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Senator Jim Carlson
Chair, Senate Elections Committee
3221 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, 55155

Representative Mike Freiberg
Co-Chair, House Elections and Government
Operations Committee
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Senator Mark Koran
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Representative Duan Quam
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Dear Senators and Representatives,

Minn. Stat. 201.161, subd. 5 required Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to identify any agency, other than the Department of Public Safety and the Department on Human Services, that is eligible to implement automatic voter registration and submit the attached report to the chairs and ranking members of each of the Senate and House committees having responsibility over election policy and finance.

Questions regarding this report may be directed to Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Assistant Director Brooke Bordson at brooke.bordson@state.mn.us or (651) 201-8184.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Erin M. Campbell'.

Erin Campbell
Commissioner



Agency Eligibility to Implement Automatic Voter Registration

Minnesota Statutes 201.161 Subdivision 5

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Background

Minn. Stat. 201.161, subd. 5 required Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to identify any agency, other than the Department of Public Safety and the Department on Human Services, that is eligible to implement automatic voter registration. Agencies would be considered eligible if the agency collects, processes, or stores an individual's name, residential address, date of birth, and citizenship verification as part of providing assistance or services. The law also required that eligible agencies submit a report to the Governor and Secretary of State no later than December 1, 2024.

Findings

MMB examined which agencies collect, process, or store individual information that could be used to automatically register voters. MMB worked with the Office of the Secretary of State to develop a survey that was distributed to state agencies, boards, commissions, and constitutional offices in January 2024.

Survey results and related follow-up did not identify any additional eligible agency to submit a report to the Governor's Office and Secretary of State. In all cases agencies either did not verify citizenship or faced other federal barriers that would prevent such data sharing. MMB has not identified any changes to state law that would make an agency eligible or a case where it could be implemented if additional resources were provided.

Because it was determined that there were no state agencies subject to Minn. Stat. 201.161, subd. 5 that met the qualifications of an eligible agency, no agencies were directed to implement automatic voter registration.