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Sections 1 to 4 make appropriations and transfers for the Secretary of State and Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board as detailed on the spreadsheet prepared by Andrew Erickson and available [here](#).

Section 5 [Minn. Stat. 202A.20, subd. 2; Reporting caucus results] requires the secretary of state to report to the public the results of a preference ballot if a major political party conducts a preference ballot instead of participating in the presidential nomination primary.

Section 6 [Minn. Stat. 207A.11; Presidential nomination primary established] provides a cross-reference to section 7, which provides circumstances when the presidential nomination primary is not held.

Section 7 [Minn. Stat. 207A.17; Party payment for costs] requires the secretary of state to bill major political parties for the party's portion of the presidential nomination primary. If a party does not pay the party's portion by October 1 in the year preceding the presidential election, that party is not permitted to participate in the presidential nomination primary. If no major political party pays their portion, a presidential nomination primary will not be held in the following year.

Section 8 [Working group on local candidate campaign finance reporting] establishes a working group to:

- (1) examine and make recommendations on whether local candidate campaign finance reports should be filed with the Board instead of local filing officers;
- (2) assess the extent to which local filing officers are able to provide support to local candidates and the public related to campaign finance reports;
- (3) review local candidate reporting requirements and changes that should be made if reports were to be filed with the Board;

- (4) study the potential budgetary and staffing impact of the potential increase of reports being made to the Board and the ability of the Board to support local candidates in filing 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.

The working group must report to the legislature by January 15, 2026. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 9 [Voter outreach; secretary of state] requires the secretary of state to conduct voter outreach efforts across the state with the goal of increasing voter turnout. The secretary must focus on the counties with the lowest voter turnout in the last two general elections. The secretary must provide voter outreach materials in the three most common non-English language and other language required for a language minority district.

Section 10 [Repealer] repeals the voting equipment grant account.



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