

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3096 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

1.5 Section 1. ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.7 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.8 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
1.9 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.10 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.
1.11 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"
1.12 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
1.17	Sec. 2. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>	\$ <u>260,000</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
1.18	Sec. 3. <u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC</u>		
1.19	<u>DISCLOSURE BOARD</u>	\$ <u>2,319,000</u>	\$ <u>1,846,000</u>
1.20	<u>\$500,000 the first year is to pay fees and</u>		
1.21	<u>expenses if an order granting plaintiff's motion</u>		
1.22	<u>for them is filed in Minnesota Chamber of</u>		
1.23	<u>Commerce v. Choi (23-CV-02015). The board</u>		
1.24	<u>must pay, on behalf of all defendants, all fees</u>		
1.25	<u>and expenses awarded to the plaintiff.</u>		

1.26 Sec. 4. TRANSFERS; SECRETARY OF STATE.

1.27 (a) The secretary of state, in consultation with the commissioner of management and
1.28 budget, must transfer \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to the Help America
1.29 Vote Act (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30. This is a onetime
1.30 transfer.

1.31 (b) The secretary of state, in consultation with the commissioner of management and
1.32 budget, must transfer any balance remaining in the voting equipment grant account

established under Minnesota Statutes, section 206.95, on the effective date of this section to the voting operations, technology, and election resources account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 5.305.

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

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 202A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Reporting caucus results.** If a major political party does not participate in a presidential nomination primary pursuant to chapter 207A and instead conducts preference balloting at precinct caucuses, the secretary of state shall promptly report to the public the results of preference balloting at the precinct caucuses.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 207A.11, is amended to read:

207A.11 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ESTABLISHED.

(a) A presidential nomination primary must be held each year in which a president and vice president of the United States are to be nominated and elected, except as provided in section 207A.17, paragraph (b).

(b) The party chairs must jointly submit to the secretary of state, no later than March 1 in a year prior to a presidential election year, the single date on which the parties have agreed to conduct the presidential nomination primary in the next year. The date selected must not be the date of the town general election provided in section 205.075, subdivision 1. If a date is not jointly submitted by the deadline, the presidential nomination primary must be held on the first Tuesday in March in the year of the presidential election. No other election may be conducted on the date of the presidential nomination primary.

(c) The secretary of state must adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter. The secretary of state shall consult with the party chairs throughout the rulemaking process, including seeking advice about possible rules before issuing a notice of intent to adopt rules, consultation before the notice of comment is published, consultation on the statement of need and reasonableness, consultation in drafting and revising the rules, and consultation regarding any modifications to the rule being considered.

(d) This chapter only applies to a major political party that selects delegates at the presidential nomination primary to send to a national convention. A major political party that does not participate in a national convention is not eligible to participate in the presidential nomination primary.

(e) For purposes of this chapter, "political party" or "party" means a major political party as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, that is eligible to participate in the presidential nomination primary.

Sec. 7. **[207A.17] PARTY PAYMENT FOR COSTS.**

(a) No later than September 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, the secretary of state must notify each major political party of the estimated state and local costs of conducting the presidential nomination primary and invoice each party for its portion of the costs. Each party's portion of the costs is calculated by dividing the amount originally certified to the commissioner of management and budget under section 207A.15, paragraph (b), by the number of parties eligible to participate in the presidential nomination primary. The secretary of state must deposit payments received from parties for amounts billed under this paragraph in the general fund.

(b) If at least one party pays the secretary of state the amount invoiced to it under paragraph (a) by October 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, then a presidential nomination primary must be held the following year. If a party does not pay the amount invoiced to it under paragraph (a) by October 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, then section 207A.13 does not apply to that party in the following year, and a presidential nomination primary ballot must not be prepared for that party. If no party pays the secretary of state the amount invoiced to it under paragraph (a) by October 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, then a presidential nomination primary must not be held.

Sec. 8. **WORKING GROUP ON LOCAL CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Board" means the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

(c) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination or election to a county, municipal, school district, or other political subdivision office. This definition does not include an individual seeking a judicial office.

(d) "Local campaign report" means any report that a candidate is required to file pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A.

Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The working group consists of the following 12 members:

4.1 (1) two members of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board affiliated with
4.2 different political parties appointed by the board's chair;

4.3 (2) the executive director of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board;

4.4 (3) two members appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities, one of whom must be
4.5 from a city of the fourth class;

4.6 (4) one member appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

4.7 (5) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;

4.8 (6) one member appointed by the Minnesota School Board Association;

4.9 (7) one senator appointed by the senate majority leader and one senator appointed by
4.10 the senate minority leader; and

4.11 (8) one representative appointed by the speaker of the house and one representative
4.12 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

4.13 (b) Appointments to the working group must be made within two weeks after the effective
4.14 date of this act.

4.15 (c) Public member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by
4.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
4.17 section 15.0595, the source of payment for compensation and reimbursement for expenses
4.18 of nonlegislative members of the working group is appropriations available to the Campaign
4.19 Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Legislative members may receive per diem and be
4.20 reimbursed for their expenses according to the rules of their respective bodies.

4.21 Subd. 3. **Chairs; meetings.** (a) The executive director of the board must convene the
4.22 first meeting of the working group no later than six weeks after the effective date of this
4.23 act. At the first meeting, members must elect a chair from among the legislative members
4.24 of the working group members.

4.25 (b) Working group meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under
4.26 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

4.27 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
4.28 provide administrative support and meeting space for the working group. Upon request of
4.29 the working group, the staff of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must
4.30 provide technical support.

4.31 Subd. 5. **Duties.** At a minimum, the working group must:

(1) examine and make recommendations on whether any or all local candidate campaign finance reports should be filed with the board instead of with a local filing officer;

(2) assess the extent to which local filing officers are currently able to provide support to local candidates and the public related to their duty to accept campaign finance reports from local candidates;

(3) review the reporting requirements for local candidates in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A, and any changes to those requirements that should be made, especially if the reports were to be filed with the board;

(4) study the impact of the potential increase of reports being made to the board in terms of budgetary and staffing needs and the ability of the board to support the local candidates in filing the reports;

(5) study local campaign finance reporting requirements and make any recommendations to changes on the laws; and

(6) propose draft legislation to implement any of the working group's recommendations.

Subd. 6. **Report.** No later than January 15, 2026, the working group must submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over elections. The report must outline a description of the working group's activities, how the working group addressed each duty described in subdivision 5, any recommendations made by the working group, and any proposed legislation recommended by the working group.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report required under subdivision 6, or January 16, 2026, whichever is later.

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

Sec. 9. **VOTER OUTREACH; SECRETARY OF STATE.**

The secretary of state must conduct voter outreach efforts across the state with the goal of increasing voter turnout. The secretary must focus on counties with the lowest voter turnout in the 2022 and 2024 general elections. At a minimum, these efforts must include publicizing the methods of registering to vote or updating a voter registration, the ways to vote on or before election day, and recent changes to laws relating to voter registration and early voting. The secretary of state must provide these voter outreach materials in the three most common non-English languages and any other language required for a language minority district in a county, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.295.

- 6.1 Sec. 10. **REPEALER.**
- 6.2 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.95, is repealed."
- 6.3 Amend the title accordingly