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S.F. No. 4039

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		Referred to Elections	
02/26/2024	11825	Author added Mitchell	
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A bill for an act

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relating to elections; requiring certain municipalities to use a .gov domain;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 5.305, subdivision 5;

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proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 5.305, subdivision 5, is amended

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to read:

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Subd. 5. **Use of funds.** A local unit of government may use the funds allocated pursuant

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to this section for the following purposes, provided the expenditures are directly related to

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election administration:

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(1) equipment;

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(2) hardware or software;

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(3) cybersecurity;

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(4) security-related infrastructure;

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(5) capital improvements to government-owned property to improve access to polling

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places for individuals with disabilities;

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(6) staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials;

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(7) printing and publication;

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(8) postage;

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(9) programming;

- 2.1 (10) transitioning to a .gov domain;
- 2.2 (11) local match for state or federal funds; and
- 2.3 ~~(11)~~ (12) any other purpose directly related to election administration.

2.4 Sec. 2. **[471.3422] WEBSITE DOMAIN REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN**

2.5 **COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS.**

2.6 (a) By June 1, 2026, every county and each municipality that administers absentee voting

2.7 as authorized by section 203B.05 shall use a .gov domain for the website address used by

2.8 the county or municipality.

2.9 (b) If a municipality has applied for a .gov domain but has not fully transitioned to using

2.10 a .gov domain by June 1, 2026, the municipality is not in violation of this section. Such a

2.11 municipality is in violation of this section if the municipality has not fully transitioned to

2.12 using a .gov domain by June 1, 2028.