, or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Nonprofit  
 10.31 Corporation Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination

11.1 and Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections  
 11.2 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67  
 11.3 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained  
 11.4 in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the  
 11.5 act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer  
 11.6 Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges  
 11.7 ~~and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided;~~ and

11.8 (2) section 211B.076, regulating intimidation and interference related to the performance  
 11.9 of duties by an election official.

11.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

11.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

11.12 Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

11.13 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any  
 11.14 year:

11.15 (i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the  
 11.16 official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating  
 11.17 or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

11.18 (ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating  
 11.19 government relations or government affairs services between two third parties; or

11.20 (2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses  
 11.21 and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or  
 11.22 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political  
 11.23 subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.

11.24 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

11.25 (1) a public official;

11.26 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education  
 11.27 systems;

11.28 (3) an elected local official;

11.29 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an  
 11.30 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends  
 11.31 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,

12.1 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than  
 12.2 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging  
 12.3 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring  
 12.4 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~  
 12.5 ~~unit~~ political subdivision, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination  
 12.6 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies  
 12.7 of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~ political subdivisions;

12.8 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,  
 12.9 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is  
 12.10 taking administrative action;

12.11 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public  
 12.12 funds;

12.13 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or  
 12.14 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or  
 12.15 indirectly urge official action;

12.16 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the  
 12.17 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

12.18 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature  
 12.19 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents  
 12.20 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

12.21 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration  
 12.22 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause  
 12.23 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

12.24 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary  
 12.25 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying  
 12.26 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate  
 12.27 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

12.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

12.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 12.30 read:

12.31 **Subd. 26b. Official action of political subdivisions.** "Official action of political  
 12.32 subdivisions" means any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local

13.1 officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or employed  
 13.2 local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on, as a member of the governing body,  
 13.3 major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment of public money.

13.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

13.6 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board  
 13.7 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the  
 13.8 reporting period.

13.9 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by  
 13.10 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific  
 13.11 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of  
 13.12 importance to the entity represented.

13.13 ~~(b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately~~  
 13.14 ~~listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,~~  
 13.15 ~~and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a~~  
 13.16 ~~breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified~~  
 13.17 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~  
 13.18 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~  
 13.19 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~  
 13.20 ~~expenses. every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~  
 13.21 to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of  
 13.22 interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes rule draft number assigned  
 13.23 to the administrative rulemaking.

13.24 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that  
 13.25 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must  
 13.26 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

13.27 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects  
 13.28 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to  
 13.29 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence  
 13.30 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying  
 13.31 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which  
 13.32 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting  
 13.33 period and report only those four subjects.

14.1 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate  
 14.2 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the  
 14.3 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the  
 14.4 reporting period.

14.5 ~~(e)~~ (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,  
 14.6 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any  
 14.7 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or  
 14.8 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to  
 14.9 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

14.10 ~~(d)~~ (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any  
 14.11 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,  
 14.12 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. The list must  
 14.13 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal  
 14.14 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

14.15 ~~(e)~~ (i) On ~~the each~~ report ~~due June 15, the~~ a lobbyist must ~~provide a~~ disclose the general  
 14.16 ~~description of the subjects~~ lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the ~~previous 12~~  
 14.17 ~~months~~ reporting period.

14.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

14.19 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

14.20 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this  
 14.21 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

14.22 ~~(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,  
 14.23 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000,~~ spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year  
 14.24 ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan~~  
 14.25 ~~governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

14.26 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;

14.27 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause  
 14.28 (3);

14.29 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and  
 14.30 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

14.31 (4) lobbying to influence official action of political subdivisions.

15.1 (c) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph  
 15.2 (b), the principal must report under this subdivision a total amount that includes:

15.3 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal  
 15.4 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

15.5 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,  
 15.6 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,  
 15.7 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative  
 15.8 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to  
 15.9 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

15.10 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative  
 15.11 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence  
 15.12 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental  
 15.13 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

15.14 (d) ~~A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~  
 15.15 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~  
 15.16 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~  
 15.17 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~  
 15.18 ~~(b) and (c).~~

15.19 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed  
 15.20 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact  
 15.21 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid  
 15.22 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.  
 15.23 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address  
 15.24 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest  
 15.25 addressed by the advertisement.

15.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

15.27 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

15.28 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

15.29 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director  
 15.30 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously  
 15.31 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher  
 15.32 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they  
 15.33 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,

16.1 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political  
16.2 subdivision.

16.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

16.4 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

16.5 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

16.6 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the  
16.7 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a  
16.8 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is  
16.9 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

16.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

16.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

16.13 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or  
16.14 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received  
16.15 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

16.16 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official  
16.17 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit~~.

16.18 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for  
16.19 an accomplishment.

16.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

16.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.22 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter  
16.23 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing  
16.24 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the  
16.25 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

16.26 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,  
16.27 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

16.28 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for  
16.29 all voter registration information;



- 17.1 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;
- 17.2 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the  
17.3 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;
- 17.4 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;
- 17.5 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state  
17.6 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter  
17.7 record;
- 17.8 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;
- 17.9 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the  
17.10 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;
- 17.11 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state  
17.12 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search  
17.13 capabilities;
- 17.14 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration  
17.15 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;
- 17.16 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;
- 17.17 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should  
17.18 be assigned for voting purposes;
- 17.19 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,  
17.20 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on  
17.21 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;  
17.22 ~~and~~
- 17.23 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and  
17.24 cast by voters under section 203B.16; and
- 17.25 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

17.26 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent  
17.27 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

17.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
17.29 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
17.30 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
17.31 later.

18.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws  
18.2 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

18.3 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must  
18.4 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration  
18.5 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,  
18.6 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's  
18.7 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;  
18.8 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid  
18.9 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter  
18.10 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the  
18.11 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper  
18.12 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The  
18.13 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The  
18.14 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if  
18.15 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter  
18.16 eligibility:

18.17 "I certify that I:

18.18 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

18.19 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

18.20 (3) will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately  
18.21 preceding election day;

18.22 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

18.23 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right  
18.24 to vote;

18.25 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

18.26 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

18.27 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a  
18.28 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than  
18.29 \$10,000, or both."

18.30 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

18.31 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

18.32 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

19.1 And the instruction:

19.2 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

19.3 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility  
19.4 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter  
19.5 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted  
19.6 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not  
19.7 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

19.8 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in  
19.9 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

19.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

19.11 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

19.12 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** The secretary of state must maintain  
19.13 a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party  
19.14 each voter selected. Information maintained on the list is private data on individuals as  
19.15 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide  
19.16 ~~the list~~ to the chair of each major political party the list of voters who selected that party.

19.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.18 Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections report; ~~state court administrator report.~~** (a)  
19.19 ~~The state court administrator must report on individuals 17 years of age or older who have~~  
19.20 ~~been convicted of a felony.~~

19.21 ~~(b)~~ The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals ~~17~~ 16 years of age or  
19.22 older who are currently:

19.23 ~~(1) serving incarcerated for felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction; or~~

19.24 ~~(2) on probation for felony offenses that resulted in the loss of civil rights, as indicated~~  
19.25 ~~by the statewide supervision system established under section 241.065.~~

19.26 ~~(e)~~ (b) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
19.27 each individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional  
19.28 facility, and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's:  
19.29 corrections' state identification number, last four digits of the Social Security number,  
19.30 driver's license or state identification card number, ~~date of sentence, effective date of the~~

20.1 ~~sentence, county in which the conviction occurred, and date of discharge~~ and most recent  
 20.2 date of incarceration.

20.3 ~~(d) (c)~~ No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 20.4 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered  
 20.5 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. ~~No later than seven~~  
 20.6 ~~calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must~~  
 20.7 ~~determine~~ if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a) is  
 20.8 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 20.9 than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor  
 20.10 must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each  
 20.11 individual named in the list.

20.12 ~~(e) (d)~~ The county auditor must identify an individual who ~~registered to vote or voted~~  
 20.13 ~~while serving~~ incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or  
 20.14 ~~while on probation for a felony offense that resulted in the loss of civil rights during a period~~  
 20.15 ~~when the individual's civil rights were revoked.~~ The county auditor must immediately send  
 20.16 notice to the county attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any  
 20.17 other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual ~~registered~~  
 20.18 ~~to vote or voted during the period when the individual's civil rights were revoked~~ of  
 20.19 incarceration.

20.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

20.21 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

20.22 Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must  
 20.23 report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to  
 20.24 vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317  
 20.25 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph  
 20.26 (a).

20.27 ~~(b) The state court administrator must report on individuals previously convicted of a~~  
 20.28 ~~felony whose civil rights have been restored.~~

20.29 ~~(e)~~ The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were ~~serving~~  
 20.30 incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or who were on  
 20.31 probation for a felony offense under the commissioner's jurisdiction that resulted in the loss  
 20.32 of civil rights but who have been discharged from the sentence and have been released from  
 20.33 incarceration.

21.1 ~~(d)~~ (c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
 21.2 each individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the  
 21.3 Social Security number. For ~~reports~~ the report required by ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (b) and  
 21.4 ~~(e)~~, ~~each~~ the report must also include the individual's, if available: corrections' state  
 21.5 identification number, driver's license or state identification card number, date of ~~sentene~~;  
 21.6 ~~effective date of the sentene~~ incarceration, county in which the conviction occurred, and  
 21.7 date of discharge.

21.8 ~~(e)~~ (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 21.9 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) ~~or (b)~~ is  
 21.10 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 21.11 than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of  
 21.12 state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph  
 21.13 ~~(e)~~ (b) is registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor.  
 21.14 No later than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the  
 21.15 county auditor must remove the challenge status on the record in the statewide voter  
 21.16 registration system of each individual named in the list.

21.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

21.18 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

21.19 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

21.20 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting  
 21.21 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

21.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 21.23 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 21.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 21.25 later.

21.26 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 21.27 to read:

21.28 **Subd. 5. Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day as  
 21.29 provided in section 203B.30.

21.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 21.31 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,

22.1 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 22.2 later.

22.3 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.4 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

22.5 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

22.6 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;

22.7 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an  
 22.8 illegal ballot;

22.9 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;

22.10 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an  
 22.11 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;

22.12 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes  
 22.13 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;

22.14 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by  
 22.15 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;

22.16 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee voter while in the immediate presence of the voter  
 22.17 during the time the individual knows the absentee voter is voting; or

22.18 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by  
 22.19 an election official for administrative purposes.

22.20 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or  
 22.21 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of  
 22.22 the material or information.

22.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 22.24 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 22.25 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 22.26 later.

22.27 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.28 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the  
 22.29 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:

22.30 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

23.1 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer  
23.2 them.

23.3 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the  
23.4 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

23.5 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the  
23.6 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated  
23.7 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the  
23.8 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections  
23.9 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide  
23.10 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
23.11 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites  
23.12 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter  
23.13 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the  
23.14 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may  
23.15 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required  
23.16 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who  
23.17 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will  
23.18 administer.

23.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
23.20 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
23.21 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
23.22 later.

23.23 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.24 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing for absentee voting.** An eligible voter may vote by  
23.25 absentee ballot in the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated  
23.26 by the county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this  
23.27 section.

23.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
23.29 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
23.30 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
23.31 later.

24.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
24.2 to read:

24.3 Subd. 1a. **Location; timing for early voting.** An eligible voter may vote using early  
24.4 voting during the 18 days before a federal, state, or county election, and during the 18 days  
24.5 before a municipal election if authorized under section 203B.05, in the office of the county  
24.6 auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor. In elections in which  
24.7 early voting is provided, the alternative voting procedure authorized by subdivision 3 must  
24.8 not be provided.

24.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
24.10 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
24.11 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
24.12 later.

24.13 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

24.14 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot  
24.15 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election.  
24.16 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to  
24.17 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the  
24.18 manner provided in this subdivision.

24.19 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must  
24.20 state the voter's name, and address, and, upon request of the election official, the voter's  
24.21 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,  
24.22 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required  
24.23 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate  
24.24 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to  
24.25 vote at that election.

24.26 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately  
24.27 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.  
24.28 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter  
24.29 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the  
24.30 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

24.31 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner  
24.32 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.



25.1 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election  
25.2 judge, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

25.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

25.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

25.5 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) In elections not eligible to use early voting under  
25.6 subdivision 1a, the county auditor may make available a ballot counter and ballot box for  
25.7 use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election. If a ballot counter and ballot  
25.8 box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to vote using the process provided  
25.9 in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision.

25.10 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must  
25.11 state the voter's name; and address; and, upon the request of the election official, the voter's  
25.12 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,  
25.13 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required  
25.14 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate  
25.15 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to  
25.16 vote at that election.

25.17 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately  
25.18 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.  
25.19 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter  
25.20 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the  
25.21 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

25.22 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner  
25.23 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

25.24 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election  
25.25 judge, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

25.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
25.27 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
25.28 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
25.29 later.

26.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.2 to read:

26.3 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under  
26.4 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling  
26.5 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085.

26.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

26.7 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.8 to read:

26.9 Subd. 5. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election  
26.10 held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election.

26.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

26.12 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.13 to read:

26.14 Subd. 6. **Designation of locations.** The county auditor must make polling place  
26.15 designations at least 14 weeks before the election and must provide the notice to the secretary  
26.16 of state at the time the designations are made.

26.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

26.18 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.19 to read:

26.20 Subd. 7. **Notice to voters.** The county auditor must prepare a notice to the voters of the  
26.21 days, times, and locations for voting before election day as authorized by this section. This  
26.22 notice must be posted on the secretary of state's website, the county's website, and the  
26.23 website for each municipality in which a voting location under this section is located at  
26.24 least 14 days before the first day of the absentee voting period. If a county or municipality  
26.25 does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk must publish the notice at  
26.26 least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven days and not more than 14  
26.27 days before the first day of the absentee voting period.

26.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

27.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
27.2 to read:

27.3 Subd. 8. **Equipment.** The county auditor must provide each polling place with at least  
27.4 one voting booth; a ballot box; an electronic ballot counter, unless it has not adopted use  
27.5 of one; and at least one electronic ballot marker for individuals with disabilities pursuant  
27.6 to section 206.57, subdivision 5.

27.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

27.8 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

27.9 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**  
27.10 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

27.11 Subdivision 1. **State general elections.** Prior to a state general election, the county  
27.12 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under  
27.13 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open:

27.14 (1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election;

27.15 (2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election;

27.16 (3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and

27.17 (4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

27.18 A polling place designated under section 203B.081, subdivision 4, may be open alternate  
27.19 days and hours.

27.20 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county  
27.21 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under  
27.22 section 203B.05 to administer ~~absentee balloting~~ voting before election day must be open  
27.23 for ~~acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots~~ voting as  
27.24 authorized under section 203B.081 from ~~10:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until  
27.25 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless  
27.26 that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if  
27.27 the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the township, must be  
27.28 open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town  
27.29 general election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county  
27.30 auditor's election duties, need not comply with this section.

28.1 Subd. 3. Voters in line. All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to  
 28.2 close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision  
 28.3 2.

28.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

28.5 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

28.6 Subd. 7. Names of persons; rejected absentee ballots. ~~(a)~~ The names of voters who  
 28.7 have submitted an absentee ballot to the county auditor or municipal clerk that has not been  
 28.8 accepted ~~may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting on election~~  
 28.9 ~~day.~~

28.10 ~~(b) After the close of voting on election day, the lists~~ must be available to the public in  
 28.11 the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

28.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

28.13 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 28.14 to read:

28.15 Subd. 9. Names of persons; early voting. The secretary of state must maintain a list of  
 28.16 voters who cast a ballot using the early voting procedures established in section 203B.30  
 28.17 for all elections at which those procedures are used. The list must be available to the public  
 28.18 in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

28.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 28.20 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 28.21 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 28.22 later.

28.23 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.24 Subdivision 1. Establishment; applicable laws. (a) The governing body of each county,  
 28.25 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or  
 28.26 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The  
 28.27 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections  
 28.28 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks  
 28.29 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member  
 28.30 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of  
 28.31 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee

29.1 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,  
29.2 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,  
29.3 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

29.4 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that  
29.5 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

29.6 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election  
29.7 Law apply to a ballot board.

29.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
29.9 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
29.10 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
29.11 later.

29.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.13 **Subd. 2. Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board  
29.14 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section  
29.15 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,  
29.16 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall  
29.17 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges  
29.18 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they  
29.19 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,  
29.20 subdivision 2.

29.21 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and  
29.22 initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members  
29.23 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

29.24 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information  
29.25 provided on the absentee ballot application;

29.26 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

29.27 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four  
29.28 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee  
29.29 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must  
29.30 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were  
29.31 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

30.1 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly  
30.2 completed voter registration application in the signature envelope;

30.3 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an  
30.4 absentee ballot; and

30.5 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the  
30.6 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, ~~by absentee ballot as provided~~  
30.7 by section 203B.081.

30.8 The signature envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the  
30.9 county auditor.

30.10 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a signature envelope  
30.11 find that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph  
30.12 (b), they shall mark the signature envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word  
30.13 "Rejected," list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county  
30.14 auditor. There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by  
30.15 this section. Failure to place the ballot within the ~~secreey~~ ballot envelope before placing it  
30.16 in the outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

30.17 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope  
30.18 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with  
30.19 a replacement absentee ballot and signature envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

30.20 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain  
30.21 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by  
30.22 telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official  
30.23 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

30.24 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice  
30.25 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official  
30.26 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.  
30.27 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the  
30.28 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of  
30.29 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

30.30 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after  
30.31 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

30.32 (2) the reason for rejection; and

31.1 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further  
31.2 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

31.3 (e) An absentee ballot signature envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or  
31.4 subject to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

31.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

31.6 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.7 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
31.8 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted. After the close  
31.9 of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that  
31.10 an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that  
31.11 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal ~~or~~ state, or county  
31.12 office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration  
31.13 system.

31.14 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee voters who  
31.15 submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later than the  
31.16 start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot at the  
31.17 election. The roster may be marked either:

31.18 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

31.19 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

31.20 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

31.21 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~  
31.22 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~  
31.23 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

31.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendment to paragraph (a) is effective June 1, 2023. The  
31.25 amendment to paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.

31.26 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.27 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
31.28 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter  
31.29 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. After the  
31.30 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates  
31.31 that an absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter has cast an early ballot must not

32.1 be permitted to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special  
 32.2 election for federal ~~or~~, state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this  
 32.3 information in the statewide voter registration system.

32.4 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters  
 32.5 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later  
 32.6 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot  
 32.7 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

32.8 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

32.9 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

32.10 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

32.11 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~  
 32.12 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~  
 32.13 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

32.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 32.15 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 32.16 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 32.17 later.

32.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.19 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day  
 32.20 before the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked  
 32.21 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,  
 32.22 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate  
 32.23 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must  
 32.24 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and  
 32.25 may not be counted.

32.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

32.27 Sec. 35. **[203B.30] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.**

32.28 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "early voting official" means  
 32.29 the county auditor, city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge.

32.30 Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,  
 32.31 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to



33.1 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration  
 33.2 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast  
 33.3 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge  
 33.4 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name  
 33.5 or address has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision  
 33.6 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

33.7 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of  
 33.8 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence  
 33.9 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,  
 33.10 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must  
 33.11 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to  
 33.12 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils  
 33.13 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.  
 33.14 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and  
 33.15 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the  
 33.16 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

33.17 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Early voting officials must remove and secure ballots  
 33.18 cast during the early voting period following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision  
 33.19 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed  
 33.20 on election day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

33.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 33.22 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 33.23 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 33.24 later.

33.25 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

33.26 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who  
 33.27 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the  
 33.28 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later  
 33.29 than the seventh day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies of  
 33.30 the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later than  
 33.31 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

33.32 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution  
 33.33 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

34.1 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official no later  
 34.2 than the seventh day before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's  
 34.3 write-in votes individually recorded; or

34.4 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded  
 34.5 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest  
 34.6 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

34.7 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized  
 34.8 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted before the first day of filing for office. A  
 34.9 resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on  
 34.10 the same subject is adopted by the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter  
 34.11 city.

34.12 (c) The governing body of a township, school board, hospital district, park district, soil  
 34.13 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the  
 34.14 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in  
 34.15 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in  
 34.16 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for  
 34.17 a ballot candidate.

34.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this  
 34.19 subdivision must ~~file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for~~  
 34.20 ~~vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who~~  
 34.21 ~~files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking~~  
 34.22 ~~nomination as~~ include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States. The  
 34.23 request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The  
 34.24 total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed  
 34.25 the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

34.26 ~~(e)~~ (e) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 34.27 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor.  
 34.28 A candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 34.29 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

34.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.26, is amended to read:

34.31 **204B.26 ELECTION JUDGES; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

34.32 A county auditor or municipal clerk may remove any precinct election official at any  
 34.33 time if the official engages in a neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct in office, or for

35.1 other cause. Any individual who serves as an election judge in violation of any of the  
 35.2 provisions of sections 204B.19 to 204B.25, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

35.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.4 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

35.5 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as  
 35.6 otherwise provided in this section and for absentee ballots in section 204B.35, subdivision  
 35.7 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the  
 35.8 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.  
 35.9 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later  
 35.10 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

35.11 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

35.12 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

35.13 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

35.14 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot  
 35.15 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with  
 35.16 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election  
 35.17 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts  
 35.18 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

35.19 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early  
 35.20 voting to municipal clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 on  
 35.21 or before the 19th day before the election.

35.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 35.23 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 35.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 35.25 later.

35.26 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.27 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~  
 35.28 ~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1  
 35.29 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~  
 35.30 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling  
 35.31 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor

36.1 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct  
36.2 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized  
36.3 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any  
36.4 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county  
36.5 auditor.

36.6 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor  
36.7 or municipal clerk.

36.8 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

36.9 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given  
36.10 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before  
36.11 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any  
36.12 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered  
36.13 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the  
36.14 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after  
36.15 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered  
36.16 at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot  
36.17 return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk  
36.18 and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk.  
36.19 The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot  
36.20 return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if  
36.21 there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are  
36.22 more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or  
36.23 deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail  
36.24 ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing  
36.25 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt  
36.26 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an  
36.27 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope  
36.28 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot  
36.29 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days  
36.30 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board  
36.31 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's  
36.32 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

36.33 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
36.34 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business

37.1 on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
37.2 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
37.3 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

37.4 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
37.5 and counting of ballots apply.

37.6 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
37.7 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the  
37.8 close of voting on election day.

37.9 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter  
37.10 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election  
37.11 must be counted.

37.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

37.13 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

37.14 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

37.15 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special  
37.16 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the  
37.17 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school  
37.18 and municipal jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the  
37.19 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the  
37.20 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the  
37.21 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must  
37.22 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days  
37.23 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all  
37.24 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before  
37.25 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters  
37.26 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.  
37.27 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant  
37.28 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and  
37.29 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days  
37.30 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if  
37.31 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county  
37.32 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training  
37.33 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major

38.1 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different  
38.2 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,  
38.3 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before  
38.4 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must  
38.5 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.  
38.6 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed  
38.7 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone  
38.8 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must  
38.9 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

38.10 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
38.11 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business  
38.12 on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
38.13 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
38.14 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

38.15 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
38.16 and counting of ballots apply.

38.17 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
38.18 one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting  
38.19 on election day.

38.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

38.21 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

38.22 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

38.23 The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or an election  
38.24 judge may provide a sticker containing the words "I VOTED," and nothing more, to an  
38.25 individual who:

38.26 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box, ~~under section 203B.081,~~  
38.27 ~~subdivision 3, or 204C.13, subdivision 5;~~

38.28 (2) is provided an absentee ballot under section 203B.07, subdivision 1, or 203B.21,  
38.29 subdivision 2; or

38.30 (3) is provided a ballot by mail under section 204B.45 or 204B.46.

39.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter  
39.2 12, section 5, is amended to read:

39.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

39.4 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**  
39.5 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

39.6 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature  
39.7 certificate which states that the individual:

39.8 (1) is at least 18 years ~~of age~~ old;

39.9 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

39.10 (3) has ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding  
39.11 the election;

39.12 (4) maintains residence at the address shown;

39.13 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to  
39.14 vote;

39.15 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote;

39.16 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the individual  
39.17 is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

39.18 (8) is registered; and

39.19 (9) has not already voted in the election.

39.20 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information  
39.21 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than  
39.22 \$10,000, or both."

39.23 (b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I  
39.24 am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to  
39.25 vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a).  
39.26 The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

39.27 (c) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,  
39.28 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

39.29 (d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give  
39.30 the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in

40.1 charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to  
40.2 the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of  
40.3 filing an election contest.

40.4 (e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge  
40.5 must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than  
40.6 the voter whose status is challenged.

40.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

40.8 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.9 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must  
40.10 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against  
40.11 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording  
40.12 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any  
40.13 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the  
40.14 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording  
40.15 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No  
40.16 connection by modem is permitted.

40.17 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system  
40.18 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means  
40.19 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording  
40.20 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,  
40.21 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of  
40.22 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting  
40.23 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of  
40.24 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

40.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

40.26 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.27 Subdivision 1. **When and where filed by committees.** (a) A committee or a candidate  
40.28 who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year  
40.29 shall submit an initial report to the filing officer within 14 days after the candidate or  
40.30 committee receives or makes disbursements of more than \$750 and shall continue to make  
40.31 the reports listed in paragraph (b) until a final report is filed.



41.1 (b) The committee or candidate must file a report by January 31 of each year following  
 41.2 the year when the initial report was filed and in a year when the candidate's name or a ballot  
 41.3 question appears on the ballot, the candidate or committee shall file a report:

41.4 (1) ten days before the primary or special primary. In a jurisdiction where the local  
 41.5 primary is eliminated due to the adoption of ranked choice voting, candidates running in a  
 41.6 ranked choice voting election must file a report in the same manner as if a primary were  
 41.7 being held for such offices;

41.8 (2) ten days before the general election or special election; and

41.9 (3) 30 days after a general or special election.

41.10 Sec. 46. **[211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE**  
 41.11 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.**

41.12 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a  
 41.13 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties  
 41.14 relating to elections, a member of a ballot board, an election judge, an election judge trainee,  
 41.15 or any other individual assigned by a state entity or county or municipal government to  
 41.16 perform official duties related to elections.

41.17 Subd. 2. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,  
 41.18 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or  
 41.19 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the  
 41.20 performance of a duty of election administration.

41.21 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to  
 41.22 require the payment of civil penalties, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the action or  
 41.23 attempted action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The plaintiff does  
 41.24 not need to show that the defendant intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

41.25 Subd. 3. **Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election.** A person  
 41.26 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance  
 41.27 of a duty related to election administration.

41.28 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A  
 41.29 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not  
 41.30 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election  
 41.31 official's family or household member if:

42.1 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the  
42.2 safety of an official's family or household member; and

42.3 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should  
42.4 know of any imminent and serious threat.

42.5 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the  
42.6 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or  
42.7 photographs of that home.

42.8 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct  
42.9 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,  
42.10 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where  
42.11 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

42.12 Subd. 6. **Tampering with voting equipment.** (a) A person may not access without  
42.13 authorization, tamper with, or facilitate unauthorized access to or tampering with an electronic  
42.14 voting system, electromechanical voting equipment, or an election night reporting system  
42.15 before, during, or after any election required by law.

42.16 (b) A person may not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other  
42.17 confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other  
42.18 remedies and penalties provided by this section, the secretary of state, county auditor, or  
42.19 municipal clerk must immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found  
42.20 to be in violation of this paragraph.

42.21 Subd. 7. **Tampering with ballot box.** A person may not willfully tamper with or open  
42.22 a ballot box, including a ballot drop box, except for the purpose of conducting official duties  
42.23 as expressly authorized by law.

42.24 Subd. 8. **Tampering with statewide voter registration system, registration list, or**  
42.25 **polling place roster.** Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly  
42.26 authorized by law, a person may not mutilate, change, or erase any name, figure, or word  
42.27 in the statewide voter registration system, on a voter registration list, or polling place roster;  
42.28 remove or destroy a registration list or polling place roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove  
42.29 any part of a list or roster from the place where it has been deposited with an intention to  
42.30 destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any person, or to prevent any voter from  
42.31 voting.

43.1 Subd. 9. **Unauthorized access to statewide voter registration system.** A person may  
 43.2 not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except  
 43.3 for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

43.4 Subd. 10. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for  
 43.5 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order  
 43.6 restraining violations of this section if that person:

43.7 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person  
 43.8 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,  
 43.9 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

43.10 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation  
 43.11 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to  
 43.12 violate any provision of this section.

43.13 Subd. 11. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person  
 43.14 who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

43.15 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or an election official may bring a civil  
 43.16 action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section.

43.17 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this  
 43.18 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with  
 43.19 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as  
 43.20 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,  
 43.21 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may  
 43.22 impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

43.23 (d) Civil remedies allowable under this section are cumulative and do not restrict any  
 43.24 other right or remedy otherwise available. An action for a penalty or remedy under this  
 43.25 section must be brought within two years of the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.  
 43.26 The complaint process provided in sections 211B.31 to 211B.36 does not apply to violations  
 43.27 of this section.

43.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023, and applies to violations  
 43.29 occurring on or after that date.

43.30 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.31 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person ~~may not display campaign~~  
 43.32 ~~material, post signs,~~ must not:

44.1 (1) ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter to vote for or refrain  
 44.2 from voting for a candidate or ballot question; or

44.3 (2) wear, exhibit, or distribute any item that displays:

44.4 (i) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;

44.5 (ii) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the  
 44.6 ballot; or

44.7 (iii) the name, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on the ballot.

44.8 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,  
 44.9 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

44.10 (b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) apply during voting hours:

44.11 (1) throughout the absentee and early voting periods:

44.12 (i) within a polling place; and

44.13 (ii) within 100 feet of the room in which a polling place is situated, to the extent  
 44.14 practicable; and

44.15 (2) on the day of a primary or general election:

44.16 (i) within a polling place ~~or~~;

44.17 (ii) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, ~~or~~; and

44.18 (iii) anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, ~~on primary~~  
 44.19 ~~or election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person~~  
 44.20 ~~may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at~~  
 44.21 ~~or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political~~  
 44.22 ~~button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary~~  
 44.23 ~~or election day. This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal~~  
 44.24 ~~clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.~~

44.25 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as  
 44.26 provided in section 204B.49.

44.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023.

44.28 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.29 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~  
 44.30 paragraphs (b) and (c), a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be

45.1 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the  
45.2 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

45.3 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and  
45.4 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign  
45.5 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

45.6 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may only be enforced as provided in section 211B.076.

45.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
45.8 applies to violations occurring on or after that date.

45.9 Sec. 49. **CERTIFICATION.**

45.10 The secretary of state must certify to the revisor of statutes that the statewide voter  
45.11 registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow for tracking of the  
45.12 information required to conduct early voting and can handle the expected volume of use.

45.13 Sec. 50. **RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY**  
45.14 **TASK FORCE.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 46.1 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
- 46.2 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;
- 46.3 (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house  
46.4 of representatives;
- 46.5 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
- 46.6 (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the  
46.7 house of representatives;
- 46.8 (8) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 46.9 (9) one representative of community-based organizations with demonstrated experience  
46.10 and interest in voting methods and election administration, appointed by the governor;
- 46.11 (10) one representative who has experience administering elections at the county or city  
46.12 level, appointed by the governor;
- 46.13 (11) one town clerk with experience administering elections, appointed by the Minnesota  
46.14 Association of Townships;
- 46.15 (12) one representative appointed by the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans;
- 46.16 (13) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 46.17 (14) one representative appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 46.18 (15) one representative appointed by the Indian Affairs Council;
- 46.19 (16) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Disability;
- 46.20 (17) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind,  
46.21 and Hard of Hearing;
- 46.22 (18) three public members appointed by the governor;
- 46.23 (19) two public members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- 46.24 (20) one public member appointed by the senate minority leader;
- 46.25 (21) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 46.26 (22) one public member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 46.27 (b) The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee, serves as the chair of the task force.  
46.28 Members of the task force and subcommittees are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section  
46.29 15.059, subdivision 6.

47.1 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than  
47.2 August 1, 2023. No later than August 15, 2023, the secretary of state, or the secretary's  
47.3 designee, must convene the first meeting of the task force. Appointing authorities described  
47.4 in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (18) to (22), must give preference to appointees  
47.5 who are new Americans; seniors; infrequent voters; Black, Indigenous, or people of color;  
47.6 individuals with disabilities; residents of greater Minnesota; or residents of cities that have  
47.7 adopted ranked choice voting. Appointing authorities described in subdivision 2, paragraph  
47.8 (a), clauses (18) to (22), must not appoint political party chairs, officers or employees of a  
47.9 political party, elected officials, family members of elected officials, or registered lobbyists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47.25 Subd. 7. **Ranked choice voting technical subcommittee.** (a) A ranked choice voting  
47.26 technical subcommittee is established within the task force. The ranked choice voting  
47.27 technical subcommittee must assess the technical aspects of implementing ranked choice  
47.28 voting for local and statewide elections. Members designated or appointed pursuant to  
47.29 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (11), are the members of the ranked choice voting  
47.30 technical subcommittee. The ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet at  
47.31 least monthly until the first report is submitted as provided in paragraph (d). After submission  
47.32 of the first report, the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet regularly.

48.1 (b) One member of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee designated by the  
48.2 secretary of state and the gubernatorial appointee with experience administering elections  
48.3 at the county or city level serve as cochairs of the ranked choice voting technical  
48.4 subcommittee. The cochairs of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee are  
48.5 encouraged to request the participation of at least two members of Minnesota's congressional  
48.6 delegation, or their designees, including one member of the United States House of  
48.7 Representatives and one member of the United States Senate. These members serve as ex  
48.8 officio, nonvoting members of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

48.30 Subd. 8. **Voter engagement subcommittee.** (a) A voter engagement subcommittee is  
48.31 established within the task force. The voter engagement subcommittee must assess voter  
48.32 engagement. Members designated or appointed pursuant to subdivision 2, paragraph (a),



49.1 clauses (1) and (12) to (22), are the members of the voter engagement subcommittee. The  
 49.2 voter engagement subcommittee must meet at least monthly until the first report is submitted  
 49.3 as provided in paragraph (d). After submission of the first report, the voter engagement  
 49.4 subcommittee must meet regularly.

49.5 (b) The senate majority leader must designate one of the individuals appointed by the  
 49.6 senate majority leader as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee. The speaker of  
 49.7 the house of representatives must designate one of the individuals appointed by the speaker  
 49.8 of the house of representatives as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee.

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

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

49.14 (2) voter education efforts that were undertaken in Bloomington, Minneapolis,  
 49.15 Minnetonka, St. Louis Park, and St. Paul after the adoption of ranked choice voting; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50.1 Sec. 51. REPEALER.

50.2 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is repealed.

50.3 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023."

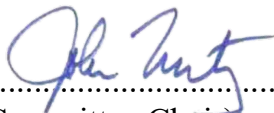
50.4 Renumber the sections in sequence

50.5 Amend the title as follows:

50.6 Page 1, line 13, after the first semicolon, insert "requiring financial review of recipients  
50.7 of grants and business subsidies; modifying fiscal note requirements; modifying provisions  
50.8 related to lobbying; modifying election administration provisions; establishing a task force  
50.9 on ranked choice voting and voter engagement; amending requirements related to soliciting  
50.10 near the polling place; prohibiting election judge intimidation; authorizing rulemaking;"

50.11 Amend the title numbers accordingly

50.12 And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

50.13 .....  
50.14 (Committee Chair)

50.15 April 18, 2023.....  
50.16 (Date of Committee recommendation)