

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**
 1.2 **re-referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 3:** A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying provisions related to voter
 1.4 registration; absentee voting; requiring voting instructions and sample ballots to be
 1.5 multilingual and interpreters to be provided in certain situations; regulating intimidation,
 1.6 deceptive practices, and interference with voter registration and voting; campaign finance;
 1.7 expanding the definition of express advocacy; providing penalties; requiring reports;
 1.8 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10A.01, subdivision 16a; 10A.27, subdivision
 1.9 11; 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 171.06, subdivision 3; 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2;
 1.10 201.061, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4; 201.161;
 1.11 201.162; 203B.04, subdivisions 1, 5; 203B.06, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.12, by adding
 1.12 subdivisions; 203B.121, subdivision 2; 211B.15, subdivisions 1, 7b, by adding subdivisions;
 1.13 211B.32, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
 1.14 204B; 211B.

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

1.16 Page 3, after line 6, insert:

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

1.18 Page 3, after line 16, insert:

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

1.20 Page 3, after line 25, insert:

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

1.22 Page 4, after line 5, insert:

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

1.24 Page 4, delete section 6 and insert:

1.25 "Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
 1.26 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

1.27 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
 1.28 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
 1.29 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
 1.30 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
 1.31 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
 1.32 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
 1.33 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
 1.34 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
 1.35 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper
 1.36 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The

2.1 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The
2.2 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if
2.3 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter
2.4 eligibility:

2.5 "I certify that I:

2.6 (1) ~~will be at least 18 years old on election day~~ am at least 16 years old and understand
2.7 that I must be at least 18 years old to be eligible to vote;

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

2.9 (3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

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

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

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

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

2.15 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
2.16 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
2.17 \$10,000, or both."

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

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

2.20 "(2) ~~Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?~~ Are you at least 16 years old
2.21 and will you be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the election in which you intend
2.22 to vote?"

2.23 And the instruction:

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

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

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

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

3.2 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
3.3 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

3.4 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
3.5 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
3.6 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
3.7 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
3.8 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
3.9 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
3.10 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
3.11 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
3.12 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; a box to indicate a voter's preference
3.13 to join the permanent absentee voter list; and voter's signature. The paper registration
3.14 application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic
3.15 voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The registration
3.16 application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by
3.17 the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

3.18 "I certify that I:

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

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

3.21 (3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

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

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

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

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

3.27 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
3.28 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
3.29 \$10,000, or both."

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

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

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

4.2 And the instruction:

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

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

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

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

4.12 Page 6, after line 13, insert

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

4.14 Page 6, line 32, delete "promptly mail to the individual a notice" and insert "queue for
4.15 mailing in the statewide voter registration system a notice to the individual" and after
4.16 "decline" insert "the registration" and after the period insert "The secretary of state must
4.17 promptly mail all notices queued in the statewide voter registration system."

4.18 Page 7, line 4, after the period insert "The notice must be drafted to ensure maximum
4.19 language access consistent with maintaining readability, and at a minimum must identify a
4.20 website where the materials are made available in the ten most common languages for which
4.21 translation is needed by voters."

4.22 Page 10, lines 19, delete "For"

4.23 Page 10, line 20, delete "purposes of this section,"

4.24 Page 10, line 24, delete "statute" and insert "chapter"

4.25 Page 16, after line 2, insert:

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

4.27 Page 17, after line 28, insert:

5.1 "Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 12, section 9, is amended to read:

5.2 Sec. 9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5.3 Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective ~~July~~ June 1, 2023, and applies to the
5.4 right to vote at elections conducted on or after that date.

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

5.6 Sec. 19. **TRANSITION TO NEW VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.**

5.7 Notwithstanding the requirements of this act or Laws 2023, chapter 12, a completed
5.8 voter registration application submitted by a voter is not deficient for purposes of registering
5.9 that voter if the application form was printed or provided to the voter prior to the effective
5.10 date of any modification required by this act or by Laws 2023, chapter 12. Beginning on
5.11 the effective date of a modification required by this act or by Laws 2023, chapter 12, an
5.12 election official must not print, copy, or publicly distribute a blank voter registration
5.13 application that does not include the required modification.

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

5.15 Page 18, line 8, delete everything after the period and insert "At a minimum, voting
5.16 instructions and sample ballots must be prepared and made available in polling places in
5.17 the three most commonly spoken non-English languages in the state as determined by the
5.18 state demographer for the previous calendar year. The secretary of state must provide sample
5.19 ballots in print and electronic formats and voting instructions in print, electronic, and
5.20 audio-visual formats on the secretary of state's website in at least the three most commonly
5.21 spoken non-English languages in the state as determined by the state demographer for the
5.22 previous calendar year."

5.23 Page 18, delete lines 9 to 11

5.24 Page 19, after line 10, insert:

5.25 "**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to elections
5.26 conducted on or after January 1, 2024."

5.27 Page 19, line 23, delete "may show" and insert "must demonstrate"

5.28 Page 20, line 16, delete everything after "section"

5.29 Page 20, delete line 17

5.30 Page 20, line 18, delete "act"

6.1 Page 20, after line 29, insert:

6.2 "EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 15, 2023, and applies to violations
6.3 occurring on or after that date."

6.4 Page 21, after line 6, insert:

6.5 "EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
6.6 applies to violations occurring on or after that date."

6.7 Renumber the sections in sequence

6.8 Amend the title numbers accordingly

6.9 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

6.10 Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

6.11 .....
6.12 (Committee Chair)

6.13 March 10, 2023.....
6.14 (Date of Committee recommendation)