

Approved by
Revisor of Statutes

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1.1 Nelson, M., from the State Government Finance Division to which was referred:

1.2 H. F. No. 1935, A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying certain
1.3 administrative law judge salaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 15A.083,
1.4 subdivision 6a.

1.5 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.6 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.7 "ARTICLE 1

1.8 STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

1.9 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.10 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.11 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.12 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
1.13 The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.14 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively.
1.15 "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium"
1.16 is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1.17		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.18		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.19		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.20		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>

1.21 Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE

1.22	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>88,669,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>92,220,000</u>
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1.23 Appropriations by Fund

1.24		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
1.25	<u>General</u>	<u>88,541,000</u>	<u>92,092,000</u>
1.26	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>

2.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.2 purpose are specified in the following
 2.3 subdivisions.

2.4 Subd. 2. Senate 32,105,000 32,105,000

2.5 Subd. 3. House of Representatives 37,420,000 38,857,000

2.6 Subd. 4. Legislative Coordinating Commission 19,144,000 21,258,000

2.7 Appropriations by Fund

2.8 General 19,016,000 21,130,000

2.9 Health Care Access 128,000 128,000

2.10 (a) \$161,000 the first year and \$156,000 the
 2.11 second year are to support the Office on the
 2.12 Economic Status of Women and other duties
 2.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
 2.14 subdivision 7.

2.15 (b) \$140,000 the first year and \$1,039,000 the
 2.16 second year are to implement the accessibility
 2.17 standards established in Minnesota Statutes,
 2.18 section 3.199, including support for the
 2.19 working group on the legislature's accessibility
 2.20 measures established in article 2. The base for
 2.21 this appropriation is \$780,000 each year
 2.22 beginning in fiscal year 2022.

2.23 (c) \$218,000 the second year is for the
 2.24 Redistricting Advisory Commission
 2.25 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.26 2.032. The base for the commission is
 2.27 \$190,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal
 2.28 year 2023.

2.29 (d) \$135,000 the first year and \$130,000 the
 2.30 second year are for the Legislative
 2.31 Commission on Data Practices and Personal
 2.32 Data Privacy.

3.1 (e) \$10,000 each year is for purposes of the
 3.2 legislators' forum, through which Minnesota
 3.3 legislators meet with counterparts from South
 3.4 Dakota, North Dakota, and Manitoba to
 3.5 discuss issues of mutual concern.

3.6 **Legislative Auditor.** \$7,205,000 the first year
 3.7 and \$7,596,000 the second year are for the
 3.8 Office of the Legislative Auditor.

3.9 **Revisor of Statutes.** \$6,768,000 the first year
 3.10 and \$7,207,000 the second year are for the
 3.11 Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

3.12 **Legislative Reference Library.** \$1,664,000
 3.13 the first year and \$1,775,000 the second year
 3.14 are for the Legislative Reference Library.

3.15 **Sec. 3. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**
 3.16 **GOVERNOR**

\$ 3,972,000 \$ 3,972,000

3.17 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of
 3.18 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

3.19 (b) \$350,000 each year is for the Office of
 3.20 Public Engagement.

3.21 (c) Up to \$19,000 each year is for necessary
 3.22 expenses in the normal performance of the
 3.23 governor's and lieutenant governor's duties for
 3.24 which no other reimbursement is provided.

3.25 **Sec. 4. STATE AUDITOR** \$ 10,669,000 \$ 10,943,000

3.26 **Sec. 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL** \$ 26,681,000 \$ 27,740,000

3.27 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
3.28 <u>General</u>	<u>23,822,000</u>	<u>24,824,000</u>
3.29 <u>State Government</u>		
3.30 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>2,464,000</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>
3.31 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
3.32 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

3.34 **Sec. 6. SECRETARY OF STATE** \$ 7,525,000 \$ 7,411,000

\$163,000 the first year is transferred from the
general fund to the Help America Vote Act
account under Minnesota Statutes, section
5.30, and is credited to the state match
requirement of the Omnibus Appropriations
Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the
Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law
107-252, section 101. This is a onetime
appropriation.

Sec. 7. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC			
DISCLOSURE BOARD	\$	<u>1,173,000</u>	\$ <u>1,123,000</u>

\$50,000 the first year is for updates to the
Campaign Finance Reporter application. This
is a onetime appropriation.

Sec. 8. STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT	\$	<u>139,000</u>	\$ <u>139,000</u>
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Sec. 9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS	\$	<u>8,231,000</u>	\$ <u>8,231,000</u>
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Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
<u>Workers'</u>		
<u>Compensation</u>	<u>7,831,000</u>	<u>7,831,000</u>

\$263,000 each year is for municipal boundary
adjustments.

Sec. 10. OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	\$	<u>17,379,000</u>	\$ <u>12,079,000</u>
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(a) \$12,650,000 the first year and \$7,350,000
the second year are for enhancements to
cybersecurity across state government. The
base for this appropriation in fiscal years 2022
and 2023 is \$7,347,000 each year.

(b) \$2,050,000 each year is to expand the state
information technology project portfolio and
project management oversight across state
government. The base for this appropriation

5.1 in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 is \$1,200,000

5.2 each year.

5.3 (c) The commissioner of management and
5.4 budget is authorized to provide cash flow
5.5 assistance of up to \$50,000,000 from the
5.6 special revenue fund or other statutory general
5.7 funds as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
5.8 16A.671, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), to the
5.9 Office of MN.IT Services for the purpose of
5.10 managing revenue and expenditure
5.11 differences. These funds shall be repaid with
5.12 interest by the end of the fiscal year 2021
5.13 closing period.

5.14 (d) During the biennium ending June 30, 2021,
5.15 the Office of MN.IT Services must not charge
5.16 fees to a public noncommercial educational
5.17 television broadcast station eligible for funding
5.18 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for
5.19 access to state broadcast infrastructure. If the
5.20 access fees not charged to public
5.21 noncommercial educational television
5.22 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000
5.23 for the biennium, the office may charge for
5.24 access fees in excess of that amount.

5.25 **Sec. 11. ADMINISTRATION**

5.26	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	28,826,000	\$	25,661,000
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5.27 The amounts that may be spent for each
5.28 purpose are specified in the following
5.29 subdivisions.

5.30	Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services	11,983,000	10,013,000
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5.31 (a) \$100,000 each year is for website
5.32 accessibility grants under Minnesota Statutes,
5.33 section 16B.90.

6.1 (b) \$30,000 the second year is for the Capitol
 6.2 flag program established in Minnesota
 6.3 Statutes, section 16B.276. This is a onetime
 6.4 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 6.5 2023.

6.6 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
 6.7 \$74,000 each year is for the Council on
 6.8 Developmental Disabilities.

6.9 **Office of State Procurement. \$2,862,000**
 6.10 each year is for the Office of State
 6.11 Procurement.

6.12 Of this amount, \$441,000 each year is for the
 6.13 state match to the Procurement Technical
 6.14 Assistance Center. This is a onetime
 6.15 appropriation. The base for the Office of State
 6.16 Procurement is \$2,421,000 in fiscal year 2022
 6.17 and each year thereafter.

6.18 **State Demographer. \$2,739,000 the first year**
 6.19 and \$739,000 the second year are for the state
 6.20 demographer. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 the
 6.21 first year is for Minnesota Census 2020
 6.22 mobilization, including the grant program
 6.23 required under article 2.

6.24 **State Historic Preservation Office. \$527,000**
 6.25 each year is for the State Historic Preservation
 6.26 Office.

6.27	<u>Subd. 3. Strategic Management Services</u>	<u>2,671,000</u>	<u>2,651,000</u>
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6.28	<u>Subd. 4. Fiscal Agent</u>	<u>14,172,000</u>	<u>12,997,000</u>
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6.29 **In-Lieu of Rent. \$9,391,000 each year is for**
 6.30 space costs of the legislature and veterans
 6.31 organizations, ceremonial space, and
 6.32 statutorily free space.

- 7.1 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 each year
7.2 is for matching grants for public television.
- 7.3 (b) \$250,000 each year is for public television
7.4 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,
7.5 section 129D.13.
- 7.6 (c) The commissioner of administration must
7.7 consider the recommendations of the
7.8 Minnesota Public Television Association
7.9 before allocating the amounts appropriated in
7.10 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or
7.11 matching grants.
- 7.12 **Public Radio.** (a) \$492,000 each year is for
7.13 community service grants to public
7.14 educational radio stations. This appropriation
7.15 may be used to disseminate emergency
7.16 information in foreign languages.
- 7.17 (b) \$142,000 each year is for equipment grants
7.18 to public educational radio stations. This
7.19 appropriation may be used for the repair,
7.20 rental, and purchase of equipment including
7.21 equipment under \$500.
- 7.22 (c) \$510,000 each year is for equipment grants
7.23 to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc., including
7.24 upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency Alert and
7.25 AMBER Alert Systems.
- 7.26 (d) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c)
7.27 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by
7.28 an institution or governing body.
- 7.29 (e) The commissioner of administration must
7.30 consider the recommendations of the
7.31 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
7.32 Radio Stations before awarding grants under
7.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14, using
7.34 the appropriations in paragraphs (a) and (b).

8.1 No grantee is eligible for a grant unless they
8.2 are a member of the Association of Minnesota
8.3 Public Educational Radio Stations on or before
8.4 July 1, 2019.

8.5 (f) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the
8.6 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
8.7 Radio Stations for statewide programming to
8.8 promote the Veterans' Voices program. The
8.9 grant must be used to educate and engage
8.10 communities regarding veterans' contributions,
8.11 knowledge, skills, and experiences with an
8.12 emphasis on Korean War veterans.

8.13 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining the
8.14 first year for grants to public television or
8.15 public radio stations does not cancel and is
8.16 available for the second year.

8.17 (h) \$1,600,000 the first year is for grants to
8.18 Twin Cities Public Television and to the
8.19 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
8.20 Radio Stations to produce the Beyond Opioids
8.21 Project in collaboration with the stations of
8.22 the Minnesota Public Television Association.
8.23 Seventy percent of this appropriation must be
8.24 for a grant to Twin Cities Public Television
8.25 and 30 percent must be for a grant to the
8.26 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
8.27 Radio Stations. The commissioner of
8.28 administration may use up to five percent of
8.29 the total appropriation under this paragraph
8.30 for administrative costs.

8.31 (i) \$162,000 each year is for transfer to the
8.32 Minnesota Film and TV Board. The
8.33 appropriation in each year is available only
8.34 upon receipt by the board of \$1 in matching
8.35 contributions of money or in-kind

9.1 contributions from nonstate sources for every
 9.2 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
 9.3 each year up to \$50,000 is available on July
 9.4 1 even if the required matching contribution
 9.5 has not been received by that date. Beginning
 9.6 in fiscal year 2022, these amounts are added
 9.7 to the base for the Film and TV Board in the
 9.8 Department of Employment and Economic
 9.9 Development.

9.10 Sec. 12. **CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL**
 9.11 **AND PLANNING BOARD** \$ 351,000 \$ 351,000

9.12 Sec. 13. **MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**
 9.13 **BUDGET** \$ 33,223,000 \$ 27,591,000

9.14 (a) \$1,168,000 the first year and \$868,000 the
 9.15 second year are for efforts to support enhanced
 9.16 sexual harassment prevention activities, to
 9.17 support the Office of Inclusion and Equity, to
 9.18 fund state workforce recruitment activities,
 9.19 and to implement a statewide compensation
 9.20 study.

9.21 (b) \$205,000 the first year and \$252,000 the
 9.22 second year are to enhance capacity to provide
 9.23 legislators, executive branch officials, local
 9.24 governments, and other Minnesota
 9.25 stakeholders access to data-driven information.

9.26 (c) \$5,500,000 the first year is for system
 9.27 security and risk management. This is a
 9.28 onetime appropriation.

9.29 Sec. 14. **REVENUE**

9.30 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 165,005,000 \$ 167,204,000

9.31 Appropriations by Fund

9.32		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
9.33	<u>General</u>	<u>160,745,000</u>	<u>162,944,000</u>
9.34	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>

10.1	<u>Highway User Tax</u>				
10.2	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>		
10.3	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>		
10.4	<u>Subd. 2. Tax System Management</u>			<u>136,190,000</u>	<u>137,892,000</u>
10.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
10.6		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		
10.7	<u>General</u>	<u>131,930,000</u>	<u>133,632,000</u>		
10.8	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>		
10.9	<u>Highway User Tax</u>				
10.10	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>		
10.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>		
10.12	<u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u>			<u>28,815,000</u>	<u>29,312,000</u>
10.13	<u>Sec. 15. GAMBLING CONTROL</u>			<u>\$ 3,472,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,472,000</u>
10.14	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>				
10.15	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>				
10.16	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
10.17	<u>Sec. 16. RACING COMMISSION</u>			<u>\$ 913,000</u>	<u>\$ 913,000</u>
10.18	<u>These appropriations are from the racing and</u>				
10.19	<u>card playing regulation accounts in the special</u>				
10.20	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
10.21	<u>Sec. 17. STATE LOTTERY</u>				
10.22	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
10.23	<u>349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's</u>				
10.24	<u>operating budget must not exceed \$35,000,000</u>				
10.25	<u>in fiscal year 2020 and \$36,500,000 in fiscal</u>				
10.26	<u>year 2021.</u>				
10.27	<u>Sec. 18. AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION</u>			<u>\$ 1,266,000</u>	<u>\$ 306,000</u>
10.28	<u>(a) \$600,000 the first year is for grants under</u>				
10.29	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 240A.09,</u>				
10.30	<u>paragraph (b).</u>				
10.31	<u>(b) \$250,000 the first year is for grants to</u>				
10.32	<u>reimburse local governments that made</u>				
10.33	<u>improvements between January 1, 2017, and</u>				

11.1	<u>the effective date of this section that would</u>			
11.2	<u>have been eligible for grants under Minnesota</u>			
11.3	<u>Statutes, section 240A.09, paragraph (b), if</u>			
11.4	<u>funding had been available.</u>			
11.5	<u>(c) \$75,000 the first year is to determine a site</u>			
11.6	<u>and plans for a new velodrome for track</u>			
11.7	<u>cycling.</u>			
11.8	Sec. 19. <u>COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF</u>			
11.9	<u>AFRICAN HERITAGE</u>	\$	<u>681,000</u>	<u>\$ 682,000</u>
11.10	Sec. 20. <u>COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS</u>	\$	<u>679,000</u>	<u>\$ 685,000</u>
11.11	Sec. 21. <u>COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC</u>			
11.12	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	\$	<u>609,000</u>	<u>\$ 616,000</u>
11.13	Sec. 22. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>1,119,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,000</u>
11.14	<u>\$533,000 the first year and \$520,000 the</u>			
11.15	<u>second year are to implement Minnesota</u>			
11.16	<u>Statutes, section 307.08.</u>			
11.17	Sec. 23. <u>MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u>			
11.18	<u>SOCIETY</u>			
11.19	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>24,063,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,213,000</u>
11.20	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
11.21	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
11.22	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
11.23	Subd. 2. <u>Operations and Programs</u>		<u>23,342,000</u>	<u>23,892,000</u>
11.24	<u>\$395,000 each year is for digital preservation</u>			
11.25	<u>and access to preserve and make available</u>			
11.26	<u>resources related to Minnesota history.</u>			
11.27	Subd. 3. <u>Fiscal Agent</u>			
11.28	<u>(a) Global Minnesota</u>		<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>
11.29	<u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u>		<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
11.30	<u>(c) Minnesota Military Museum</u>		<u>450,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
11.31	<u>Of these amounts, \$400,000 the first year is</u>			
11.32	<u>to:</u>			

12.1 (1) care for, catalog, and display the recently
 12.2 acquired collection of the personal and
 12.3 professional effects belonging to General John
 12.4 W. Vessey, Minnesota's most decorated
 12.5 veteran; and

12.6 (2) conduct a statewide story-sharing program
 12.7 to honor the distinct service of post 9/11
 12.8 veterans in anticipation of the 2021
 12.9 anniversary.

12.10 (d) Farmamerica 115,000 115,000

12.11 (e) Hockey Hall of Fame 50,000 50,000

12.12 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this
 12.13 subdivision the first year does not cancel but
 12.14 is available for the second year of the
 12.15 biennium.

12.16 Sec. 24. **BOARD OF THE ARTS**

12.17 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 8,241,000 \$ 7,541,000

12.18 The amounts that may be spent for each
 12.19 purpose are specified in the following
 12.20 subdivisions.

12.21 **Subd. 2. Operations and Services** 1,302,000 602,000

12.22 \$700,000 in the first year is for moving and
 12.23 relocation expenses for the board. Moving and
 12.24 relocation expenses are limited to the design
 12.25 and construction of new leased office space;
 12.26 moving, installing and reconfiguring
 12.27 information technology systems and audio
 12.28 visual equipment; purchasing and installing
 12.29 work stations; and professional moving
 12.30 services necessary to complete the relocation.
 12.31 The board may use no more than \$5,000 for
 12.32 other miscellaneous services, provided that
 12.33 the services must be directly related to the

13.1 office relocation. On June 30, 2020, any
 13.2 unexpended amounts appropriated for moving
 13.3 and relocation expenses cancel to the general
 13.4 fund.

13.5 Subd. 3. Grants Program 4,800,000 4,800,000

13.6 Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils 2,139,000 2,139,000

13.7 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this
 13.8 section the first year does not cancel, but is
 13.9 available for the second year.

13.10 Money appropriated in this section and
 13.11 distributed as grants may only be spent on
 13.12 projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of
 13.13 a grant funded by an appropriation in this
 13.14 section must not use more than five percent
 13.15 of the total grant for costs related to travel
 13.16 outside the state of Minnesota.

13.17 Sec. 25. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES
 13.18 CENTER \$ 700,000 \$ 700,000

13.19 \$325,000 each year is for grants under
 13.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912. No more
 13.21 than three percent of the appropriation may
 13.22 be used for the nonprofit administration of the
 13.23 program. Beginning in fiscal year 2022, these
 13.24 amounts are added to the base in the
 13.25 Department of Agriculture.

13.26 Sec. 26. BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY \$ 736,000 \$ 667,000

13.27 \$50,000 the first year is to update the online
 13.28 permitting system. The base in fiscal year
 13.29 2023 is \$657,000.

13.30 Sec. 27. BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE
 13.31 ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,
 13.32 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,
 13.33 GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN \$ 905,000 \$ 851,000

14.1 \$50,000 the first year is to update the online
 14.2 permitting system. The base in fiscal year
 14.3 2022 is \$831,000 and in fiscal year 2023 is
 14.4 \$821,000.

14.5 Sec. 28. BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST
 14.6 EXAMINERS \$ 2,916,000 \$ 2,935,000

14.7 Sec. 29. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS \$ 343,000 \$ 343,000

14.8 Sec. 30. GENERAL CONTINGENT
 14.9 ACCOUNTS \$ 1,000,000 \$ 500,000

14.10 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
14.11		
14.12 <u>General</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
14.13 <u>State Government</u>		
14.14 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
14.15 <u>Workers'</u>		
14.16 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

14.17 (a) The appropriations in this section may only
 14.18 be spent with the approval of the governor
 14.19 after consultation with the Legislative
 14.20 Advisory Commission pursuant to Minnesota
 14.21 Statutes, section 3.30.

14.22 (b) If an appropriation in this section for either
 14.23 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
 14.24 other year is available for it.

14.25 (c) If a contingent account appropriation is
 14.26 made in one fiscal year, it should be
 14.27 considered a biennial appropriation.

14.28 Sec. 31. TORT CLAIMS \$ 161,000 \$ 161,000

14.29 These appropriations are to be spent by the
 14.30 commissioner of management and budget
 14.31 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 14.32 3.736, subdivision 7. If the appropriation for
 14.33 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 14.34 for the other year is available for it.

15.1 **Sec. 32. MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT**
15.2 **SYSTEM**

15.3	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,111,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,151,000</u>
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15.4 The amounts that may be spent for each
15.5 purpose are specified in the following
15.6 subdivisions.

15.7 Subd. 2. Combined Legislators and
15.8 Constitutional Officers Retirement Plan

9,111,000 9,151,000

15.9 Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,
15.10 subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;
15.11 and 3A.115.

15.12 If an appropriation in this section for either
15.13 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
15.14 other year is available for it.

15.15 Subd. 3. Judges Retirement Plan

<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
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15.16 For transfer to the judges retirement fund
15.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123.
15.18 This transfer continues each fiscal year until
15.19 the judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent
15.20 funding as determined by an actuarial
15.21 valuation prepared according to Minnesota
15.22 Statutes, section 356.214.

15.23 **Sec. 33. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT**
15.24 **ASSOCIATION**

\$ 20,500,000 \$ 25,000,000

15.25 General employees retirement plan of the
15.26 Public Employees Retirement Association
15.27 relating to the merged former MERF division.

15.28 State payments from the general fund to the
15.29 Public Employees Retirement Association on
15.30 behalf of the former MERF division account
15.31 are \$16,000,000 on September 15, 2019, and
15.32 \$16,000,000 on September 15, 2020.

15.33 These amounts are estimated to be needed
15.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.505.

16.1 **Sec. 34. TEACHERS RETIREMENT**
 16.2 **ASSOCIATION**

\$ 29,831,000 \$ 29,831,000

16.3 The amounts estimated to be needed are as
 16.4 follows:

16.5 **Special Direct State Aid.** \$27,331,000 each
 16.6 year is for special direct state aid authorized
 16.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.436.

16.8 **Special Direct State Matching Aid.**
 16.9 \$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state
 16.10 matching aid authorized under Minnesota
 16.11 Statutes, section 354.435.

16.12 **Sec. 35. ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT**
 16.13 **FUND**

\$ 14,827,000 \$ 14,827,000

16.14 The amounts estimated to be needed for
 16.15 special direct state aid to the first class city
 16.16 teachers retirement fund association authorized
 16.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,
 16.18 subdivisions 3a and 3c.

16.19 **Sec. 36. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; COURT ORDERED**
 16.20 **ATTORNEY FEES.**

16.21 \$1,290,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the secretary of
 16.22 state for the payment of attorney fees awarded by court order in *Minnesota Voters Alliance*
 16.23 *v. Mansky*. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

16.25 **Sec. 37. CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL SERVICES.**

16.26 (a) During the biennium ending June 30, 2021, the commissioner of management and
 16.27 budget must reduce total general fund appropriations across all executive branch state
 16.28 agencies for planned expenditures on contracts for professional or technical services by at
 16.29 least \$890,000. Contracts that provide services to support client-facing health care workers,
 16.30 corrections officers, public safety workers, mental health workers, and state cybersecurity
 16.31 systems; contracts that support the enterprise resource planning system replacement at the
 16.32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; and contracts that support information technology

17.1 systems or services that were not part of an agency's base budget prior to the effective date
17.2 of this act may not be reduced under this paragraph.

17.3 (b) The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the commissioner
17.4 of administration, may authorize an agency to exceed the expenditure restriction provided
17.5 by this section if a contract for professional or technical services is required to respond to
17.6 an emergency.

17.7 (c) For purposes of this section:

17.8 (1) "professional or technical services" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,
17.9 section 16C.08, subdivision 1;

17.10 (2) "emergency" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.02, subdivision
17.11 6b; and

17.12 (3) "executive branch state agency" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
17.13 16A.011, subdivision 12a, and includes the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

17.14 Sec. 38. **HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS;**
17.15 **SECRETARY OF STATE.**

17.16 (a) \$6,595,610 is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the HAVA account established
17.17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, to the secretary of state for the purposes of improving
17.18 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law. Use of the
17.19 appropriation is limited to the following activities:

17.20 (1) modernizing, securing, and updating the statewide voter registration system and for
17.21 cybersecurity upgrades as authorized by federal law;

17.22 (2) improving accessibility;

17.23 (3) preparing training materials and training local election officials; and

17.24 (4) implementing security improvements for election systems.

17.25 (b) Any amount earned in interest on the amount appropriated under paragraph (a) is
17.26 appropriated from the HAVA account to the secretary of state for purposes of improving
17.27 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law.

17.28 (c) The appropriations under paragraphs (a) and (b) are onetime and available until
17.29 March 23, 2023.

17.30 (d) \$167,000 expended by the secretary of state in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for
17.31 increasing secure access to the statewide voter registration system is deemed:

18.1 (1) to be money used for carrying out the purposes authorized under the Omnibus
18.2 Appropriations Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002,
18.3 Public Law 107-252, section 101; and

18.4 (2) to be credited toward any match required by those laws.

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

18.6 **ARTICLE 2**

18.7 **STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

18.8 Section 1. **[3.199] ACCESSIBILITY IN THE LEGISLATURE'S INFORMATION**
18.9 **TECHNOLOGY.**

18.10 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following term has the
18.11 meaning given.

18.12 (b) "Responsible authority" means:

18.13 (1) for the house of representatives, the chief clerk of the house;

18.14 (2) for the senate, the secretary of the senate;

18.15 (3) for the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the revisor of statutes;

18.16 (4) for the Office of the Legislative Auditor, the legislative auditor;

18.17 (5) for the Legislative Reference Library, the library director;

18.18 (6) for the Legislative Budget Office, the director of the Legislative Budget Office; and

18.19 (7) for any entity administered by the legislative branch not listed in clauses (1) to (6),
18.20 the director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

18.21 Subd. 2. **Accessibility standards; compliance.** The senate, the house of representatives,
18.22 and joint legislative offices and commissions must comply with accessibility standards
18.23 adopted for state agencies by the chief information officer under section 16E.03, subdivision
18.24 9, for technology, software, and hardware procurement, unless the responsible authority for
18.25 a legislative body or office has approved an exception for a standard for that body or office.

18.26 Subd. 3. **Not subject to MN.IT authority.** The chief information officer is not authorized
18.27 to manage or direct compliance of the legislature with accessibility standards.

18.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2021.

19.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 3.8843, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

19.2 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2019~~ 2026.

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

19.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 3.886, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

19.5 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** This section expires July 1, ~~2019~~ 2025.

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

19.7 Sec. 4. **[5.42] DISPLAY OF BUSINESS ADDRESS ON WEBSITE.**

19.8 (a) A business entity may request in writing that all addresses submitted by the business
19.9 entity to the secretary of state be omitted from display on the secretary of state's website.

19.10 A business entity may only request that all addresses be omitted from display if the entity
19.11 certifies that:

19.12 (1) there is only one shareholder, member, manager, or owner of the business entity;

19.13 (2) the shareholder, manager, member, or owner is a natural person; and

19.14 (3) at least one of the addresses provided is the residential address of the sole shareholder,
19.15 manager, member, or owner.

19.16 The secretary of state shall post a notice that this option is available and a link to the form
19.17 needed to make a request on the secretary's website. The secretary of state shall also attach
19.18 a copy of the request form to all business filing forms provided in a paper format that require
19.19 a business entity to submit an address.

19.20 (b) This section does not change the classification of data under chapter 13 and addresses
19.21 shall be made available to the public in response to requests made by telephone, mail, e-mail,
19.22 and facsimile transmission.

19.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to business
19.24 entity filings filed with the secretary of state on or after that date.

19.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10.60, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.26 Subd. 4. **Permitted material.** (a) Material specified in this subdivision may be included
19.27 on a website or in a publication, but only if the material complies with subdivision 2. This
19.28 subdivision is not a comprehensive list of material that may be contained on a website or
19.29 in a publication, if the material complies with subdivision 2.

20.1 (b) A website or publication may include biographical information about an elected or
20.2 appointed official; and a single official photograph of the official, and. Except during the
20.3 period beginning 60 days after adjournment sine die of the legislature in an even-numbered
20.4 year and ending the day after the state general election in that year, a website or publication
20.5 may also contain photographs of the official performing functions related to the office.

20.6 There is no limitation on photographs, webcasts, archives of webcasts, and audio or video
20.7 files that facilitate access to information or services or inform the public about the duties
20.8 and obligations of the office or that are intended to promote trade or tourism. Except during
20.9 the period beginning 60 days after adjournment sine die of the legislature in an
20.10 even-numbered year and ending the day after the state general election in that year, a state
20.11 website or publication may include photographs or information involving civic or charitable
20.12 work done by the governor's spouse, provided that these activities relate to the functions of
20.13 the governor's office.

20.14 (c) A website or publication may include press releases, proposals, policy positions, and
20.15 other information directly related to the legal functions, duties, and jurisdiction of a public
20.16 official or organization.

20.17 (d) The election-related website maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State shall
20.18 provide links to:

20.19 (1) the campaign website of any candidate for legislative, constitutional, judicial, or
20.20 federal office who requests or whose campaign committee requests such a link and provides
20.21 in writing a valid URL address to the Office of the Secretary of State; and

20.22 (2) the website of any individual or group advocating for or against or providing neutral
20.23 information with respect to any ballot question, where the individual or group requests such
20.24 a link and provides in writing a valid website address and valid e-mail address to the Office
20.25 of the Secretary of State.

20.26 These links must be provided on the election-related website maintained by the Office
20.27 of the Secretary of State from the opening of filing for the office in question until the business
20.28 day following the day on which the State Canvassing Board has declared the results of the
20.29 state general election, or November 30 of the year in which the election has taken place,
20.30 whichever date is earlier. The link must be activated on the election-related website
20.31 maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State within two business days of receipt of
20.32 the request from a qualified candidate or committee.

21.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 15A.083, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

21.2 Subd. 6a. **Administrative law judge; salaries.** The salary of the chief administrative
21.3 law judge is 98.52 percent of the salary of a chief district court judge. The salaries of the
21.4 assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors are ~~93.60~~
21.5 100 percent of the salary of a chief district court judge. The salary of an administrative law
21.6 judge employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings is 98.52 percent of the salary of
21.7 a district court judge as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3.

21.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

21.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.013, is amended by adding a subdivision to
21.10 read:

21.11 Subd. 1a. **Opportunity to make gifts via website.** The commissioner of management
21.12 and budget must maintain a secure website which permits any person to make a gift of
21.13 money electronically for any purpose authorized by subdivision 1. Gifts made using the
21.14 website are subject to all other requirements of this section, sections 16A.014 to 16A.016,
21.15 and any other applicable law governing the receipt of gifts by the state and the purposes for
21.16 which a gift may be used. The website must include historical data on the total amount of
21.17 gifts received using the site, itemized by month.

21.18 Sec. 8. **[16A.1335] EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND BENEFITS IN EVENT OF STATE**
21.19 **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

21.20 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "government shutdown" means that,
21.21 as of July 1 of an odd-numbered year, legislation appropriating money for the general
21.22 operations of:

21.23 (1) an executive agency;

21.24 (2) an office or department of the legislature, including each house of the legislature and
21.25 the Legislative Coordinating Commission; or

21.26 (3) a judicial branch agency or department, including a court;

21.27 has not been enacted for the biennium beginning July 1 of that year.

21.28 Subd. 2. **Payment required.** Notwithstanding section 16A.17, subdivision 8, state
21.29 employees must be provided payment for lost salary and benefits resulting from their absence
21.30 from work during a government shutdown. An employee is eligible for a payment under
21.31 this section only upon the employee's return to work.

22.1 Subd. 3. **Appropriation; limitation.** (a) In the event of a government shutdown, the
22.2 amount necessary to pay the salary and benefits of employees of any impacted agency,
22.3 office, or department is appropriated beginning on that July 1 to that agency, office, or
22.4 department. The appropriation is made from the fund or funds from which an appropriation
22.5 was made in the previous fiscal year for salary and benefits paid to each affected employee.

22.6 (b) Amounts appropriated under this subdivision may not exceed the amount or amounts
22.7 appropriated for general operations of the affected agency, office, or department in the
22.8 previous fiscal year.

22.9 Subd. 4. **Certification of amount for employees in the legislative and judicial**
22.10 **branches.** By June 25 of an odd-numbered year, if a government shutdown appears
22.11 imminent, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the senate, and
22.12 the chief clerk of the supreme court must each certify to the commissioner of management
22.13 and budget the amount needed for salaries and benefits for each fiscal year of the next
22.14 biennium, and the commissioner of management and budget shall make the certified amount
22.15 available on July 1 of that year, or on another schedule that permits payment of all salary
22.16 and benefit obligations required by this section in a timely manner.

22.17 Subd. 5. **Subsequent appropriations.** A subsequent appropriation to the agency, office,
22.18 or department for regular operations for a biennium in which this section has been applied
22.19 may only supersede and replace the appropriation provided by subdivision 3 by express
22.20 reference to this section.

22.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.90, is amended to read:

22.22 **16A.90 EMPLOYEE GAINSHARING SYSTEM.**

22.23 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner must establish program.** (a) The commissioner shall
22.24 establish a program to provide onetime bonus compensation to state employees for efforts
22.25 ~~made to reduce~~ suggestions that are implemented and result in a reduction of the costs of
22.26 operating state government or for ways of providing better or more efficient state services.
22.27 The commissioner may authorize an executive branch appointing authority to make a onetime
22.28 award to an employee or group of employees whose suggestion ~~or involvement in a project~~
22.29 is determined by the commissioner to have resulted in documented cost-savings to the state.
22.30 Before authorizing awards under this section, the commissioner shall establish guidelines
22.31 for the program including but not limited to:

23.1 (1) the maximum award is ten percent of the documented savings ~~in the first fiscal year~~
23.2 within the first year after implementation of the employee suggestion in which the savings
23.3 are realized up to \$50,000;

23.4 ~~(2) the award must be paid from the appropriation to which the savings accrued; and~~

23.5 ~~(3) (2)~~ employees whose primary job responsibility is to identify cost savings or ways
23.6 of providing better or more efficient state services are generally not eligible for bonus
23.7 compensation under this section except in extraordinary circumstances as defined by the
23.8 commissioner; and

23.9 (3) employees are eligible for awards under this section notwithstanding chapter 179A.

23.10 (b) The program required by this section must be in addition to any existing monetary
23.11 or nonmonetary performance-based recognition programs for state employees, including
23.12 achievement awards, continuous improvement awards, and general employee recognitions.

23.13 Subd. 2. **Biannual Legislative report.** No later than ~~August 1, 2017,~~ and biannually
23.14 July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking
23.15 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction
23.16 over Minnesota Management and Budget on ~~the status of the program required by this~~
23.17 ~~section. The report must detail:~~

23.18 (1) the specific program guidelines established by the commissioner as required by
23.19 subdivision 1, if the guidelines have not been described in a previous report;

23.20 (2) any proposed modifications to the established guidelines under consideration by the
23.21 commissioner, including the reason for the proposed modifications; and

23.22 ~~(3) the methods used by the commissioner to promote the program to state employees;~~
23.23 ~~if the methods have not been described in a previous report;~~

23.24 ~~(4) a summary of the results of the program that includes the following, categorized by~~
23.25 ~~agency:~~

23.26 ~~(i) the number of state employees whose suggestions or involvement in a project were~~
23.27 ~~considered for possible bonus compensation, and a description of each suggestion or project~~
23.28 ~~that was considered;~~

23.29 ~~(ii) the total amount of bonus compensation actually awarded, itemized by each suggestion~~
23.30 ~~or project that resulted in an award and the amount awarded for that suggestion or project;~~
23.31 and

24.1 (iii) the total amount of documented cost-savings that accrued to the agency as a result
24.2 of each suggestion or project for which bonus compensation was granted; and

24.3 (5) (3) any recommendations for legislation that, in the judgment of the commissioner,
24.4 would improve the effectiveness of the bonus compensation program established by this
24.5 section or which would otherwise increase opportunities for state employees to actively
24.6 participate in the development and implementation of strategies for reducing the costs of
24.7 operating state government or for providing better or more efficient state services.

24.8 Subd. 3. Pilot program. To the extent that appropriations are not available to fully
24.9 implement the program required by subdivision 1, the commissioner must use available
24.10 resources to implement a pilot program that meets the requirements of subdivision 1 within
24.11 a single agency designated by the commissioner. If established, details on the pilot program
24.12 must be included in the legislative report required under subdivision 2.

24.13 Sec. 10. [16B.276] CAPITOL FLAG PROGRAM.

24.14 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given
24.15 them.

24.16 (b) "Active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5.

24.17 (c) "Eligible family member" means a surviving spouse, parent or legal guardian, child,
24.18 or sibling of (1) a public safety officer killed in the line of duty, or (2) a person who has
24.19 died while serving honorably in active service in the United States armed forces. For purposes
24.20 of this section, an eligibility relationship may be established by birth or adoption.

24.21 (d) "Killed in the line of duty" has the meaning given in section 299A.41, subdivision
24.22 3.

24.23 (e) "Public safety officer" has the meaning given in section 299A.41, subdivision 4.

24.24 Subd. 2. Establishment. A Capitol flag program is established. The purpose of the
24.25 program is to make a Minnesota state flag and an American flag that was flown over the
24.26 Minnesota State Capitol available to the family members of a public safety officer killed
24.27 in the line of duty or a member of the United States armed forces who died while in active
24.28 service. In addition to appropriations provided by law, the commissioner of management
24.29 and budget may receive gifts to support the program as authorized in sections 16A.013 to
24.30 16A.016. The program established by this section is required only to the extent that sufficient
24.31 funds are available through appropriations or gifts to support its operations.

25.1 Subd. 3. **Submission of request; presentation.** (a) A flag request may only be made
25.2 by a legislator or state constitutional officer on behalf of an eligible family member, after
25.3 verification of the family member's eligibility under the procedures adopted under subdivision
25.4 4. The request must be made to the commissioner of administration, and must indicate the
25.5 type of flag requested, a certification that the family member's eligibility has been verified,
25.6 special requests for the date the flag is flown over the Capitol, and the method of presentment.
25.7 The commissioner may adopt a form to be used for this purpose. With at least 30 days'
25.8 notice, the commissioner must honor a request that a flag be flown on a specific
25.9 commemorative date.

25.10 (b) Upon receipt of a request, the commissioner must present a flag to the eligible family
25.11 member, or to the requesting legislator or constitutional officer for coordination of a later
25.12 presentment ceremony. If relevant information is made available, the commissioner shall
25.13 provide a certificate memorializing the details of the occasion and the date the flag was
25.14 flown with each flag presented.

25.15 Subd. 4. **Verification of eligibility.** The house of representatives, the senate, and each
25.16 constitutional officer must adopt procedures for the administration of flag requests received
25.17 from eligible family members, including a procedure for verification of a family member's
25.18 eligibility to receive a flag.

25.19 Subd. 5. **No fee for first flag.** The family of a public safety officer killed in the line of
25.20 duty or service member of the United States armed forces who died in active service is
25.21 entitled to receive one United States flag and one Minnesota state flag free of charge under
25.22 this section. If multiple flags of the same type are requested to be flown in honor of the
25.23 same decedent, the commissioner may charge a reasonable fee that does not exceed the
25.24 actual cost of flying each flag and preparing a certificate memorializing the occasion.

25.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

25.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16B.32, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

25.27 Subd. 1a. **Onsite Energy generation from renewable sources.** A state agency that
25.28 prepares a predesign for a new building must consider meeting at least two percent of the
25.29 energy needs of the building from renewable sources ~~located on the building site~~. For
25.30 purposes of this subdivision, "renewable sources" are limited to wind and the sun. The
25.31 predesign must include an explicit cost and price analysis of complying with the two-percent
25.32 requirement compared with the present and future costs of energy supplied by a public
25.33 utility from a location away from the building site and the present and future costs of
25.34 controlling carbon emissions. If the analysis concludes that the building should not meet at

26.1 least two percent of its energy needs from renewable sources ~~located on the building site,~~
26.2 the analysis must provide explicit reasons why not. The building may not receive further
26.3 state appropriations for design or construction unless at least two percent of its energy needs
26.4 are designed to be met from renewable sources, unless the commissioner finds that the
26.5 reasons given by the agency for not meeting the two-percent requirement were supported
26.6 by evidence in the record.

26.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16B.323, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

26.8 Subd. 2. **Solar energy system.** (a) As provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a project for
26.9 the construction or major renovation of a state building, after the completion of a cost-benefit
26.10 analysis, may include installation of solar energy systems ~~of up to 300 kilowatts capacity~~
26.11 on, adjacent, or in proximity to the state building on state-owned buildings and land.

26.12 (b) The capacity of a solar energy system ~~must be less than 300 kilowatts to the extent~~
26.13 ~~necessary to match the electrical load of the building, or the capacity~~ must be no more than
26.14 necessary to keep the costs for the installation below the five percent maximum set by
26.15 paragraph (c).

26.16 (c) The cost of the solar energy system must not exceed five percent of the appropriations
26.17 from the bond proceeds fund for the construction or renovation of the state building. Purchase
26.18 and installation of a solar thermal system may account for no more than 25 percent of the
26.19 cost of a solar energy system installation.

26.20 (d) A project subject to this section is ineligible to receive a rebate for the installation
26.21 of a solar energy system under section 116C.7791 or from any utility.

26.22 (e) If a solar energy system generates electricity above the energy need of the building,
26.23 the surplus electricity must be sold to a utility. Proceeds from the sale must be transferred
26.24 to the commissioner of commerce to support energy assistance programs for low-income
26.25 Minnesotans.

26.26 Sec. 13. [16B.372] OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE SUSTAINABILITY.

26.27 Subdivision 1. Enterprise sustainability. The Office of Enterprise Sustainability is
26.28 established under the jurisdiction of the commissioner to assist all state agencies in making
26.29 measurable progress toward improving the sustainability of government operations by
26.30 reducing the impact on the environment, controlling unnecessary waste of natural resources
26.31 and public funds, and spurring innovation. The office shall create new tools and share best

27.1 practices, assist state agencies to plan for and implement improvements, and monitor progress
27.2 toward achieving intended outcomes. Specific duties include but are not limited to:

27.3 (1) managing a sustainability metrics and reporting system, including a public dashboard
27.4 that allows Minnesotans to track progress;

27.5 (2) assisting agencies in developing and executing sustainability plans; and

27.6 (3) publishing an annual report.

27.7 Subd. 2. **Local governments.** The Office of Enterprise Sustainability shall make
27.8 reasonable attempts to share tools and best practices with local governments.

27.9 Sec. 14. **[16B.90] WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS; ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

27.10 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** A website accessibility grant program is
27.11 established. Within available appropriations, grants must be awarded by the commissioner
27.12 to local governments to improve the accessibility of local government websites for persons
27.13 with disabilities.

27.14 Subd. 2. **Website Accessibility Grant Advisory Council.** (a) A Website Accessibility
27.15 Grant Advisory Council is established. The purpose of the advisory council is to assist the
27.16 commissioner in awarding grants under subdivision 1. The advisory council consists of the
27.17 following members:

27.18 (1) one representative of the League of Minnesota Cities, appointed by the league;

27.19 (2) one representative of the Association of Minnesota Counties, appointed by the
27.20 association;

27.21 (3) one representative of the Minnesota Council on Disability, appointed by the council;

27.22 (4) one member of the public who is a self-advocate, appointed by the governor; and

27.23 (5) the state chief information officer, or a designee.

27.24 (b) The terms, compensation, and removal of members is governed by section 15.059.
27.25 The council must elect a chair from among its members.

27.26 (c) The advisory council is subject to chapter 13D. The council must meet at the request
27.27 of the commissioner or the chair, but no fewer than two times per year to fulfill its duties.
27.28 The commissioner must provide meeting space and other administrative assistance to support
27.29 the work of the council.

27.30 (d) The council must review applications from local governments for grant funding to
27.31 support website accessibility projects and to make recommendations to the commissioner

28.1 for the award of grants. The commissioner may not award a grant unless it has been reviewed
28.2 by the advisory council. Consistent with the policies and procedures established by the
28.3 commissioner under sections 16B.97 and 16B.98, the council must establish uniform,
28.4 objective criteria to be used in evaluating grant applications. The criteria must include
28.5 standards to ensure grant funding is distributed equitably across the state, and that grant
28.6 funds are available without regard to a local government's population size.

28.7 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** No later than January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter,
28.8 the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
28.9 legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance and local government
28.10 detailing the grants awarded under this section, including the number of grant applications
28.11 received, the number of grants awarded, the geographic distribution of grant applications
28.12 and awards, and the amount of each grant awarded and how it was used.

28.13 Sec. 15. **[16C.0531] PROHIBITING STATE CONTRACTS WITH STATE**
28.14 **SPONSORS OF TERRORISM AND FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

28.15 (a) A state contract for goods or services must require the vendor to certify that the
28.16 vendor is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage
28.17 in, business with countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism by the State Department
28.18 and groups designated by the United States Secretary of State as foreign terrorist
28.19 organizations. This section applies to all state agencies, including the Minnesota State
28.20 Colleges and Universities and to contracts entered into by entities in the legislative branch.

28.21 (b) The commissioners of the Department of Administration and Minnesota Management
28.22 and Budget shall exercise appropriate due diligence in selecting vendors for goods or services
28.23 to avert contracting with countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism and groups
28.24 designated as foreign terrorist organizations or with vendors who do business with countries
28.25 designated as state sponsors of terrorism and groups designated as foreign terrorist
28.26 organizations. The commissioners shall implement measures designed to meet the objective
28.27 of this section and take the steps necessary to confirm that vendors have satisfied the
28.28 requirement of this section.

28.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16C.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.30 Subd. 2. **Restriction.** An agency may not enter into a contract or otherwise agree with
28.31 a nongovernmental entity to receive total nonmonetary consideration valued at more than
28.32 \$100,000 annually in exchange for the agency providing nonmonetary consideration, unless
28.33 such an agreement is specifically authorized by law. This subdivision does not apply to the

29.1 State Lottery, state-owned optical fiber, or private aquaculture businesses involved in state
29.2 stocking contracts.

29.3 Sec. 17. **[16C.067] CONFLICT-FREE MINERALS.**

29.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The following terms have the meanings given them.

29.5 (b) "Conflict mineral" means a mineral or mineral derivative determined under federal
29.6 law to be financing human conflict. Conflict mineral includes columbite-tantalite (coltan),
29.7 cassiterite, gold, wolframite, or derivatives of those minerals.

29.8 (c) "Noncompliant person" means a person:

29.9 (1) who is required to disclose under federal law information relating to conflict minerals
29.10 that originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its neighboring countries; and

29.11 (2) for whom the disclosure is not filed, is considered under federal law to be an unreliable
29.12 determination, or contains false information.

29.13 Subd. 2. **Compliance.** By execution of a state contract to provide goods or services, a
29.14 vendor attests that it is not a noncompliant person and is in compliance with the required
29.15 disclosures under federal law related to conflict minerals.

29.16 Subd. 3. **Exemption; commissioner may waive.** (a) This section does not apply to
29.17 contracts with a value of less than \$100,000.

29.18 (b) The commissioner may waive application of this section in a contract if the
29.19 commissioner determines that compliance is not practicable or in the best interest of the
29.20 state.

29.21 Subd. 4. **Notice.** In any solicitation for supplies or services, a commissioner shall provide
29.22 notice of the requirements of this section.

29.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to solicitations
29.24 issued on or after that date.

29.25 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.26 Subd. 2. **Emergency acquisition.** The solicitation process described in this chapter and
29.27 chapter 16B is not required in emergencies. In emergencies, the commissioner may make
29.28 or authorize any purchases necessary for the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, and
29.29 improvement of a ~~state-owned~~ publicly owned structure or may make or authorize an agency
29.30 ~~to do so and may purchase, or may authorize an agency to purchase, any purchases of~~ goods,
29.31 services, or utility services directly for immediate use.

30.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16C.19, is amended to read:

30.2 **16C.19 ELIGIBILITY; RULES.**

30.3 (a) A small business wishing to participate in the programs under section 16C.16,
30.4 subdivisions 4 to 7, must be certified by the commissioner or, if authorized by the
30.5 commissioner, by a nationally recognized certifying organization. The commissioner may
30.6 choose to authorize a nationally recognized certifying organization if the certification
30.7 requirements are substantially the same as those adopted under the rules authorized in this
30.8 section and the business meets the requirements in section 16C.16, subdivision 2.

30.9 (b) The commissioner shall adopt by rule standards and procedures for certifying that
30.10 small targeted group businesses, small businesses located in economically disadvantaged
30.11 areas, and veteran-owned small businesses are eligible to participate under the requirements
30.12 of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21. The commissioner shall adopt by rule standards and procedures
30.13 for hearing appeals and grievances and other rules necessary to carry out the duties set forth
30.14 in sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

30.15 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner may make rules which exclude or limit the participation of
30.16 nonmanufacturing business, including third-party lessors, brokers, franchises, jobbers,
30.17 manufacturers' representatives, and others from eligibility under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

30.18 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner may make rules that set time limits and other eligibility limits
30.19 on business participation in programs under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

30.20 ~~(d)~~ (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a
30.21 veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota, is
30.22 certified if:

30.23 (1) it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being
30.24 either a veteran-owned small business or a service-disabled veteran-owned small business,
30.25 in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74;
30.26 or

30.27 (2) the veteran-owned small business supplies the commissioner with proof that the
30.28 small business is majority-owned and operated by:

30.29 (i) a veteran as defined in section 197.447; or

30.30 (ii) a veteran with a service-connected disability, as determined at any time by the United
30.31 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

31.1 ~~(e)~~ (f) Until rules are adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) for the purpose of certifying
31.2 veteran-owned small businesses, the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, may
31.3 be read to include veteran-owned small businesses. In addition to the documentation required
31.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, the veteran owner must have been discharged under
31.5 honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the veteran owner's most current
31.6 United States Department of Defense form DD-214.

31.7 ~~(f)~~ (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a
31.8 minority- or woman-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in
31.9 Minnesota, is certified if it has been certified by the Minnesota unified certification program
31.10 under the provisions of Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 26.

31.11 ~~(g)~~ (h) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the programs under section
31.12 16C.16, subdivisions 4 to 7, using the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389.

31.13 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16C.251, is amended to read:

31.14 **16C.251 BEST AND FINAL OFFER.**

31.15 A "best and final offer" solicitation process may not be used for building and construction
31.16 contracts awarded based on competitive bids.

31.17 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16E.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.18 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms
31.19 have the meanings given them.

31.20 (b) "Information and telecommunications technology systems and services" means all
31.21 computing and telecommunications hardware and software, the activities undertaken to
31.22 secure that hardware and software, and the activities undertaken to acquire, transport, process,
31.23 analyze, store, and disseminate information electronically. "Information and
31.24 telecommunications technology systems and services" includes all proposed expenditures
31.25 for computing and telecommunications hardware and software, security for that hardware
31.26 and software, and related consulting or other professional services.

31.27 (c) "Information and telecommunications technology project" means an effort to acquire
31.28 or produce information and telecommunications technology systems and services.

31.29 (d) "Telecommunications" means voice, video, and data electronic transmissions
31.30 transported by wire, wireless, fiber-optic, radio, or other available transport technology.

32.1 (e) "Cyber security" means the protection of data and systems in networks connected to
32.2 the Internet.

32.3 (f) "State agency" means an agency in the executive branch of state government and
32.4 includes the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, but does not include the Minnesota
32.5 State Colleges and Universities unless specifically provided elsewhere in this chapter.

32.6 (g) "Total expected project cost" includes direct staff costs, all supplemental contract
32.7 staff and vendor costs, and costs of hardware and software development or purchase.
32.8 Breaking a project into several phases does not affect the cost threshold, which must be
32.9 computed based on the full cost of all phases.

32.10 (h) "Cloud computing" has the meaning described by the National Institute of Standards
32.11 and Technology of the United States Department of Commerce in special publication
32.12 800-145, September 2011.

32.13 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16E.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
32.14 read:

32.15 Subd. 4a. **Cloud computing services.** The project evaluation procedure required by
32.16 subdivision 4 must include a review of cloud computing service options, including any
32.17 security benefits and cost savings associated with purchasing those service options from a
32.18 cloud computing service provider.

32.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16E.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
32.20 read:

32.21 Subd. 11. **Technical support to the legislature.** The chief information officer, or a
32.22 designee, must provide technical support to assist the legislature to comply with accessibility
32.23 standards under section 3.199, subdivision 2. Support under this subdivision must include:

32.24 (1) clarifying the requirements of the accessibility standards;

32.25 (2) providing templates for common software applications used in developing documents
32.26 used by the legislature;

32.27 (3) assisting the development of training for staff to comply with the accessibility
32.28 standards and assisting in providing the training; and

32.29 (4) assisting the development of technical applications that enable legislative documents
32.30 to be fully accessible.

32.31 The chief information officer must provide these services at no cost to the legislature.

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

33.2 Sec. 24. **[16E.031] USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING.**

33.3 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** As used in this section:

33.4 (1) "primary user" means an employee or agent of a state agency or local unit of
33.5 government who uses an information technology business software application to perform
33.6 an official function; and

33.7 (2) "local unit of government" does not include a school district.

33.8 Subd. 2. **User acceptance testing.** (a) A state agency implementing a new information
33.9 technology business software application or new business software application functionality
33.10 that significantly impacts the operations of a primary user must provide opportunities for
33.11 user acceptance testing, unless the testing is deemed not feasible or necessary by the relevant
33.12 agency commissioner, in consultation with the chief information officer and representatives
33.13 of the primary user.

33.14 (b) The requirements in paragraph (a) do not apply to routine software upgrades or
33.15 application changes that are primarily intended to comply with federal law, rules, or
33.16 regulations.

33.17 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 43A.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.18 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) No employee shall, directly or indirectly, during hours
33.19 of employment ~~solicit or receive funds for political purposes~~ engage in political activity, or
33.20 use official authority or influence to compel an employee in the classified service to apply
33.21 for membership in or become a member of any political organization, to pay or promise to
33.22 pay any assessment, subscription, or contribution or to take part in any political activity.

33.23 (b) As used in this subdivision, "political activity" means any activity intended to
33.24 influence, directly or indirectly, voting at a federal, state, or local election and includes but
33.25 is not limited to:

33.26 (1) engaging in any of the following activity on behalf of a candidate, committee, or
33.27 political party unit:

33.28 (i) soliciting or receiving contributions;

33.29 (ii) recording contribution receipts;

33.30 (iii) sending contribution thank-you notes or contribution receipt forms to contributors;

33.31 or

34.1 (iv) preparing reports required to be filed under chapters 10A and 211A, or applicable
 34.2 federal law;

34.3 (2) design or production of campaign material for an election;

34.4 (3) participating in campaign planning or training for candidates; or

34.5 (4) preparing a written campaign plan for a candidate.

34.6 (c) A constitutional officer, and any employee in the unclassified service serving in the
 34.7 executive offices of a constitutional officer, may not prepare or distribute, or assist in the
 34.8 preparation or distribution of, newsletters, questionnaires, or other mass mailings, or
 34.9 individualized letters of congratulations during the period beginning 60 days after
 34.10 adjournment sine die of the legislature in an even-numbered year and ending the day after
 34.11 the state general election in that year. A constitutional officer or employee subject to the
 34.12 restrictions provided by this paragraph may not circumvent those restrictions by directing
 34.13 other employees to engage in a prohibited activity on the constitutional officer or employee's
 34.14 behalf.

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

34.16 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.081, is amended to read:

34.17 **138.081 FEDERAL FUNDS, ACTS.**

34.18 Subdivision 1. **Department of Administration as agency to accept federal funds.** The
 34.19 Department of Administration is hereby designated the state agency with power to accept
 34.20 any and all money provided for or made available to this state by the United States of
 34.21 America or any department or agency thereof for surveys, restoration, construction,
 34.22 equipping, or other purposes relating to the State Historic sites Preservation Program in
 34.23 accordance with the provisions of federal law and any rules or regulations promulgated
 34.24 thereunder and are further authorized to do any and all things required of this state by such
 34.25 federal law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder in order to obtain such
 34.26 federal money.

34.27 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's responsibilities.** The commissioner as the state historic
 34.28 preservation officer shall be responsible for the preparation, implementation and
 34.29 administration of the State Historic Preservation Plan and shall administer the State Historic
 34.30 Preservation Program authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act (United States
 34.31 Code, title ~~46~~ 54, section ~~470~~ 300101 et seq. ~~as amended~~). The commissioner shall review
 34.32 and approve in writing all grants-in-aid for architectural, archaeological and historic

35.1 preservation made by state agencies and funded by the state or a combination of state and
35.2 federal funds in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Program.

35.3 Subd. 3. **Administration of federal act.** The ~~Department of Administration~~ Minnesota
35.4 Historical Society is designated as the state agency to administer the provisions of the federal
35.5 act providing for the preservation of historical and archaeological data, United States Code,
35.6 title 16 54, ~~sections 469 to 469C~~ section 312501, as amended, insofar as the provisions of
35.7 the act provide for implementation by the state.

35.8 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.31, is amended by adding a subdivision to
35.9 read:

35.10 Subd. 13a. **State Historic Preservation Office.** "State Historic Preservation Office"
35.11 means the State Historic Preservation Office at the Department of Administration.

35.12 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.34, is amended to read:

35.13 **138.34 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT.**

35.14 The state archaeologist shall act as the agent of the state to administer and enforce the
35.15 provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42. Some enforcement provisions are shared with the
35.16 society and the State Historic Preservation Office.

35.17 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.40, is amended to read:

35.18 **138.40 COOPERATION OF STATE AGENCIES; DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

35.19 Subdivision 1. **Cooperation.** The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
35.20 Transportation, and all other state agencies whose activities may be affected, shall cooperate
35.21 with the historical society, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the state archaeologist
35.22 to carry out the provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42 and the rules issued thereunder, but
35.23 sections 138.31 to 138.42 are not meant to burden persons who wish to use state property
35.24 for recreational and other lawful purposes or to unnecessarily restrict the use of state property.

35.25 Subd. 2. **Compliance, enforcement, preservation.** State and other governmental agencies
35.26 shall comply with and aid in the enforcement of provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42.
35.27 Conservation officers and other enforcement officers of the Department of Natural Resources
35.28 shall enforce the provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42 and report violations to the ~~director~~
35.29 of the society state archeologist. When archaeological or historic sites are known or, based
35.30 on scientific investigations are predicted to exist on public lands or waters, the agency or
35.31 department controlling said lands or waters shall use the professional services of

archaeologists from the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Historical Society, or other qualified professional archaeologists, to preserve these sites. In the event that archaeological excavation is required to protect or preserve these sites, state and other governmental agencies may use their funds for such activities.

Subd. 3. **Review of plans.** When significant archaeological or historic sites are known or, based on scientific investigations, are predicted to exist on public lands or waters, the agency or department controlling said lands or waters shall submit construction or development plans to the state archaeologist and the ~~director of the society~~ State Historic Preservation Office for review prior to the time bids are advertised. The state archaeologist and the ~~society~~ State Historic Preservation Office shall promptly review such plans and within 30 days of receiving the plans shall make recommendations for the preservation of archaeological or historic sites which may be endangered by construction or development activities. When archaeological or historic sites are related to Indian history or religion, the state archaeologist shall submit the plans to the Indian Affairs Council for the council's review and recommend action.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.665, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Mediation Review process.** The state, state departments, agencies, and political subdivisions, including the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, have a responsibility to protect the physical features and historic character of properties designated in sections 138.662 and 138.664 or listed on the National Register of Historic Places created by Public Law 89-665. Before carrying out any undertaking that will affect designated or listed properties, or funding or licensing an undertaking by other parties, the state department or agency shall consult with the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to ~~the society's~~ the State Historic Preservation Office's established procedures to determine appropriate treatments and to seek ways to avoid and mitigate any adverse effects on designated or listed properties. If the state department or agency and the State Historic Preservation Office agree in writing on a suitable course of action, the project may proceed. If the parties cannot agree, any one of the parties may request that the governor appoint and convene a mediation task force consisting of five members, two appointed by the governor, the chair of the State Review Board of the State Historic Preservation Office, the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee, and one member ~~who is not an employee of the Minnesota Historical Society~~ appointed by the director of the Minnesota Historical Society. The two appointees of the governor and ~~the one~~ of the director of the society shall be qualified by training or experience in one or more of the following disciplines: (1) history; (2) archaeology; and (3) architectural history. The mediation task force is not subject to the

37.1 conditions of section 15.059. This subdivision does not apply to section 138.662, subdivision
37.2 24, and section 138.664, subdivisions 8 and 111.

37.3 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.666, is amended to read:

37.4 **138.666 COOPERATION.**

37.5 The state, state departments and agencies, political subdivisions, and the Board of Regents
37.6 of the University of Minnesota shall cooperate with the Minnesota Historical Society and
37.7 the State Historic Preservation Office in safeguarding state historic sites and in the
37.8 preservation of historic and archaeological properties.

37.9 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.667, is amended to read:

37.10 **138.667 HISTORIC PROPERTIES; CHANGES.**

37.11 Properties designated as historic properties by sections 138.661 to 138.664 may be
37.12 changed from time to time, and the Minnesota Historical Society and the State Historic
37.13 Preservation Office shall notify the legislature of the need for changes, and shall make
37.14 recommendations to keep the state historic sites network and the state register of historic
37.15 places current and complete. The significance of properties proposed for designation under
37.16 section 138.663, subdivision 2, shall be documented under the documentation standards
37.17 established by the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic Preservation Office. This
37.18 Documentation shall include the opinion of the Minnesota Historical Society for the historic
37.19 sites network under section 138.661, subdivision 3, or the State Historic Preservation Office
37.20 for the state register of historic places under section 138.663, subdivision 2, as to whether
37.21 the property meets the selection criteria.

37.22 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 138.763, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.23 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** There is a St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board consisting of
37.24 22 members with the director of the Minnesota Historical Society as chair. The members
37.25 include the mayor; the chair of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners or the chair's
37.26 designee; the president of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board or the president's
37.27 designee; the superintendent of the park board; two members each from the house of
37.28 representatives appointed by the speaker, the senate appointed by the Rules Committee, the
37.29 city council, the Hennepin County Board, and the park board; one member each from the
37.30 preservation commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, Hennepin County Historical
37.31 Society, and the society; one person appointed by the park board; and two persons appointed
37.32 by the chair of the board.

38.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 155A.25, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

38.2 Subd. 1a. **Schedule.** (a) The schedule for fees and penalties is as provided in this
38.3 subdivision.

38.4 (b) Three-year license fees are as follows:

38.5 (1) \$195 initial practitioner, manager, or instructor license, divided as follows:

38.6 (i) \$155 for each initial license; and

38.7 (ii) \$40 for each initial license application fee;

38.8 (2) \$115 renewal of practitioner license, divided as follows:

38.9 (i) \$100 for each renewal license; and

38.10 (ii) \$15 for each renewal application fee;

38.11 (3) \$145 renewal of manager or instructor license, divided as follows:

38.12 (i) \$130 for each renewal license; and

38.13 (ii) \$15 for each renewal application fee;

38.14 (4) \$350 initial salon license, divided as follows:

38.15 (i) \$250 for each initial license; and

38.16 (ii) \$100 for each initial license application fee;

38.17 (5) \$225 renewal of salon license, divided as follows:

38.18 (i) \$175 for each renewal; and

38.19 (ii) \$50 for each renewal application fee;

38.20 (6) \$4,000 initial school license, divided as follows:

38.21 (i) \$3,000 for each initial license; and

38.22 (ii) \$1,000 for each initial license application fee; and

38.23 (7) \$2,500 renewal of school license, divided as follows:

38.24 (i) \$2,000 for each renewal; and

38.25 (ii) \$500 for each renewal application fee.

38.26 (c) Penalties may be assessed in amounts up to the following:

38.27 (1) reinspection fee, \$150;

- 39.1 (2) manager and owner with expired practitioner found on inspection, \$150 each;
- 39.2 (3) expired practitioner or instructor found on inspection, \$200;
- 39.3 (4) expired salon found on inspection, \$500;
- 39.4 (5) expired school found on inspection, \$1,000;
- 39.5 (6) failure to display current license, \$100;
- 39.6 (7) failure to dispose of single-use equipment, implements, or materials as provided
- 39.7 under section 155A.355, subdivision 1, \$500;
- 39.8 (8) use of prohibited razor-type callus shavers, rasps, or graters under section 155A.355,
- 39.9 subdivision 2, \$500;
- 39.10 (9) performing nail or cosmetology services in esthetician salon, or performing esthetician
- 39.11 or cosmetology services in a nail salon, \$500;
- 39.12 (10) owner and manager allowing an operator to work as an independent contractor,
- 39.13 \$200;
- 39.14 (11) operator working as an independent contractor, \$100;
- 39.15 (12) refusal or failure to cooperate with an inspection, \$500;
- 39.16 (13) practitioner late renewal fee, \$45; and
- 39.17 (14) salon or school late renewal fee, \$50.
- 39.18 (d) Administrative fees are as follows:
- 39.19 (1) homebound service permit, \$50 three-year fee;
- 39.20 (2) name change, \$20;
- 39.21 (3) certification of licensure, \$30 each;
- 39.22 (4) duplicate license, \$20;
- 39.23 (5) special event permit, \$75 per year;
- 39.24 ~~(6) registration of hair braiders, \$20 per year;~~
- 39.25 ~~(7)~~ (6) \$100 for each temporary military license for a cosmetologist, nail technician,
- 39.26 esthetician, or advanced practice esthetician one-year fee;
- 39.27 ~~(8)~~ (7) expedited initial individual license, \$150;
- 39.28 ~~(9)~~ (8) expedited initial salon license, \$300;

40.1 ~~(10)~~ (9) instructor continuing education provider approval, \$150 each year; and

40.2 ~~(11)~~ (10) practitioner continuing education provider approval, \$150 each year.

40.3 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 155A.28, is amended by adding a subdivision
40.4 to read:

40.5 Subd. 5. **Hair braiders exempt.** The practice of hair braiding is exempt from the
40.6 requirements of this chapter.

40.7 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
40.8 read:

40.9 Subd. 18a. **Racing or gaming-related vendor.** "Racing or gaming-related vendor"
40.10 means any person or entity that manufactures, sells, provides, distributes, repairs or maintains
40.11 equipment or supplies used at a Class A facility, or provides services to a Class A facility
40.12 or Class B license holder that are directly related to the running of a horse race, simulcasting,
40.13 pari-mutuel betting, or card playing.

40.14 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.15 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** A member of the commission must have been a resident of
40.16 Minnesota for at least five years before appointment, and must have a background and
40.17 experience as would qualify for membership on the commission. ~~A member must, before~~
40.18 ~~taking a place on the commission, file a bond in the principal sum of \$100,000 payable to~~
40.19 ~~the state, conditioned upon the faithful performance of duties.~~ No commissioner, nor any
40.20 member of the commissioner's immediate family residing in the same household, may hold
40.21 a license issued by the commission or have a direct or indirect financial interest in a
40.22 corporation, partnership, or association which holds a license issued by the commission.

40.23 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.02, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

40.24 Subd. 6. **Annual Biennial report.** The commission shall on February 15 of each
40.25 odd-numbered year submit a report to the governor and legislature on its activities,
40.26 organizational structure, receipts and disbursements, including specific detail on the use of
40.27 amounts statutorily appropriated to the commission under this chapter, and recommendations
40.28 for changes in the laws relating to racing and pari-mutuel betting.

41.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.08, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

41.2 Subd. 5. **Revocation and suspension.** (a) After providing a licensee with notice and an
41.3 opportunity to be heard, the commission may:

41.4 (1) revoke a class C license for a violation of law or rule which in the commission's
41.5 opinion adversely affects the integrity of horse racing in Minnesota, the public health,
41.6 welfare, or safety, or for an intentional false statement made in a license application; or

41.7 ~~The commission may~~ (2) suspend a class C license for up to ~~one year~~ five years for a
41.8 violation of law, order or rule. If the license expires during the term of suspension, the
41.9 licensee shall be ineligible to apply for another license from the commission until the
41.10 expiration of the term of suspension.

41.11 (b) The commission may delegate to its designated agents the authority to impose
41.12 suspensions of class C licenses, ~~and.~~

41.13 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the revocation or suspension of a class C license
41.14 may be appealed to the commission according to its rules.

41.15 ~~(b) A license revocation or suspension for more than 90 days is a contested case under~~
41.16 ~~sections 14.57 to 14.69 of the Administrative Procedure Act and is in addition to criminal~~
41.17 ~~penalties imposed for a violation of law or rule.~~

41.18 (d) If the commission revokes or suspends a class C license for more than one year, the
41.19 licensee has the right to appeal by requesting a contested case hearing under chapter 14.
41.20 The request must be made in writing and sent to the commission by certified mail or personal
41.21 service. A request sent by certified mail must be postmarked within ten days after the licensee
41.22 receives the order of revocation or suspension from the commission. A request sent by
41.23 personal service must be received by the commission within ten days after the licensee
41.24 receives the order of revocation or suspension from the commission.

41.25 (e) The commission may summarily suspend a license for ~~more than~~ up to 90 days prior
41.26 ~~to a contested case hearing~~ where it is necessary to ensure the integrity of racing or to protect
41.27 the public health, welfare, or safety. ~~A contested case hearing must be held within 30 days~~
41.28 ~~of the summary suspension and the administrative law judge's report must be issued within~~
41.29 ~~30 days from the close of the hearing record. In all cases involving summary suspension~~
41.30 ~~the commission must issue its final decision within 30 days from receipt of the report of~~
41.31 ~~the administrative law judge and subsequent exceptions and argument under section 14.61.~~
41.32 The licensee has the right to appeal a summary suspension to the commission according to
41.33 its rules.

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

42.2 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.10, is amended to read:

42.3 **240.10 LICENSE FEES.**

42.4 (a) The fee for a class A license is \$253,000 per year and must be remitted on July 1.
42.5 The fee for a class B license is \$500 for each assigned racing day and \$100 for each day on
42.6 which simulcasting is authorized and must be remitted on July 1. The fee for a class D
42.7 license is \$50 for each assigned racing day on which racing is actually conducted. Fees
42.8 imposed on class D licenses must be paid to the commission at a time and in a manner as
42.9 provided by rule of the commission.

42.10 (b) The commission shall by rule establish an annual license fee for each occupation it
42.11 licenses under section 240.08.

42.12 (c) The initial annual license application fee for a class C license to provide advance
42.13 deposit wagering on horse racing under this chapter is \$10,000 and an annual license fee
42.14 of \$2,500 applies thereafter.

42.15 (d) Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commission shall by rule establish an annual
42.16 license fee for each type of racing or gaming-related vendor it licenses, not to exceed \$2,500.

42.17 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.12, is amended to read:

42.18 **240.12 LICENSE AGREEMENTS.**

42.19 The commission may enter into agreements or compacts with comparable bodies in
42.20 other racing jurisdictions for the mutual recognition of occupational licenses issued by each
42.21 body. The commission may by rule provide for and may charge a fee for the registration of
42.22 each license issued in another jurisdiction.

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

42.24 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

42.25 Subd. 5. **Purses.** (a) From the amounts deducted from all pari-mutuel pools by a licensee,
42.26 including breakage, an amount equal to not less than the following percentages of all money
42.27 in all pools must be set aside by the licensee and used for purses for races conducted by the
42.28 licensee, provided that a licensee may agree by contract with an organization representing
42.29 a majority of the horsepersons racing the breed involved to set aside amounts in addition
42.30 to the following percentages, if the contract is in writing and ~~filed with~~ reviewed by the
42.31 commission for compliance with this subdivision:

43.1 (1) for live races conducted at a class A facility, 8.4 percent of handle;

43.2 (2) for simulcasts conducted any day a class A facility is licensed, not less than 37 percent
43.3 of the ~~takeout~~ amount remaining after deduction for the state pari-mutuel tax, payment to
43.4 the breeders fund, and payment to the sending out-of-state racetrack for receipt of the signal.

43.5 The commission may by rule provide for the administration and enforcement of this
43.6 subdivision. The deductions for payment to the sending out-of-state racetrack must be actual,
43.7 except that when there exists any overlap of ownership, control, or interest between the
43.8 sending out-of-state racetrack and the receiving licensee, the deduction must not be greater
43.9 than three percent unless agreed to between the licensee and the horsepersons' organization
43.10 representing the majority of horsepersons racing the breed racing the majority of races
43.11 during the existing racing meeting or, if outside of the racing season, during the most recent
43.12 racing meeting.

43.13 The licensee shall pay to the commission for deposit in the Minnesota breeders fund
43.14 5-1/2 percent of the takeout from all pari-mutuel pools generated by wagering at the licensee's
43.15 facility on simulcasts of races not conducted in this state.

43.16 ~~(b) From the money set aside for purses,~~ The licensee shall pay to the horseperson's
43.17 organization representing the majority of the horsepersons racing the breed involved and
43.18 contracting with the licensee with respect to purses and the conduct of the racing meetings
43.19 and providing representation to its members, an amount as may be determined by agreement
43.20 by the licensee and the horsepersons' organization sufficient to provide benevolent programs,
43.21 benefits, and services for horsepersons and their on-track employees. The amount paid may
43.22 be deducted ~~only~~ from the money set aside for purses to be paid in races for the breed
43.23 represented by the horseperson's organization or may be paid from breakage retained by
43.24 the licensee from live or simulcast wagering as agreed between the licensee and horsepersons'
43.25 organization. With respect to racing meetings where more than one breed is racing, the
43.26 licensee may contract independently with the horseperson's organization representing each
43.27 breed racing. The contract must be in writing and reviewed by the commission for compliance
43.28 with this subdivision.

43.29 (c) Notwithstanding sections 325D.49 to 325D.66, a horseperson's organization
43.30 representing the majority of the horsepersons racing a breed at a meeting, and the members
43.31 thereof, may agree to withhold horses during a meeting.

43.32 (d) Money set aside for purses from wagering on simulcasts must be used for purses for
43.33 live races involving the same breed involved in the simulcast except that money set aside
43.34 for purses and payments to the breeders fund from wagering on simulcasts of races not

44.1 conducted in this state, occurring during a live mixed meet, must be allotted to the purses
44.2 and breeders fund for each breed participating in the mixed meet as agreed upon by the
44.3 breed organizations participating in the live mixed meet. The agreement shall be in writing
44.4 and ~~filed with~~ reviewed by the commission for compliance with this subdivision prior to
44.5 the first day of the live mixed meet. In the absence of a written agreement ~~filed with~~ reviewed
44.6 by the commission, the money set aside for purses and payments to the breeders fund from
44.7 wagering on simulcasts, occurring during a live mixed meet, shall be allotted to each breed
44.8 participating in the live mixed meet in the same proportion that the number of live races
44.9 run by each breed bears to the total number of live races conducted during the period of the
44.10 mixed meet.

44.11 (e) The allocation of money set aside for purses to particular racing meets may be
44.12 adjusted, relative to overpayments and underpayments, by contract between the licensee
44.13 and the horsepersons' organization representing the majority of horsepersons racing the
44.14 breed involved at the licensee's facility. The contract must be in writing and reviewed by
44.15 the commission for compliance with this subdivision.

44.16 (f) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, money set aside from pari-mutuel pools for
44.17 purses must be for the breed involved in the race that generated the pool, except that if the
44.18 breed involved in the race generating the pari-mutuel pool is not racing in the current racing
44.19 meeting, or has not raced within the preceding 12 months at the licensee's class A facility,
44.20 money set aside for purses may be distributed proportionately to those breeds that have run
44.21 during the preceding 12 months or paid to the commission and used for purses or to promote
44.22 racing for the breed involved in the race generating the pari-mutuel pool, or both, in a manner
44.23 prescribed by the commission.

44.24 (g) This subdivision does not apply to a class D licensee.

44.25 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.131, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

44.26 Subd. 7. **Payments to state.** (a) A regulatory fee is imposed at the rate of one percent
44.27 of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering
44.28 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW
44.29 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than ~~seven~~ 15 days after the end of
44.30 the month in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be
44.31 deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account
44.32 in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the costs
44.33 associated with regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota.

45.1 (b) A breeders fund fee is imposed in the amount of one-quarter of one percent of all
45.2 amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering
45.3 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW
45.4 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than ~~seven~~ 15 days after the end of
45.5 the month in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be
45.6 deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account
45.7 in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the cost of
45.8 administering the breeders fund and promote horse breeding in Minnesota.

45.9 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.135, is amended to read:

45.10 **240.135 CARD CLUB REVENUE.**

45.11 (a) From the amounts received from charges authorized under section 240.30, subdivision
45.12 4, the licensee shall set aside the amounts specified in this section to be used for purse
45.13 payments. These amounts are in addition to the breeders fund and purse requirements set
45.14 forth elsewhere in this chapter.

45.15 (1) For amounts between zero and \$6,000,000, the licensee shall set aside not less than
45.16 ten percent to be used as purses.

45.17 (2) For amounts in excess of \$6,000,000, the licensee shall set aside not less than 14
45.18 percent to be used as purses.

45.19 (b) From all amounts set aside under paragraph (a), the licensee shall set aside ten percent
45.20 to be deposited in the breeders fund.

45.21 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the proceeds of the card playing activities
45.22 authorized by this chapter be used to improve the horse racing industry by improving purses.
45.23 The licensee and the horseperson's organization representing the majority of horsepersons
45.24 who have raced at the racetrack during the preceding 12 months may negotiate percentages
45.25 that exceed those stated in this section if the agreement is in writing and ~~filed with~~ reviewed
45.26 by the commission for compliance with this section. The commission shall annually review
45.27 the financial details of card playing activities and determine if the present use of card playing
45.28 proceeds is consistent with the policy established by this paragraph. If the commission
45.29 determines that the use of the proceeds does not comply with the policy set forth herein,
45.30 then the commission shall direct the parties to make the changes necessary to ensure
45.31 compliance. If these changes require legislation, the commission shall make the appropriate
45.32 recommendations to the legislature.

46.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.15, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

46.2 Subd. 6. **Disposition of proceeds; account.** The commission shall distribute all money
46.3 received under this section, and, except as provided otherwise by section 240.131, all money
46.4 received from license fees, regulatory fees, and fines it collects, according to this subdivision.
46.5 All money designated for deposit in the Minnesota breeders fund must be paid into that
46.6 fund for distribution under section 240.18 except that all money generated by simulcasts
46.7 must be distributed as provided in section 240.18, subdivisions 2, paragraph (d), clauses
46.8 (1), (2), and (3); and 3. Revenue from an admissions tax imposed under subdivision 1 must
46.9 be paid to the local unit of government at whose request it was imposed, at times and in a
46.10 manner the commission determines. Taxes received under this section must be paid to the
46.11 commissioner of management and budget for deposit in the general fund. All revenues from
46.12 licenses and other fees imposed by the commission must be deposited in the state treasury
46.13 and credited to a racing and card playing regulation account in the special revenue fund.
46.14 Receipts in this account are available for the operations of the commission up to the amount
46.15 authorized in biennial appropriations from the legislature. If a fiscal biennium ends without
46.16 the enactment of an appropriation to the commission for the following biennium, receipts
46.17 in this account are annually appropriated to the commission for the operations of the
46.18 commission up to the amount authorized in the second year of the most recently enacted
46.19 biennial appropriation, until a biennial appropriation is enacted.

46.20 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.155, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

46.21 Subdivision 1. **Reimbursement account credit.** Money received by the commission as
46.22 reimbursement for the costs of services provided by veterinarians, stewards, and medical
46.23 testing of horses, and fees received by the commission in the form of fees for regulatory
46.24 services must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing reimbursement
46.25 account in the special revenue fund, except as provided under subdivision 2. Receipts are
46.26 appropriated, within the meaning of Article XI, section 1, of the Minnesota Constitution,
46.27 to the commission to pay the costs of providing the services and all other costs necessary
46.28 to allow the commission to fulfill its regulatory oversight duties required by chapter 240
46.29 and commission rule. If the major appropriation bills needed to finance state government
46.30 are not enacted by the beginning of a fiscal biennium, the commission shall continue
46.31 operations as required by chapter 240 and commission rule.

47.1 Sec. 47. [240.1561] APPROPRIATION FOR FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING ONGOING
47.2 OPERATION OF THE RACING COMMISSION.

47.3 If, by July 1 of an odd-numbered year, legislation has not been enacted to appropriate
47.4 money for the next biennium to the commissioner of management and budget for central
47.5 accounting, procurement, payroll, and human resources functions, amounts necessary to
47.6 operate those functions associated with operation of the Racing Commission under chapter
47.7 240 are appropriated for the next biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of
47.8 management and budget. As necessary, the commissioner may transfer a portion of this
47.9 appropriation to other state agencies to support carrying out these functions. Any subsequent
47.10 appropriation to the commissioner of management and budget for a biennium in which this
47.11 section has been applied shall supersede and replace the funding authorized in this section.

47.12 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

47.13 Subdivision 1. **Powers and duties.** All horse races run at a licensed racetrack must be
47.14 presided over by a board of three stewards, who must be appointees of the commission or
47.15 persons approved by it. The commission shall designate one steward as chair. At least two
47.16 stewards for all races either shall be employees of the commission who shall serve in the
47.17 unclassified service, or shall be under contract with the commission to serve as stewards.
47.18 The commission may delegate the following duties and powers to a board of stewards:

- 47.19 (1) to ensure that races are run in accordance with the commission's rules;
- 47.20 (2) to supervise the conduct of racing to ensure the integrity of the sport;
- 47.21 (3) to settle disputes arising from the running of horse races, and to certify official results;
- 47.22 (4) to impose on licensees, for violation of law or commission rules, ~~fin~~ not exceeding
47.23 \$5,000 and license suspensions not exceeding 90 days of up to \$10,000, suspensions of up
47.24 to one year, and other sanctions as delegated by the commission or permitted under its rules;
- 47.25 (5) to recommend to the commission where warranted penalties in excess of those in
47.26 clause (4);
- 47.27 (6) to otherwise enforce the laws and rules of racing; and
- 47.28 (7) to perform other duties and have other powers assigned by the commission.
- 47.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

48.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.2 Subd. 2. **Appeals; hearings.** Except as provided by section 240.08, subdivision 5, a
48.3 ruling of a board of stewards may be appealed to the commission or be reviewed by it. The
48.4 commission may review any ruling by the board of stewards on its own initiative. The
48.5 commission may provide for appeals to be heard by less than a quorum of the commission.
48.6 A hearing on a penalty imposed by a board of stewards must be granted on request.

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

48.8 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.9 Subd. 2. **Thoroughbred and quarterhorse categories.** (a) With respect to available
48.10 money apportioned in the thoroughbred and quarterhorse categories, 20 percent must be
48.11 expended as follows:

48.12 (1) at least one-half in the form of grants, contracts, or expenditures for equine research
48.13 and related education at ~~the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine~~ public
48.14 institutions of postsecondary learning in the state; and

48.15 (2) the balance in the form of grants, contracts, or expenditures for one or more of the
48.16 following:

48.17 (i) additional equine research and related education;

48.18 (ii) substance abuse programs for licensed personnel at racetracks in this state; and

48.19 (iii) promotion and public information regarding industry and commission activities;
48.20 racehorse breeding, ownership, and management; and development and expansion of
48.21 economic benefits from racing.

48.22 (b) As a condition of a grant, contract, or expenditure under paragraph (a), the commission
48.23 shall require an annual report from the recipient on the use of the funds ~~to the commission,~~
48.24 ~~the chair of the house of representatives Committee on General Legislation, Veterans Affairs,~~
48.25 ~~and Gaming, and the chair of the senate committee on Gaming Regulation.~~

48.26 (c) The commission shall include in its ~~annual~~ biennial report a summary of each grant,
48.27 contract, or expenditure under paragraph (a), clause (2), and a description of how the
48.28 commission has coordinated activities among recipients to ensure the most efficient and
48.29 effective use of funds.

48.30 (d) After deducting the amount for paragraph (a), the balance of the available proceeds
48.31 in each category may be expended by the commission to:

49.1 (1) supplement purses for races held exclusively for Minnesota-bred or Minnesota-foaled
49.2 horses, and supplement purses for Minnesota-bred or Minnesota-foaled horses racing in
49.3 nonrestricted races in that category;

49.4 (2) pay breeders' or owners' awards to the breeders or owners of Minnesota-bred horses
49.5 in that category which win money at ~~licensed~~ pari-mutuel racetracks ~~in the state~~ licensed
49.6 by any state or province; and

49.7 (3) provide other financial incentives to encourage the horse breeding industry in
49.8 Minnesota.

49.9 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.18, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.10 Subd. 3. **Standardbred category.** (a) With respect to the available money apportioned
49.11 in the standardbred category, 20 percent must be expended as follows:

49.12 (1) one-half of that amount to supplement purses for standardbreds at non-pari-mutuel
49.13 racetracks in the state; and

49.14 ~~(2) one-fourth of that amount for the development of non-pari-mutuel standardbred~~
49.15 ~~tracks in the state; and~~

49.16 ~~(3) one-fourth~~ (2) one-half of that amount as grants for equine research and related
49.17 education at public institutions of postsecondary learning in the state.

49.18 (b) After deducting the amount for paragraph (a), the balance of the available proceeds
49.19 in the standardbred category must be expended by the commission to:

49.20 (1) supplement purses for races held exclusively for Minnesota-bred and Minnesota-foaled
49.21 standardbreds;

49.22 (2) pay breeders or owners awards to the breeders or owners of Minnesota-bred
49.23 standardbreds which win money at licensed racetracks in the state; and

49.24 (3) provide other financial incentives to encourage the horse breeding industry in
49.25 Minnesota.

49.26 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.22, is amended to read:

49.27 **240.22 FINES.**

49.28 (a) The commission shall by rule establish a schedule of civil fines of up to \$50,000 for
49.29 a class C licensee and up to \$200,000 for a class A, B, or D licensee for violations of laws
49.30 related to horse racing or of the commission's rules. The schedule must be based on and

50.1 reflect the culpability, frequency and severity of the violator's actions. The commission may
50.2 impose a fine from this schedule on a licensee for a violation of those rules or laws relating
50.3 to horse racing. The fine is in addition to any criminal penalty imposed for the same violation.
50.4 Except as provided in paragraph (b), fines may be appealed to the commission according
50.5 to its rules. Fines imposed by the commission must be paid to the commission and except
50.6 as provided in paragraph (c), forwarded to the commissioner of management and budget
50.7 for deposit in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account
50.8 in the special revenue fund and appropriated to the commission to distribute in the form of
50.9 grants, contracts, or expenditures to support racehorse adoption, retirement, and repurposing.

50.10 (b) If the commission issues a fine in excess of ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000, the license holder has
50.11 the right to request a contested case hearing under chapter 14, to be held as set forth in
50.12 Minnesota Rules, chapter 1400. The appeal of a fine must be made in writing to the
50.13 commission by certified mail or personal service. An appeal sent by certified mail must be
50.14 postmarked within ten days after the license holder receives the fine order from the
50.15 commission. An appeal sent by personal service must be received by the commission within
50.16 ten days after the license holder receives the fine order from the commission.

50.17 (c) If the commission is the prevailing party in a contested case proceeding, the
50.18 commission may recover, from amounts to be forwarded under paragraph (a), reasonable
50.19 attorney fees and costs associated with the contested case.

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

50.21 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.27, is amended to read:

50.22 **240.27 EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN PERSONS.**

50.23 Subdivision 1. **Persons excluded.** The commission may exclude from any and all licensed
50.24 racetracks in the state a person who:

50.25 (1) has been convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or the United States;

50.26 (2) has had a license suspended, revoked, or denied by the commission or by the racing
50.27 authority of any other jurisdiction; or

50.28 (3) is determined by the commission, on the basis of evidence presented to it, to be a
50.29 threat to the public safety or the integrity of racing or card playing in Minnesota.

50.30 Subd. 2. **Hearing; appeal.** An order to exclude ~~a~~ an unlicensed person from any or all
50.31 licensed racetracks in the state must be made by the commission ~~at~~ following a public
50.32 hearing of which the person to be excluded must have had at least five days' notice. If present

51.1 at the hearing, the person must be permitted to show cause why the exclusion should not
51.2 be ordered. An appeal of the order may be made in the same manner as other appeals under
51.3 section 240.20.

51.4 Subd. 3. **Notice to racetracks.** Upon issuing an order excluding a person from any or
51.5 all licensed racetracks, the commission shall send a copy of the order to the excluded person
51.6 and to all racetracks or teleracing facilities named in it, along with other information as it
51.7 deems necessary to permit compliance with the order.

51.8 Subd. 4. **Prohibitions.** It is a gross misdemeanor for a person named in an exclusion
51.9 order to enter, attempt to enter, or be on the premises of a racetrack named in the order
51.10 while it is in effect, and for a person licensed to conduct racing or operate a racetrack
51.11 knowingly to permit an excluded person to enter or be on the premises.

51.12 Subd. 5. **Exclusions by racetrack.** ~~The holder of a license to conduct racing may eject~~
51.13 ~~and exclude from its premises any licensee or any other person who is in violation of any~~
51.14 ~~state law or commission rule or order or who is a threat to racing integrity or the public~~
51.15 ~~safety. A person so excluded from racetrack premises may appeal the exclusion to the~~
51.16 ~~commission and must be given a public hearing on the appeal upon request. At the hearing~~
51.17 ~~the person must be given the opportunity to show cause why the exclusion should not have~~
51.18 ~~been ordered. If the commission after the hearing finds that the integrity of racing and the~~
51.19 ~~public safety do not justify the exclusion, it shall order the racetrack making the exclusion~~
51.20 ~~to reinstate or readmit the person. An appeal of a commission order upholding the exclusion~~
51.21 ~~is governed by section 240.20. A licensed racetrack may eject and exclude from its premises~~
51.22 any person for any lawful reason. If a licensed racetrack excludes a person for a suspected
51.23 or potential violation of law or rule, or if a licensed racetrack excludes any person for more
51.24 than five days, the licensed racetrack shall provide the person's name and reason for the
51.25 exclusion to the commission within 72 hours.

51.26 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240.30, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

51.27 Subd. 9. **Reimbursement to commission.** The commission shall require that the licensee
51.28 reimburse it for the commission's actual costs, including personnel costs, of regulating the
51.29 card club. Amounts received under this subdivision must be deposited as provided in section
51.30 240.155, subdivision 1, and are appropriated to the commission.

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

52.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 240A.09, is amended to read:

52.2 **240A.09 PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.**

52.3 The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission shall develop a plan to promote the
52.4 development of proposals for new statewide public ice facilities including proposals for ice
52.5 centers and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

52.6 (a) For ice center proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that come
52.7 from more than one local government unit. Institutions of higher education are not eligible
52.8 to receive a grant.

52.9 (b) The commission must give priority to grant applications for indoor air quality
52.10 improvements and projects that eliminate R-22. For purposes of this section:

52.11 (1) "indoor air quality improvements" means: (i) renovation or replacement of heating,
52.12 ventilating, and air conditioning systems in existing indoor ice arenas whose ice resurfacing
52.13 and ice edging equipment are not powered by electricity in order to reduce concentrations
52.14 of carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide; and (ii) acquisition of zero-emission ice resurfacing
52.15 and ice edging equipment. The new or renovated systems may include continuous electronic
52.16 air monitoring devices to automatically activate the ventilation systems when the
52.17 concentration of carbon monoxide or nitrogen dioxide reaches a predetermined level; and

52.18 (2) "projects that eliminate R-22," means replacement of ice-making systems in existing
52.19 public facilities that use R-22 as a refrigerant, with systems that use alternative
52.20 non-ozone-depleting refrigerants.

52.21 (c) In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, the commission
52.22 is encouraged to give priority to the following proposals:

52.23 (1) proposals for construction of two or more ice sheets in a single new facility;

52.24 (2) proposals for construction of an additional sheet of ice at an existing ice center;

52.25 (3) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice as part of a sports complex
52.26 with multiple sports facilities; and

52.27 (4) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice that will be expanded to a
52.28 two-sheet facility in the future.

52.29 (d) The commission shall administer a site selection process for the ice centers. The
52.30 commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal
52.31 for an ice center must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of

53.1 land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services,
53.2 landscaping, and parking.

53.3 (e) Proposals for ice centers and matching grants must provide for meeting the demand
53.4 for ice time for female groups by offering up to 50 percent of prime ice time, as needed, to
53.5 female groups. For purposes of this section, prime ice time means the hours of 4:00 p.m.
53.6 to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

53.7 (f) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated
53.8 interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

53.9 (g) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must be
53.10 located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation, and must
53.11 accommodate noncompetitive family and community skating for all ages.

53.12 (h) The commission may also use the money to upgrade current facilities, purchase girls'
53.13 ice time, or conduct amateur women's hockey and other ice sport tournaments.

53.14 (i) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in
53.15 greater Minnesota.

53.16 (j) To the extent possible, technical assistance shall be provided to Minnesota
53.17 communities by the commission on ice arena planning, design, and operation, including the
53.18 marketing of ice time and on projects described in paragraph (b).

53.19 (k) A grant for new facilities may not exceed \$250,000.

53.20 (l) The commission may make grants for rehabilitation and renovation. A rehabilitation
53.21 or renovation grant for air quality may not exceed \$200,000 and a rehabilitation or renovation
53.22 grant for R-22 elimination may not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$250,000 for indirect cooling systems
53.23 and may not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000 for direct cooling systems. Priority must be given
53.24 to grant applications for indoor air quality improvements, including zero emission ice
53.25 resurfacing equipment, and for projects that eliminate R-22.

53.26 (m) Grant money may be used for ice centers designed for sports other than hockey.

53.27 (n) Grant money may be used to upgrade existing facilities to comply with the bleacher
53.28 safety requirements of section 326B.112.

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

54.1 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 307.08, is amended to read:

54.2 **307.08 DAMAGES; ILLEGAL MOLESTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS;**
54.3 **BURIALS; CEMETERIES; PENALTY; AUTHENTICATION ASSESSMENT.**

54.4 Subdivision 1. **Legislative intent; scope.** It is a declaration and statement of legislative
54.5 intent that all human burials, human remains, and ~~human burial grounds~~ cemeteries shall
54.6 be accorded equal treatment and respect for human dignity without reference to their ethnic
54.7 origins, cultural backgrounds, or religious affiliations. The provisions of this section shall
54.8 apply to all human burials, human remains, or ~~human burial grounds~~ cemeteries found on
54.9 or in all public or private lands or waters in Minnesota.

54.10 Subd. 2. **Felony; gross misdemeanor.** (a) A person who intentionally, willfully, and
54.11 knowingly does any of the following is guilty of a felony:

54.12 (1) destroys, mutilates, or injures human burials or ~~human burial grounds~~ cemetery, or
54.13 associated grave goods; or

54.14 (2) without the consent of the appropriate authority, disturbs ~~human burial grounds~~ a
54.15 cemetery or removes human remains or associated grave goods.

54.16 (b) A person who, without the consent of the appropriate authority and the landowner,
54.17 intentionally, willfully, and knowingly does any of the following is guilty of a gross
54.18 misdemeanor:

54.19 (1) removes any tombstone, monument, or structure placed in any public or private
54.20 cemetery or ~~authenticated human burial ground~~ assessed cemetery; or

54.21 (2) removes any fence, railing, or other work erected for protection or ornament, or any
54.22 tree, shrub, or plant or grave goods and artifacts within the limits of a ~~public or private~~
54.23 ~~cemetery or authenticated human burial ground~~; or

54.24 (3) discharges any firearms upon or over the grounds of any ~~public or private~~ cemetery
54.25 ~~or authenticated burial ground~~.

54.26 Subd. 3. **Protective posting.** Upon the agreement of the appropriate authority and the
54.27 landowner, ~~an authenticated or recorded human burial ground~~ a cemetery may be posted
54.28 for protective purposes every 75 feet around its perimeter with signs listing the activities
54.29 prohibited by subdivision 2 and the penalty for violation of it. Posting is at the discretion
54.30 of the Indian affairs council in the case of American Indian ~~burials~~ cemeteries or at the
54.31 discretion of the state archaeologist in the case of ~~non-Indian burials~~ non-American Indian
54.32 cemeteries. This subdivision does not require posting of a ~~burial ground~~ cemetery. The size,

55.1 description, location, and information on the signs used for protective posting must be
55.2 approved by the appropriate authority and the landowner.

55.3 Subd. 3a. **Authentication Cemeteries; records and condition assessments.** ~~The state~~
55.4 ~~archaeologist shall authenticate all burial grounds for purposes of this section. The state~~
55.5 ~~archaeologist may retain the services of a qualified professional archaeologist, a qualified~~
55.6 ~~physical anthropologist, or other appropriate experts for the purpose of gathering information~~
55.7 ~~that the state archaeologist can use to authenticate or identify burial grounds. If probable~~
55.8 ~~Indian burial grounds are to be disturbed or probable Indian remains analyzed, the Indian~~
55.9 ~~Affairs Council must approve the professional archaeologist, qualified anthropologist, or~~
55.10 ~~other appropriate expert. Authentication is at the discretion of the state archaeologist based~~
55.11 ~~on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency, a landowner, or other~~
55.12 ~~appropriate authority. (a) Cemeteries shall be assessed according to this subdivision.~~

55.13 (b) The state archaeologist shall implement and maintain a system of records identifying
55.14 the location of known, recorded, or suspected cemeteries. The state archaeologist shall
55.15 provide access to the records as provided in subdivision 11.

55.16 (c) The cemetery condition assessment of non-American Indian cemeteries is at the
55.17 discretion of the state archaeologist based on the needs identified in this section or upon
55.18 request by an agency, a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

55.19 (d) The cemetery condition assessment of American Indian cemeteries is at the discretion
55.20 of the Indian Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request
55.21 by an agency, a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

55.22 (e) The cemetery condition assessment of cemeteries that include American Indian and
55.23 non-American Indian remains or include remains whose ancestry cannot be determined
55.24 shall be assessed at the discretion of the state archaeologist in collaboration with the Indian
55.25 Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency,
55.26 a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

55.27 (f) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council shall have 90 days from the
55.28 date a request is received to conduct a cemetery condition assessment or provide notice to
55.29 the requester whether or not a condition assessment of a cemetery is needed.

55.30 (g) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council may retain the services of a
55.31 qualified professional archaeologist, a qualified forensic anthropologist, or other appropriate
55.32 experts for the purpose of gathering information that the state archaeologist or the Indian
55.33 Affairs Council can use to assess or identify cemeteries.

56.1 Subd. 5. **Cost; use of data.** The cost of ~~authentication~~ condition assessment, recording,
56.2 surveying, and marking ~~burial grounds~~ cemeteries and the cost of identification, analysis,
56.3 rescue, and reburial of human remains on public lands or waters shall be the responsibility
56.4 of the state or political subdivision controlling the lands or waters. On private lands or waters
56.5 these costs shall be borne by the state, but may be borne by the landowner upon mutual
56.6 agreement with the state. ~~The state archaeologist must make the data collected for this~~
56.7 ~~activity available using standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services and geospatial~~
56.8 ~~technology standards and guidelines published by the Minnesota Geospatial Information~~
56.9 ~~Office. Costs associated with this data delivery must be borne by the state.~~

56.10 Subd. 7. **Remains found outside of recorded cemeteries.** (a) All unidentified human
56.11 remains or burials found outside of ~~recorded~~ cemeteries or unplatted graves or burials found
56.12 within recorded cemeteries and in contexts which indicate antiquity greater than 50 years
56.13 shall be treated with utmost respect for all human dignity and dealt with according to the
56.14 provisions of this section.

56.15 (b) If deemed necessary for identification purposes by the Indian Affairs Council,
56.16 removed remains shall be studied in a timely and respectful manner by appropriate experts
56.17 designated by the Indian Affairs Council.

56.18 (c) If ~~such~~ the burials are not American Indian or their ethnic identity cannot be
56.19 ascertained, as determined by the state archaeologist, they shall be dealt with in accordance
56.20 with provisions established by the state archaeologist and other appropriate authority, as
56.21 specified in subdivision 3a, paragraph (e).

56.22 (d) If ~~such~~ the burials ~~are~~ include American Indian remains, as determined by the state
56.23 archaeologist, ~~efforts shall be made by~~ they must be dealt with as provided by the provisions
56.24 of subdivision 3a, paragraph (d). The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council ~~to~~
56.25 shall ascertain their tribal identity. ~~If their probable tribal identity can be determined and~~
56.26 ~~the remains have been removed from their original context, such remains shall be turned~~
56.27 ~~over to contemporary tribal leaders for disposition.~~ of the remains in consultation with
56.28 appropriate experts designated by the Indian Affairs Council.

56.29 (e) If tribal identity of the remains cannot be determined, the American Indian remains
56.30 must be dealt with in accordance with provisions established by ~~the state archaeologist and~~
56.31 the Indian Affairs Council ~~if they are from public land. If removed Indian remains are from~~
56.32 ~~private land they shall be dealt with in accordance with provisions established by the Indian~~
56.33 Affairs Council.

57.1 ~~If it is deemed desirable by the state archaeologist or the Indian Affairs Council, removed~~
57.2 ~~remains shall be studied in a timely and respectful manner by a qualified professional~~
57.3 ~~archaeologist or a qualified physical anthropologist before being delivered to tribal leaders~~
57.4 ~~or before being reburied.~~

57.5 Subd. 7a. Landowner responsibilities. (a) Application by a landowner for permission
57.6 to develop or disturb nonburial areas within ~~authenticated~~ an assessed or recorded ~~burial~~
57.7 ~~grounds cemetery~~ shall be made to the:

57.8 (1) to the state archaeologist and other appropriate authority in the case of non-Indian
57.9 non-American Indian burials; and

57.10 (2) to the Indian Affairs Council and other appropriate authority in the case of American
57.11 Indian burials.

57.12 (b) Landowners with authenticated known or suspected human burial grounds cemeteries
57.13 on their property are obligated to inform prospective buyers of the burial ground cemetery.

57.14 Subd. 8. Burial-ground Cemetery relocation. No ~~non-Indian burial ground~~
57.15 non-American Indian cemetery may be relocated without the consent of the appropriate
57.16 authority. No American Indian burial ground cemetery may be relocated unless the request
57.17 to relocate is approved by the Indian Affairs Council. When a burial ground cemetery is
57.18 located on public lands or waters, any burial relocations must be duly licensed under section
57.19 138.36 and the cost of removal is the responsibility of and shall be paid by the state or
57.20 political subdivision controlling the lands or waters. If ~~burial grounds cemeteries~~ are
57.21 ~~authenticated~~ assessed on private lands, efforts may be made by the state to purchase and
57.22 protect them instead of removing them to another location.

57.23 Subd. 9. Interagency cooperation. (a) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs
57.24 Council shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to coordinate their responsibilities
57.25 under this section.

57.26 (b) The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and all
57.27 other state agencies and local governmental units whose activities may be affected, shall
57.28 cooperate with the state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council to carry out the
57.29 provisions of this section.

57.30 Subd. 10. Construction and development plan review. When ~~human burials are known~~
57.31 ~~or suspected to~~ cemeteries exist, on public lands or waters, the state or political subdivision
57.32 controlling the lands or waters or, in the case of private lands, the landowner or developer,
57.33 shall submit construction and development plans to the state archaeologist for review prior

58.1 to the time bids are advertised and prior to any disturbance within the ~~burial area~~ cemetery.
58.2 If ~~the known or suspected burials are~~ the cemetery is thought to be Indian American Indian,
58.3 or the project is within 300 feet of American Indian cemeteries, American Indian burial
58.4 features, historic American Indian villages, or historic American Indian cultural features,
58.5 plans shall also be submitted to the Indian Affairs Council. The state archaeologist and the
58.6 Indian Affairs Council shall review the plans within ~~30~~ 45 days of receipt and make
58.7 recommendations for the preservation in place or removal of the ~~human burials~~ cemetery
58.8 or remains, which may be endangered by construction or development activities.

58.9 Subd. 11. **Burial sites data.** ~~(a) Burial sites locational and related data maintained by~~
58.10 data under the authority of the Office of the State Archaeologist and accessible through the
58.11 office's "Unplatted Burial Sites and Earthworks in Minnesota" website or Indian Affairs
58.12 Council are security information for purposes of section 13.37. Persons who gain access to
58.13 the data maintained on the site this data are subject to liability under section 13.08 and the
58.14 penalty established by section 13.09 if they improperly use or further disseminate the data.

58.15 (b) The Indian Affairs Council or state archaeologist may bring legal action to prosecute
58.16 any violation of this subdivision. A violation may be prosecuted by the city or county
58.17 attorney or by the attorney general.

58.18 Subd. 12. **Right of entry.** The state archaeologist or designee may enter on property for
58.19 the purpose of ~~authenticating burial sites.~~ identifying or assessing cemetery sites. A
58.20 designated representative of the Indian Affairs Council may enter on property, in
58.21 collaboration with the state archaeologist, for the purpose of identifying or assessing
58.22 American Indian cemeteries. Only after obtaining permission from the property owner or
58.23 lessee, descendants of persons buried in ~~burial grounds~~ cemeteries covered by this section
58.24 may enter the ~~burial grounds~~ cemetery for the purpose of conducting religious or
58.25 commemorative ceremonies. This right of entry must not unreasonably burden property
58.26 owners or unnecessarily restrict their use of the property. The right of entry cannot be denied
58.27 unless an unreasonable burden can be shown by the property owners.

58.28 Subd. 13. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings
58.29 given.

58.30 (a) "Abandoned cemetery" means a cemetery where the cemetery association has
58.31 disbanded or the cemetery is neglected and contains marked graves older than 50 years.

58.32 (b) "Appropriate authority" means:

58.33 (1) the trustees when the trustees have been legally defined to administer ~~burial grounds~~
58.34 cemetery sites;

59.1 (2) the Indian Affairs Council in the case of American Indian burial grounds cemetery
59.2 sites lacking trustees;

59.3 (3) the county board in the case of abandoned cemeteries under section 306.243; and

59.4 (4) the state archaeologist in the case of ~~non-Indian burial grounds~~ non-American Indian
59.5 cemetery sites lacking trustees or not officially defined as abandoned.

59.6 (c) "Artifacts" means natural or artificial articles, objects, implements, or other items of
59.7 archaeological interest.

59.8 (d) ~~"Authenticate"~~ "Assess" means to establish the presence of or high potential of ~~human~~
59.9 ~~burials~~ for a cemetery or human skeletal remains being located in a discrete area, delimit
59.10 the boundaries of ~~human burial grounds~~ the cemetery or graves, and attempt to determine
59.11 the ethnic, cultural, or religious affiliation of individuals interred.

59.12 (e) "Burial" means the organic remnants of the human body that were intentionally
59.13 interred as part of a mortuary process.

59.14 ~~(f) "Burial ground" means a discrete location that is known to contain or has high potential~~
59.15 ~~to contain human remains based on physical evidence, historical records, or reliable informant~~
59.16 ~~accounts.~~

59.17 ~~(g)~~ (f) "Cemetery" means a discrete location that is known to contain or intended to be
59.18 used for the interment of human remains, or has high potential to contain human remains
59.19 based on physical evidence, historical records, or reliable informant accounts.

59.20 ~~(h)~~ (g) "Disturb" means any activity that ~~significantly~~ harms the physical integrity or
59.21 setting of a ~~human burial or human burial ground~~ cemetery.

59.22 ~~(i)~~ (h) "Grave goods" means objects or artifacts directly associated with human burials
59.23 or ~~human burial grounds~~ cemeteries that were placed as part of a mortuary ritual at the time
59.24 of interment.

59.25 ~~(j)~~ (i) "Human remains" means ~~the calcified portion of the human body~~ the body of a
59.26 deceased person in whole or in parts, regardless of the state of decomposition, not including
59.27 isolated teeth, ~~or cremated remains deposited in a container or discrete feature.~~

59.28 ~~(k)~~ (j) "Identification" means to analyze organic materials to attempt to determine if they
59.29 represent human remains and to attempt to establish the ethnic, cultural, or religious
59.30 affiliations of such remains.

60.1 (k) "American Indian cemetery" means a discrete location that is known to contain or
60.2 has a high potential to contain American Indian human remains based on physical evidence,
60.3 historical records, or reliable informant accounts.

60.4 (l) "Marked" means a burial that has a recognizable tombstone or obvious grave marker
60.5 in place or a legible sign identifying an area as a ~~burial ground or~~ cemetery.

60.6 (m) "Qualified ~~physical~~ forensic anthropologist" means a specialist in identifying human
60.7 remains who holds an advanced degree in forensic anthropology or a closely related field.

60.8 (n) "Qualified professional archaeologist" means an archaeologist who meets the United
60.9 States Secretary of the Interior's professional qualification standards in Code of Federal
60.10 Regulations, title 36, part 61, appendix A, or subsequent revisions.

60.11 (o) "Recorded cemetery" means a cemetery that has a surveyed plat filed in a county
60.12 recorder's office.

60.13 (p) "State" or "the state" means the state of Minnesota or an agency or official of the
60.14 state acting in an official capacity.

60.15 (q) "Trustees" means the recognized representatives of the original incorporators, board
60.16 of directors, or cemetery association.

60.17 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.18 Subd. 2. **Attest.** "Attest" means providing any of the following services:

60.19 (1) an audit or other engagement performed in accordance with the Statements on
60.20 Auditing Standards (SAS);

60.21 (2) an audit or other engagement performed in accordance with the Generally Accepted
60.22 Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS);

60.23 (3) a review of a financial statement performed in accordance with the Statements on
60.24 Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS);

60.25 ~~(3)~~ (4) an examination of prospective financial information performed in accordance
60.26 with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE);

60.27 ~~(4)~~ (5) an engagement performed in accordance with the standards of the Public Company
60.28 Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB); and

60.29 ~~(5)~~ (6) an examination, review, or agreed-upon procedures engagement performed in
60.30 accordance with SSAE, other than an examination described in clause (3).

61.1 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.2 Subd. 4. **Program of learning.** Each licensee shall participate in a program of learning
61.3 designed to maintain professional competency. The program of learning must comply with
61.4 rules adopted by the board. The board may by rule create an exception to this requirement
61.5 for licensees who do not perform or offer to perform for the public one or more kinds of
61.6 services involving the use of ~~accounting or~~ auditing skills, including issuance of reports on
61.7 ~~financial statements or of one or more kinds of:~~ attest or compilation engagements,
61.8 management advisory services, financial advisory services, or consulting services; ~~or the~~
61.9 ~~preparation of tax returns or the furnishing of advice on tax matters.~~ A licensee granted such
61.10 an exception by the board must place the word "inactive" or "retired," if applicable, adjacent
61.11 to the CPA title on any business card, letterhead, or any other document or device, with the
61.12 exception of the licensee's certificate on which the CPA title appears.

61.13 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

61.14 Subd. 5. **Fee.** (a) The board shall charge a fee for each application for initial issuance
61.15 or renewal of a certificate or temporary military certificate under this section as provided
61.16 in paragraph (b). ~~The fee for the temporary military certificate is \$100.~~

61.17 (b) The board shall charge the following fees:

61.18 (1) initial issuance of certificate, \$150;

61.19 (2) renewal of certificate with an active status, \$100 per year;

61.20 (3) initial CPA firm permits, except for sole practitioners, \$100;

61.21 (4) renewal of CPA firm permits, except for sole practitioners and those firms specified
61.22 in clause ~~(17)~~ (16), \$35 per year;

61.23 (5) initial issuance and renewal of CPA firm permits for sole practitioners, except for
61.24 those firms specified in clause ~~(17)~~ (16), \$35 per year;

61.25 (6) annual late processing delinquency fee for permit, certificate, or registration renewal
61.26 applications not received prior to expiration date, \$50;

61.27 (7) copies of records, per page, 25 cents;

61.28 (8) registration of noncertificate holders, nonlicensees, and nonregistrants in connection
61.29 with renewal of firm permits, \$45 per year;

61.30 (9) applications for reinstatement, \$20;

61.31 (10) initial registration of a registered accounting practitioner, \$50;

62.1 (11) initial registered accounting practitioner firm permits, \$100;

62.2 (12) renewal of registered accounting practitioner firm permits, except for sole
62.3 practitioners, \$100 per year;

62.4 (13) renewal of registered accounting practitioner firm permits for sole practitioners,
62.5 \$35 per year;

62.6 ~~(14) CPA examination application, \$40;~~

62.7 ~~(15)~~ (14) CPA examination, fee determined by third-party examination administrator;

62.8 ~~(16)~~ (15) renewal of certificates with an inactive status, \$25 per year; ~~and~~

62.9 ~~(17)~~ (16) renewal of CPA firm permits for firms that have one or more offices located
62.10 in another state, \$68 per year; and

62.11 (17) temporary military certificate, \$100.

62.12 Sec. 60. [326A.045] RETIRED STATUS.

62.13 Subdivision 1. Retired status requirements. The board shall grant retired status to a
62.14 person who meets the following criteria:

62.15 (1) is age 55 or older;

62.16 (2) holds a current active license to practice public accounting under this chapter with
62.17 a license status of active, inactive, or exempt under Minnesota Rules, part 1105.3700;

62.18 (3) declares that he or she is not practicing public accounting in any jurisdiction;

62.19 (4) was in good standing with the board at the time the person last held a license under
62.20 this chapter; and

62.21 (5) submits an application for retired status on a form provided by the board.

62.22 Subd. 2. Retired status effect. Retired status is an honorific status. Retired status is not
62.23 a license to engage in the practice of public accounting. A person granted retired status shall
62.24 not perform or offer to perform services for which a license under this chapter is required.

62.25 Subd. 3. Documentation of status. The board shall provide to a person granted retired
62.26 status a document stating that retired status has been granted.

62.27 Subd. 4. Representation to the public. A person granted retired status may represent
62.28 themselves as "Certified Public Accountant - Retired," "CPA - Retired," "Retired Certified
62.29 Public Accountant," or "Retired CPA," but shall not represent themselves or allow themselves
62.30 to be represented to the public as a current licensee of the board.

63.1 Subd. 5. Continuing education not required. A person is not required to comply with
63.2 the continuing education requirements in section 326A.04, subdivision 4, to acquire or
63.3 maintain retired status.

63.4 Subd. 6. Renewal not required. A person granted retired status is not required to renew
63.5 the person's registration or pay renewal fees to maintain retired status.

63.6 Subd. 7. Change to active or inactive status. The board shall change a license status
63.7 from retired to active or inactive if a person with retired status requests a status change and
63.8 meets requirements for reactivation prescribed by rule.

63.9 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

63.10 Subd. 4. **Cease and desist orders.** (a) The board, or the complaint committee if
63.11 authorized by the board, may issue and have served upon a certificate holder, a permit
63.12 holder, a registration holder, a person with practice privileges granted under section 326A.14,
63.13 a person who has previously been subject to a disciplinary order by the board, or an
63.14 unlicensed firm or person an order requiring the person or firm to cease and desist from the
63.15 act or practice constituting a violation of the statute, rule, or order. The order must be
63.16 calculated to give reasonable notice of the rights of the person or firm to request a hearing
63.17 and must state the reasons for the entry of the order. No order may be issued until an
63.18 investigation of the facts has been conducted pursuant to section 214.10.

63.19 (b) Service of the order ~~is effective when the order is served on the person, firm, or~~
63.20 ~~counsel of record personally, or by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the~~
63.21 ~~board for the person, firm, or counsel of record.~~ may be by first class United States mail,
63.22 including certified United States mail, or overnight express mail service, postage prepaid
63.23 and addressed to the party at the party's last known address. Service by United States mail,
63.24 including certified mail, is complete upon placing the order in the mail or otherwise delivering
63.25 the order to the United States mail service. Service by overnight express mail service is
63.26 complete upon delivering the order to an authorized agent of the express mail service.

63.27 (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by
63.28 the board, and the person or firm requesting the hearing, the hearing must be held no later
63.29 than 30 days after the request for the hearing is received by the board.

63.30 (d) The administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days of the close of the
63.31 contested case hearing record, notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 1400.8100, subpart
63.32 3. Within 30 days after receiving the report and any exceptions to it, the board shall issue

64.1 a further order vacating, modifying, or making permanent the cease and desist orders as the
64.2 facts require.

64.3 (e) If no hearing is requested within 30 days of service of the order, the order becomes
64.4 final and remains in effect until it is modified or vacated by the board.

64.5 (f) If the person or firm to whom a cease and desist order is issued fails to appear at the
64.6 hearing after being duly notified, the person or firm is in default and the proceeding may
64.7 be determined against that person or firm upon consideration of the cease and desist order,
64.8 the allegations of which may be considered to be true.

64.9 (g) In lieu of or in addition to the order provided in paragraph (a), the board may require
64.10 the person or firm to provide to the board a true and complete list of the person's or firm's
64.11 clientele so that they can, if deemed necessary, be notified of the board's action. Failure to
64.12 do so, or to provide an incomplete or inaccurate list, is an act discreditable.

64.13 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.08, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

64.14 Subd. 5. **Actions against persons or firms.** (a) The board may, by order, deny, refuse
64.15 to renew, suspend, temporarily suspend, or revoke the application, or practice privileges,
64.16 registration or certificate of a person or firm; censure or reprimand the person or firm;
64.17 prohibit the person or firm from preparing tax returns or reporting on financial statements;
64.18 limit the scope of practice of any licensee; limit privileges under section 326A.14; refuse
64.19 to permit a person to sit for examination; or refuse to release the person's examination grades
64.20 if the board finds that the order is in the public interest and that, based on a preponderance
64.21 of the evidence presented, the person or firm:

64.22 (1) has violated a statute, rule, or order that the board has issued or is empowered to
64.23 enforce;

64.24 (2) has engaged in conduct or acts that are fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest whether
64.25 or not the conduct or acts relate to performing or offering to perform professional services,
64.26 providing that the fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct or acts reflect adversely on
64.27 the person's or firm's ability or fitness to provide professional services;

64.28 (3) has engaged in conduct or acts that are negligent or otherwise in violation of the
64.29 standards established by board rule, where the conduct or acts relate to providing professional
64.30 services, including in the filing or failure to file the licensee's income tax returns;

64.31 (4) has been convicted of, has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been sentenced
64.32 as a result of the commission of a felony or crime, an element of which is dishonesty or
64.33 fraud; has been shown to have or admitted to having engaged in acts or practices tending

65.1 to show that the person or firm is incompetent; or has engaged in conduct reflecting adversely
65.2 on the person's or firm's ability or fitness to provide professional services, whether or not
65.3 a conviction was obtained or a plea was entered or withheld and whether or not dishonesty
65.4 or fraud was an element of the conduct;

65.5 (5) employed fraud or deception in obtaining a certificate, permit, registration, practice
65.6 privileges, renewal, or reinstatement or in passing all or a portion of the examination;

65.7 (6) has had the person's or firm's permit, registration, practice privileges, certificate,
65.8 right to examine, or other similar authority revoked, suspended, canceled, limited, or not
65.9 renewed for cause, or has committed unprofessional acts for which the person or firm was
65.10 otherwise disciplined or sanctioned, including, but not limited to, being ordered to or agreeing
65.11 to cease and desist from prescribed conduct, in any state or any foreign country;

65.12 (7) has had the person's or firm's right to practice before any federal, state, other
65.13 government agency, or Public Company Accounting Oversight Board revoked, suspended,
65.14 canceled, limited, or not renewed for cause, or has committed unprofessional acts for which
65.15 the person or firm was otherwise disciplined or sanctioned, including, but not limited to,
65.16 being ordered to or agreeing to cease and desist from prescribed conduct;

65.17 (8) failed to meet any requirement for the issuance or renewal of the person's or firm's
65.18 certificate, registration or permit, or for practice privileges;

65.19 (9) with respect to temporary suspension orders, has committed an act, engaged in
65.20 conduct, or committed practices that may result or may have resulted, in the opinion of the
65.21 board or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, in an immediate threat to the
65.22 public;

65.23 (10) has engaged in any conduct reflecting adversely upon the person's or firm's fitness
65.24 to perform services while a licensee, individual granted privileges under section 326A.14,
65.25 or a person registered under section 326A.06, paragraph (b); or

65.26 (11) has, prior to a voluntary surrender of a certificate or permit to the board, engaged
65.27 in conduct which at any time resulted in the discipline or sanction described in clause (6)
65.28 or (7).

65.29 (b) In lieu of or in addition to any remedy provided in paragraph (a), the board, or the
65.30 complaint committee if authorized by the board, may require, as a condition of continued
65.31 possession of a certificate, a registration, or practice privileges, termination of suspension,
65.32 reinstatement of permit, registration of a person or firm or of practice privileges under

66.1 section 326A.14, a certificate, an examination, or release of examination grades, that the
66.2 person or firm:

66.3 (1) submit to a peer review of the person's or firm's ability, skills, or quality of work,
66.4 conducted in a fashion and by persons, entity, or entities as required by the board; and

66.5 (2) complete to the satisfaction of the board continuing professional education courses
66.6 specified by the board.

66.7 (c) Service of the order ~~is effective if the order is served on the person, firm, or counsel~~
66.8 ~~of record personally or by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board~~
66.9 ~~for the person, firm, or counsel of record.~~ may be by first class United States mail, including
66.10 certified United States mail, or overnight express mail service, postage prepaid and addressed
66.11 to the party at the party's last known address. Service by United States mail, including
66.12 certified mail, is complete upon placing the order in the mail or otherwise delivering the
66.13 order to the United States mail service. Service by overnight express mail service is complete
66.14 upon delivering the order to an authorized agent of the express mail service. The order shall
66.15 state the reasons for the entry of the order.

66.16 (d) All hearings required by this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with
66.17 chapter 14 except with respect to temporary suspension orders as provided for in subdivision
66.18 6.

66.19 (e) In addition to the remedies authorized by this subdivision, the board, or the complaint
66.20 committee if authorized by the board, may enter into an agreement with the person or firm
66.21 for corrective action and may unilaterally issue a warning to a person or firm.

66.22 (f) The board shall not use agreements for corrective action or warnings in any situation
66.23 where the person or firm has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony
66.24 or crime and the felony or crime is the basis of the board's action against the person or firm,
66.25 where the conduct of the person or firm indicates a pattern of related violations of paragraph
66.26 (a) or the rules of the board, or where the board concludes that the conduct of the person or
66.27 firm will not be deterred other than by disciplinary action under this subdivision or
66.28 subdivision 4 or 6.

66.29 (g) Agreements for corrective action may be used by the board, or the complaint
66.30 committee if authorized by the board, where the violation committed by the person or firm
66.31 does not warrant disciplinary action pursuant to this subdivision or subdivision 4 or 6, but
66.32 where the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, determines that
66.33 corrective action is required to prevent further such violations and to otherwise protect the
66.34 public. Warnings may be used by the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by

67.1 the board, where the violation of the person or firm is de minimus, does not warrant
67.2 disciplinary action under this subdivision or subdivision 4 or 6, and does not require
67.3 corrective action to protect the public.

67.4 (h) Agreements for corrective action must not be considered disciplinary action against
67.5 the person's or firm's application, permit, registration or certificate, or practice privileges
67.6 under section 326A.14. However, agreements for corrective action are public data. Warnings
67.7 must not be considered disciplinary action against the person's or firm's application, permit,
67.8 registration, or certificate or person's practice privileges and are private data.

67.9 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.08, is amended by adding a subdivision
67.10 to read:

67.11 Subd. 10. Actions against lapsed license, certificate, or permit. If a person's or firm's
67.12 permit, registration, practice privileges, license, certificate, or other similar authority lapses,
67.13 expires, is surrendered, withdrawn, terminated, canceled, limited, not renewed, or otherwise
67.14 becomes invalid, the board may institute a proceeding under this subdivision within two
67.15 years after the date the license, certificate, or permit was last effective and enter a revocation
67.16 or suspension order as of the last date on which the license, certificate, or permit was in
67.17 effect, or impose a civil penalty as provided for in subdivision 7.

67.18 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326A.10, is amended to read:

67.19 **326A.10 UNLAWFUL ACTS.**

67.20 (a) Only a licensee and individuals who have been granted practice privileges under
67.21 section 326A.14 may issue a report on financial statements of any person, firm, organization,
67.22 or governmental unit that results from providing attest services, or offer to render or render
67.23 any attest service. Only a certified public accountant, an individual who has been granted
67.24 practice privileges under section 326A.14, a CPA firm, or, to the extent permitted by board
67.25 rule, a person registered under section 326A.06, paragraph (b), may issue a report on financial
67.26 statements of any person, firm, organization, or governmental unit that results from providing
67.27 compilation services or offer to render or render any compilation service. These restrictions
67.28 do not prohibit any act of a public official or public employee in the performance of that
67.29 person's duties or prohibit the performance by any nonlicensee of other services involving
67.30 the use of accounting skills, including the preparation of tax returns, management advisory
67.31 services, and the preparation of financial statements without the issuance of reports on them.
67.32 Nonlicensees may prepare financial statements and issue nonattest transmittals or information
67.33 on them which do not purport to be in compliance with the Statements on Standards for

68.1 Accounting and Review Services (SSARS). Nonlicensees registered under section 326A.06,
68.2 paragraph (b), may, to the extent permitted by board rule, prepare financial statements and
68.3 issue nonattest transmittals or information on them.

68.4 (b) Licensees and individuals who have been granted practice privileges under section
68.5 326A.14 performing attest or compilation services must provide those services in accordance
68.6 with professional standards. To the extent permitted by board rule, registered accounting
68.7 practitioners performing compilation services must provide those services in accordance
68.8 with standards specified in board rule.

68.9 (c) A person who does not hold a valid certificate issued under section 326A.04 or a
68.10 practice privilege granted under section 326A.14 shall not use or assume the title "certified
68.11 public accountant," the abbreviation "CPA," or any other title, designation, words, letters,
68.12 abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that the person is a certified public
68.13 accountant.

68.14 (d) A firm shall not provide attest services or assume or use the title "certified public
68.15 accountants," the abbreviation "CPA's," or any other title, designation, words, letters,
68.16 abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that the firm is a CPA firm unless (1)
68.17 the firm has complied with section 326A.05, and (2) ownership of the firm is in accordance
68.18 with this chapter and rules adopted by the board.

68.19 (e) A person or firm that does not hold a valid certificate or permit issued under section
68.20 326A.04 or 326A.05 or has not otherwise complied with section 326A.04 or 326A.05 as
68.21 required in this chapter shall not assume or use the title "certified accountant," "chartered
68.22 accountant," "enrolled accountant," "licensed accountant," "registered accountant,"
68.23 "accredited accountant," "accounting practitioner," "public accountant," "licensed public
68.24 accountant," or any other title or designation likely to be confused with the title "certified
68.25 public accountant," or use any of the abbreviations "CA," "LA," "RA," "AA," "PA," "AP,"
68.26 "LPA," or similar abbreviation likely to be confused with the abbreviation "CPA." The title
68.27 "enrolled agent" or "EA" may only be used by individuals so designated by the Internal
68.28 Revenue Service.

68.29 (f) Persons registered under section 326A.06, paragraph (b), may use the title "registered
68.30 accounting practitioner" or the abbreviation "RAP." A person who does not hold a valid
68.31 registration under section 326A.06, paragraph (b), shall not assume or use such title or
68.32 abbreviation.

68.33 (g) Except to the extent permitted in paragraph (a), nonlicensees may not use language
68.34 in any statement relating to the financial affairs of a person or entity that is conventionally

69.1 used by licensees in reports on financial statements or on an attest service. In this regard,
69.2 the board shall issue by rule safe harbor language that nonlicensees may use in connection
69.3 with such financial information. A person or firm that does not hold a valid certificate or
69.4 permit, or a registration issued under section 326A.04, 326A.05, or 326A.06, paragraph (b),
69.5 or has not otherwise complied with section 326A.04 or 326A.05 as required in this chapter
69.6 shall not assume or use any title or designation that includes the word "accountant" or
69.7 "accounting" in connection with any other language, including the language of a report, that
69.8 implies that the person or firm holds such a certificate, permit, or registration or has special
69.9 competence as an accountant. A person or firm that does not hold a valid certificate or
69.10 permit issued under section 326A.04 or 326A.05 or has not otherwise complied with section
69.11 326A.04 or 326A.05 as required in this chapter shall not assume or use any title or designation
69.12 that includes the word "auditor" in connection with any other language, including the
69.13 language of a report, that implies that the person or firm holds such a certificate or permit
69.14 or has special competence as an auditor. However, this paragraph does not prohibit any
69.15 officer, partner, member, manager, or employee of any firm or organization from affixing
69.16 that person's own signature to any statement in reference to the financial affairs of such firm
69.17 or organization with any wording designating the position, title, or office that the person
69.18 holds, nor prohibit any act of a public official or employee in the performance of the person's
69.19 duties as such.

69.20 (h)(1) No person holding a certificate or registration or firm holding a permit under this
69.21 chapter shall use a professional or firm name or designation that is misleading about the
69.22 legal form of the firm, or about the persons who are partners, officers, members, managers,
69.23 or shareholders of the firm, or about any other matter. However, names of one or more
69.24 former partners, members, managers, or shareholders may be included in the name of a firm
69.25 or its successor.

69.26 (2) A common brand name or network name part, including common initials, used by
69.27 a CPA firm in its name, is not misleading if the firm is a network firm as defined in the
69.28 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Code of Professional Conduct
69.29 in effect July 1, 2011 incorporated by reference in Minnesota Rules, part 1105.0250, and
69.30 when offering or rendering services that require independence under AICPA standards, the
69.31 firm must comply with the AICPA code's applicable standards on independence.

69.32 (i) Paragraphs (a) to (h) do not apply to a person or firm holding a certification,
69.33 designation, degree, or license granted in a foreign country entitling the holder to engage
69.34 in the practice of public accountancy or its equivalent in that country, if:

70.1 (1) the activities of the person or firm in this state are limited to the provision of
70.2 professional services to persons or firms who are residents of, governments of, or business
70.3 entities of the country in which the person holds the entitlement;

70.4 (2) the person or firm performs no attest or compilation services and issues no reports
70.5 with respect to the information of any other persons, firms, or governmental units in this
70.6 state; and

70.7 (3) the person or firm does not use in this state any title or designation other than the
70.8 one under which the person practices in the foreign country, followed by a translation of
70.9 the title or designation into English, if it is in a different language, and by the name of the
70.10 country.

70.11 (j) No holder of a certificate issued under section 326A.04 may perform attest services
70.12 through any business form that does not hold a valid permit issued under section 326A.05.

70.13 (k) No individual licensee may issue a report ~~in standard form~~ upon a compilation of
70.14 financial information through any form of business that does not hold a valid permit issued
70.15 under section 326A.05, unless the report discloses the name of the business through which
70.16 the individual is issuing the report, and the individual:

70.17 (1) signs the compilation report identifying the individual as a certified public accountant;

70.18 (2) meets the competency requirement provided in applicable standards; and

70.19 (3) undergoes no less frequently than once every three years, a peer review conducted
70.20 in a manner specified by the board in rule, and the review includes verification that the
70.21 individual has met the competency requirements set out in professional standards for such
70.22 services.

70.23 (l) No person registered under section 326A.06, paragraph (b), may issue a report ~~in~~
70.24 ~~standard form~~ upon a compilation of financial information unless the board by rule permits
70.25 the report and the person:

70.26 (1) signs the compilation report identifying the individual as a registered accounting
70.27 practitioner;

70.28 (2) meets the competency requirements in board rule; and

70.29 (3) undergoes no less frequently than once every three years a peer review conducted
70.30 in a manner specified by the board in rule, and the review includes verification that the
70.31 individual has met the competency requirements in board rule.

71.1 (m) Nothing in this section prohibits a practicing attorney or firm of attorneys from
71.2 preparing or presenting records or documents customarily prepared by an attorney or firm
71.3 of attorneys in connection with the attorney's professional work in the practice of law.

71.4 (n) The board shall adopt rules that place limitations on receipt by a licensee or a person
71.5 who holds a registration under section 326A.06, paragraph (b), of:

71.6 (1) contingent fees for professional services performed; and

71.7 (2) commissions or referral fees for recommending or referring to a client any product
71.8 or service.

71.9 (o) Anything in this section to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall not be a violation
71.10 of this section for a firm not holding a valid permit under section 326A.05 and not having
71.11 an office in this state to provide its professional services in this state so long as it complies
71.12 with the applicable requirements of section 326A.05, subdivision 1.

71.13 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 353.27, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

71.14 Subd. 3c. **Former MERF members; member and employer contributions.** (a) For
71.15 the period July 1, ~~2015~~ 2019, through December 31, 2031, the member contributions for
71.16 former members of the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund and by the former
71.17 Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund-covered employing units are governed by this
71.18 subdivision.

71.19 (b) The member contribution for a public employee who was a member of the former
71.20 Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund on June 29, 2010, is 9.75 percent of the salary of
71.21 the employee.

71.22 (c) The employer regular contribution with respect to a public employee who was a
71.23 member of the former Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund on June 29, 2010, is 9.75
71.24 percent of the salary of the employee.

71.25 (d) The annual employer supplemental contribution is the employing unit's share of
71.26 ~~\$31,000,000. For calendar years 2017 and 2018, the employer supplemental contribution~~
71.27 ~~is the employing unit's share of \$21,000,000.~~

71.28 (e) Each employing unit's share under paragraph (d) is the amount determined from an
71.29 allocation between each employing unit in the portion equal to the unit's employer
71.30 supplemental contribution paid or payable under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.50,
71.31 during calendar year 2014.

72.1 (f) The employer supplemental contribution amount under paragraph (d) for calendar
72.2 year ~~2015~~ 2019 must be invoiced by the executive director of the Public Employees
72.3 Retirement Association by July 1, ~~2015~~. ~~The calendar year 2015 payment is payable in a~~
72.4 ~~single amount on or before September 30, 2015~~ 2019. For subsequent calendar years, the
72.5 employer supplemental contribution under paragraph (d) must be invoiced on January 31
72.6 of each year and The employer supplemental contribution is payable in two parts, with the
72.7 first half payable on or before July 31 and with the second half payable on or before
72.8 December 15. Late payments are payable with interest, compounded annually, at the
72.9 applicable rate or rates specified in section 356.59, subdivision 3, per month for each month
72.10 or portion of a month that has elapsed after the due date.

72.11 (g) The employer supplemental contribution under paragraph (d) terminates on December
72.12 31, 2031.

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

72.14 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 353.505, is amended to read:

72.15 **353.505 STATE CONTRIBUTIONS; FORMER MERF DIVISION.**

72.16 (a) On September 15, 2019, and annually thereafter, the state shall pay to the general
72.17 employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association, with respect
72.18 to the former MERF division, ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$16,000,000.

72.19 ~~(b) On September 15, 2017, and September 15, 2018, the state shall pay to the general~~
72.20 ~~employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association, with respect~~
72.21 ~~to the former MERF division, \$16,000,000.~~

72.22 ~~(e)~~ (b) State contributions under this section end on September 15, 2031.

72.23 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall pay the contribution specified
72.24 in this section. The amount required is appropriated annually from the general fund to the
72.25 commissioner of management and budget.

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

72.27 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 375.08, is amended to read:

72.28 **375.08 BOARD TO FILL VACANCIES IN COUNTY OFFICES.**

72.29 When a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected county auditor, county treasurer,
72.30 county recorder, sheriff, county attorney, county surveyor, or coroner, the county board
72.31 shall fill it by appointment. For that purpose it shall meet at the usual place of meeting, upon

73.1 one day's notice from the chair or clerk, which shall be served personally upon each member
73.2 in the same manner as a district court summons. The person appointed shall give the bond
73.3 and take the oath required by law, and serve the remainder of the term, and until a successor
73.4 qualifies. When a vacancy occurs in an office that has a chief deputy or first assistant, the
73.5 chief deputy or first assistant may perform all the duties and functions of the office until it
73.6 is filled by appointment by the county board.

73.7 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 375A.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

73.8 Subd. 5. **Auditor-treasurer.** In any county exercising the option provided in subdivision
73.9 2, clause (c), the office shall be known thereafter as the office of auditor-treasurer, if the
73.10 office is to remain elective. If the board chooses to make the office of auditor-treasurer
73.11 elective, and not require a referendum, it must act with the concurrence of at least 80 percent
73.12 of its members.

73.13 In the exercise of this option, the county board shall direct which of the offices of auditor
73.14 or treasurer shall be terminated for the purpose of providing for the election to the single
73.15 office of auditor-treasurer. The duties, functions and responsibilities which have been
73.16 heretofore and which shall hereafter be required by statute to be performed by the county
73.17 auditor and the county treasurer shall be vested in and performed by the auditor-treasurer
73.18 without diminishing, prohibiting or avoiding those specific duties required by statute to be
73.19 performed by the county auditor and the county treasurer.

73.20 Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the county from exercising the option to make
73.21 the combined office of auditor-treasurer appointive as if it had been specifically enumerated
73.22 in subdivision 2. If the combined office is to be appointive, a referendum under section
73.23 375A.12 shall be necessary, except as provided by section 375A.1205.

73.24 If the combined office is to be elective, a referendum under section 375A.12 shall be
73.25 necessary if:

73.26 (a) the county board requires a referendum; or

73.27 (b) a referendum is required by a petition of a number of voters equal to ten percent of
73.28 those voting in the county at the last general election that is received by the county auditor
73.29 within 30 days after the second publication of the board resolution that orders the
73.30 combination.

73.31 The persons last elected to the positions of auditor and treasurer before adoption of the
73.32 resolution shall serve in those offices and perform the duties of those offices until the
73.33 completion of the terms to which they were elected.

74.1 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 375A.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

74.2 Subd. 2. **Form of government options.** Except as provided in section 375A.1205 or by
74.3 special law, the options provided in sections 375A.01 to 375A.10 shall be adopted in any
74.4 county only after an affirmative vote of the voters in the county on the question of the
74.5 adoption of the option. Except as provided in section 375A.01, only one such plan may be
74.6 submitted at any one election.

74.7 Sec. 70. **[375A.1205] APPOINTING COUNTY OFFICERS.**

74.8 Subdivision 1. **Authority to appoint certain officers.** A county board may appoint the
74.9 county auditor, county treasurer, or county recorder under section 375A.10, subdivision 2,
74.10 or the auditor-treasurer under section 375A.10, subdivision 5, by following the process
74.11 outlined in this section. Notwithstanding section 375A.12, a referendum is not required if
74.12 the appointment is made pursuant to this section. A county board shall only use the authority
74.13 to appoint under the following circumstances:

74.14 (1) there is a vacancy in the office as provided in section 351.02;

74.15 (2) the current office holder has notified the county board that the officer will not file
74.16 for the office, as provided in subdivision 2; or

74.17 (3) there is a signed contract with the county board and the incumbent auditor, treasurer,
74.18 auditor-treasurer, or recorder that provides that the incumbent officer will be appointed to
74.19 the position and retain tenure, pay, and benefits equal to or greater than length of service.

74.20 Subd. 2. **Responsibility of county officer.** At least 104 days before the filing date for
74.21 office under section 204B.09, an elected county officer must notify the county board in
74.22 writing whether the officer will be filing for another term. If the officer indicates in writing
74.23 that the officer will not file for the office and the county board has passed a resolution under
74.24 subdivision 6, affidavits of candidacy will not be accepted for that office, and the office
74.25 will not be placed on the ballot.

74.26 Subd. 3. **Board controls; may change as long as duties done.** Upon adoption of a
74.27 resolution by the county board of commissioners and subject to subdivisions 5 and 6, the
74.28 duties of an elected official required by statute whose office is made appointive as authorized
74.29 by this section must be discharged by the county board of commissioners acting through a
74.30 department head appointed by the board for that purpose. Reorganization, reallocation,
74.31 delegation, or other administrative change or transfer does not diminish, prohibit, or avoid
74.32 the discharge of duties required by statute.

75.1 Subd. 4. Discharge or demotion. (a) A county auditor, county treasurer, county
75.2 auditor-treasurer, or county recorder who was elected at the most recent election for that
75.3 office prior to a county board resolution to make the office an appointed position, and the
75.4 elected official is subsequently appointed by the county board to the office, may not be
75.5 involuntarily demoted or discharged except for incompetency or misconduct.

75.6 (b) Prior to demoting or discharging an office holder under this subdivision, the board
75.7 must notify the office holder in writing and state its grounds for the proposed demotion or
75.8 discharge in reasonable detail. Within ten days after receipt of this notification, the office
75.9 holder may make a written request for a hearing before an arbitrator and the request must
75.10 be granted before final action is taken. Failure to request a hearing before an arbitrator
75.11 during this period is considered acquiescence to the board's action. The board may suspend
75.12 an office holder with pay pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the
75.13 issues raised in the hearing after charges have been filed which constitute grounds for
75.14 demotion or discharge. If an office holder has been charged with a felony and the underlying
75.15 conduct that is the subject of the felony charge is grounds for a proposed discharge, the
75.16 suspension pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the issues may be
75.17 without pay. If a hearing under this subdivision is held, the board must reimburse the office
75.18 holder for any salary or compensation withheld if the final decision of the arbitrator does
75.19 not result in a penalty or discharge of the office holder.

75.20 (c) If the office holder and the board are unable to mutually agree on an arbitrator, the
75.21 board must request from the Bureau of Mediation Services a list of seven persons qualified
75.22 to serve as an arbitrator. If the office holder and the board are unable to mutually agree on
75.23 an arbitrator from the list provided, the parties shall alternately strike names from the list
75.24 until the name of one arbitrator remains. The person remaining after the striking procedure
75.25 must be the arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on who shall strike the first name,
75.26 the question must be decided by a flip of a coin. The office holder and the board must share
75.27 equally the costs and fees of the arbitrator except as set forth in paragraph (g).

75.28 (d) The arbitrator shall determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the
75.29 grounds for discharge or demotion exist to support the proposed discharge or demotion. A
75.30 lesser penalty than demotion or discharge may be imposed by the arbitrator only to the
75.31 extent that either party proposes such lesser penalty in the proceeding. In making the
75.32 determination, the arbitration proceeding is governed by sections 572B.15 to 572B.28.

75.33 (e) An arbitration hearing conducted under this subdivision is a meeting for preliminary
75.34 consideration of allegations or charges within the meaning of section 13D.05, subdivision
75.35 3, paragraph (a), and must be closed, unless the office holder requests it to be open.

76.1 (f) The arbitrator's award is final and binding on the parties, subject to sections 572B.18
76.2 to 572B.28.

76.3 (g) In the event the arbitrator rules not to demote or discharge the office holder, the
76.4 board shall pay all of the costs and fees of the arbitrator and the attorney fees of the office
76.5 holder.

76.6 Subd. 5. **Incumbents to complete term.** The person elected at the last general election
76.7 to an office made appointive under this section must serve in that capacity and perform the
76.8 duties, functions, and responsibilities required by statute until the completion of the term
76.9 of office to which the person was elected, or until a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever
76.10 occurs earlier.

76.11 Subd. 6. **Publishing resolution; petition; referendum.** (a) Before the adoption of the
76.12 resolution to provide for the appointment of an office as described in subdivision 1, the
76.13 county board must publish a proposed resolution notifying the public of its intent to consider
76.14 the issue once each week, for two consecutive weeks, in the official publication of the
76.15 county. Following publication and prior to formally adopting the resolution, the county
76.16 board shall provide an opportunity at its next regular meeting for public comment relating
76.17 to the issue. After the public comment opportunity, at the same meeting or a subsequent
76.18 meeting, the county board of commissioners may adopt a resolution that provides for the
76.19 appointment of the office or offices as permitted in this section. The resolution must be
76.20 approved by at least 80 percent of the members of the county board. The resolution may
76.21 take effect 30 days after it is adopted, or at a later date stated in the resolution, unless a
76.22 petition is filed as provided in paragraph (b).

76.23 (b) Except when an office is made appointive under subdivision 1, clause (3), within 30
76.24 days after the county board adopts the resolution, a petition requesting a referendum may
76.25 be filed with the county auditor. The petition must be signed by at least ten percent of the
76.26 registered voters of the county. The petition must meet the requirements of the secretary of
76.27 state, as provided in section 204B.071, and any rules adopted to implement that section. If
76.28 the petition is sufficient, the county board resolution is rescinded.

76.29 Subd. 7. **Reverting to elected offices.** (a) The county board may adopt a resolution to
76.30 provide for the election of an office that was made an appointed position under this section,
76.31 but not until at least three years after the office was made an appointed position. The county
76.32 board must publish a proposed resolution notifying the public of its intent to consider the
76.33 issue once each week, for two consecutive weeks, in the official publication of the county.
76.34 Following publication and before formally adopting the resolution, the county board must

77.1 provide an opportunity at its next regular meeting for public comment relating to the issue.
77.2 After the public comment opportunity, at the same meeting or a subsequent meeting, the
77.3 county board of commissioners may adopt the resolution. The resolution must be approved
77.4 by at least 60 percent of the members of the county board and is effective August 1 following
77.5 adoption of the resolution.

77.6 (b) The question of whether an office that was made an appointed position under this
77.7 section must be made an elected office must be placed on the ballot at the next general
77.8 election if (1) the position has been an appointed position for at least three years; (2) a
77.9 petition signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county is filed with the
77.10 office of the county auditor by August 1 of the year in which the general election is held;
77.11 and (3) the petition meets the requirements of the secretary of state, as provided in section
77.12 204B.071, and any rules adopted to implement that section. If a majority of the voters of
77.13 the county voting on the question vote in favor of making the office an elected position, the
77.14 election for that office must be held at the next regular or special election.

77.15 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 382.01, is amended to read:

77.16 **382.01 OFFICERS ELECTED; TERMS.**

77.17 In every county in this state there shall be elected at the general election in 1918 a county
77.18 auditor, a county treasurer, sheriff, county recorder, county attorney, and coroner.

77.19 The terms of office of these officers shall be four years and shall begin on the first
77.20 Monday in January next succeeding their election. They shall hold office until their successors
77.21 are elected and qualified. Each of these offices shall must be filled by election every four
77.22 years thereafter, unless an office is consolidated with another county office or made
77.23 appointive under chapter 375A or other general or special law.

77.24 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 382.02, is amended to read:

77.25 **382.02 VACANCIES, HOW FILLED.**

77.26 Any appointment made to fill a vacancy in any of the offices named in section 382.01
77.27 that has not been made appointive under chapter 375A or other general or special law shall
77.28 be for the balance of such entire term, and be made by the county board.

78.1 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 469.074, is amended by adding a subdivision
78.2 to read:

78.3 Subd. 3. **Meetings by telephone or other electronic means.** The port authority may
78.4 conduct meetings as provided by section 13D.015.

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

78.6 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.606, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

78.7 Subd. 5. **Employees, others, affirmative action; prevailing wage.** The corporation
78.8 shall have the power to appoint engineers and other consultants, attorneys, and such other
78.9 officers, agents, and employees as it may see fit, who shall perform such duties and receive
78.10 such compensation as the corporation may determine ~~notwithstanding the provisions of~~
78.11 ~~section 43A.17, subdivision 9,~~ and be removable at the pleasure of the corporation. The
78.12 corporation must adopt an affirmative action plan, which shall be submitted to the appropriate
78.13 agency or office of the state for review and approval. The plan must include a yearly progress
78.14 report to the agency or office. Whenever the corporation performs any work within the
78.15 limits of a city of the first class, or establishes a minimum wage for skilled or unskilled
78.16 labor in the specifications or any contract for work within one of the cities, the rate of pay
78.17 to such skilled and unskilled labor must be the prevailing rate of wage for such labor in that
78.18 city.

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

78.20 Sec. 75. **[504B.279] ACCESS TO MULTIUNIT FACILITIES BY UNITED STATES**
78.21 **CENSUS EMPLOYEES.**

78.22 Subdivision 1. **Access required.** It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
78.23 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
78.24 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
78.25 dwellings are located on private roadways, to an employee of the United States Census who
78.26 displays a current, valid census credential and who is engaged in official census business.
78.27 An employee granted access under this section must be permitted to leave census materials
78.28 for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the
78.29 materials be left at a central location within the facility. The materials must be left in an
78.30 orderly manner.

78.31 Subd. 2. **Limitations.** This section does not prohibit:

79.1 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or
79.2 personal residential unit;

79.3 (2) in the case of a nursing home or a registered housing with services establishment
79.4 providing assisted living services meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section
79.5 144G.03, subdivision 2, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

79.6 (3) limiting visits to a reasonable number of census employees or reasonable hours;

79.7 (4) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or

79.8 (5) denial of admittance to or expulsion of an individual employee from a multiple unit
79.9 dwelling for good cause.

79.10 Subd. 3. **Compliance with federal law.** A person in compliance with United States
79.11 Code, title 13, section 223, and any guidance or rules adopted by the United States
79.12 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, governing access to a facility described
79.13 in subdivision 1 is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of this section.

79.14 Subd. 4. **Applicability.** This section is effective from January 1 to December 31 in any
79.15 year during which a decennial census is conducted under the authority of the United States
79.16 Constitution, article I, section 2.

79.17 Sec. 76. **MINNESOTA CENSUS 2020 MOBILIZATION.**

79.18 Subdivision 1. **Duty of commissioner of administration; grants and contracts.** (a)
79.19 The commissioner of administration must, in collaboration with the Minnesota Census 2020
79.20 Mobilization Partnership, facilitate the administration of a census mobilization program.
79.21 The purpose of the program must be to increase the participation of Minnesotans in the
79.22 2020 United States Census by implementing the outreach and mobilization activities
79.23 described in subdivisions 2 to 5.

79.24 (b) At least 45 percent of any appropriation provided to the commissioner for the program
79.25 required by this section must be allocated for a grant to the Minnesota Council on
79.26 Foundations. The Minnesota Council on Foundations must use the grant to issue subgrants
79.27 of up to \$5,000 to the identified fiscal hosts of any Minnesota-based complete count
79.28 committees. To be eligible for a subgrant, a complete count committee must be registered
79.29 with the United States Census Bureau and be a tribal nation, political subdivision, nonpartisan
79.30 nonprofit community organization, or public or private college or university engaged in
79.31 census mobilization work in Minnesota. The commissioner must advance up to 50 percent
79.32 of the grant and the Minnesota Council on Foundations may advance all or a portion of a
79.33 subgrant awarded under this section. Any appropriations not allocated for grants may be

80.1 used by the commissioner to further implement the outreach and mobilization activities
80.2 described in subdivisions 2 to 5 by contract or by directing the work of the office of the
80.3 state demographer.

80.4 (c) The commissioner of administration may waive application of all or any portion of
80.5 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.97 to 16B.991, in awarding grants; Minnesota Statutes,
80.6 chapter 16C, in entering contracts; and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16E, in purchasing
80.7 technology systems and software under this section to facilitate the timely distribution of
80.8 funds and to maximize the impact of the outreach and mobilization activities.
80.9 Notwithstanding the waivers authorized by this paragraph, the commissioner may not waive
80.10 application of policies or procedures designed to ensure diversity and the inclusion of
80.11 traditionally underrepresented groups among grant recipients and contract vendors.

80.12 (d) The commissioner must contract with Community Connection Labs to purchase
80.13 communication and technical tools designed to support census outreach efforts. If the
80.14 commissioner is unable to enter this contract, the commissioner may contract with another
80.15 vendor or vendors offering comparable products and tools, or may award grants to support
80.16 the purchase of comparable communication and technology tools.

80.17 Subd. 2. **Engaging hard to reach households.** The census mobilization partnership
80.18 program must support:

80.19 (1) initiatives to increase census response rates among households outside of the
80.20 11-county metropolitan area who receive mail through a post office box; and

80.21 (2) initiatives to increase awareness among census employees, multiunit apartment
80.22 managers and owners, and renters on the laws governing access to multiunit apartment
80.23 buildings by census employees.

80.24 Subd. 3. **Adapting to the electronic census.** The census mobilization partnership program
80.25 must support:

80.26 (1) opportunities for Minnesotans to submit their census response electronically through
80.27 online portals provided in common gathering spaces within a community; and

80.28 (2) commit-to-the-census initiatives that organize Minnesotans to commit to participate
80.29 in the census and include electronic reminders to facilitate their participation.

80.30 Subd. 4. **Reaching historically undercounted communities.** The census mobilization
80.31 partnership program must support:

80.32 (1) job sourcing initiatives that encourage a sufficient pool of qualified candidates to
80.33 apply for positions with the Census Bureau, and efforts to ensure that the pool of candidates

81.1 reflects the diversity of Minnesota's communities, including those communities historically
81.2 undercounted in census reports; and

81.3 (2) initiatives that engage historically undercounted communities and reduce census
81.4 participation gaps in these communities compared to Minnesota's historically high overall
81.5 census response rate.

81.6 Subd. 5. **Shared services.** The census mobilization partnership program must support
81.7 efficiency in census mobilization efforts by providing shared services to support local and
81.8 community census outreach, including development of multilingual educational and
81.9 promotional materials and tools to reach respondents through a variety of communication
81.10 platforms and services.

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

81.12 Sec. 77. **LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE WORKING GROUP ON THE**
81.13 **LEGISLATURE'S ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES.**

81.14 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The legislative employee working group on the legislature's
81.15 accessibility measures consists of 12 members. The senate majority leader and the speaker
81.16 of the house must each appoint four employees from among the following offices that serve
81.17 the respective bodies: media offices, information technology offices, legal and fiscal analysis
81.18 offices, the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and other
81.19 offices considered appropriate. The chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission must
81.20 appoint four members from among the employees who serve in the Office of the Revisor
81.21 of Statutes, the Legislative Reference Library, the Legislative Coordinating Commission,
81.22 and the Office of the Legislative Auditor. In conducting its work, the working group may
81.23 consult with the MN.IT Office of Accessibility; the Commission of Deaf, Deafblind and
81.24 Hard of Hearing; the Minnesota Council on Disability; State Services for the Blind; and
81.25 other groups that may be of assistance. Appointments to the working group must be made
81.26 by June 1, 2019.

81.27 Subd. 2. **Duties; report.** (a) The employee working group must submit a report to the
81.28 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
81.29 rules and to the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission by January
81.30 15, 2020. The report must:

81.31 (1) identify ways the legislature's accessibility measures do not meet accessibility
81.32 standards applicable to state agencies under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.03, subdivision
81.33 9;

82.1 (2) identify issues and technologies that may present barriers to compliance;

82.2 (3) suggest a compliance exception process;

82.3 (4) describe a plan to update the legislature's accessibility measures to be comparable
82.4 to those required of state agencies under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.03, subdivision
82.5 9; and

82.6 (5) estimate the costs for updates to the legislature's accessibility measures.

82.7 (b) For purposes of this report, the employee working group does not need to consider
82.8 making archived documents, recordings, or publications accessible.

82.9 Subd. 3. **First meeting; chair.** The executive director of the Legislative Coordinating
82.10 Commission must convene the first meeting of the working group by July 15, 2019. At the
82.11 first meeting, the members must elect a chair.

82.12 Subd. 4. **Compensation; reimbursement.** Members serve without compensation but
82.13 may be reimbursed for expenses.

82.14 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
82.15 provide administrative support to the working group.

82.16 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The working group expires January 15, 2020, or a later date selected
82.17 by agreement of the appointing authorities in subdivision 1, but not later than January 15,
82.18 2025.

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

82.20 Sec. 78. **LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE ELIMINATED.**

82.21 All operations of the Legislative Budget Office established in Minnesota Statutes, section
82.22 3.8853, and the Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission established in Minnesota
82.23 Statutes, section 3.8854, must be ended no later than July 1, 2019. Notwithstanding any
82.24 laws in effect at the time of their appointment, the term of employment of all Legislative
82.25 Budget Office employees is terminated effective July 1, 2019. The house of representatives,
82.26 senate, and Legislative Coordinating Commission must offer reasonable opportunities for
82.27 comparable employment in other offices of the legislature to employees whose positions
82.28 are terminated by this section, to the extent that is practical.

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

83.1 **Sec. 79. WORLD WAR I PLAQUE.**

83.2 Subdivision 1. Purpose. The state wishes to honor all Minnesota veterans who have
83.3 honorably and bravely served in the United States armed forces, both at home and abroad,
83.4 during World War I.

83.5 Subd. 2. Replacement plaque authorized. The commissioner of administration shall
83.6 place a memorial plaque in the court of honor on the Capitol grounds to recognize the valiant
83.7 service of Minnesota veterans who have honorably and bravely served in the United States
83.8 armed forces, both at home and abroad, during World War I. This plaque will replace the
83.9 current plaque honoring veterans who served abroad during World War I. The Capitol Area
83.10 Architectural and Planning Board shall solicit design submissions from the public. Each
83.11 design submission must include a commitment to furnish the plaque at no cost to the state.
83.12 The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board shall select a design from those submitted
83.13 to use as a basis for final production. The selected design must be approved by the
83.14 commissioner of veterans affairs and must be furnished by the person or group who submitted
83.15 the design at no cost to the state.

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

83.17 **Sec. 80. CAPITOL FLAG PROGRAM STUDY.**

83.18 (a) The commissioner of administration, in consultation with the Legislative Coordinating
83.19 Commission and the commissioners of veterans affairs, military affairs, and public safety,
83.20 must study and develop recommendations to implement a Capitol flag program consistent
83.21 with the program enacted in Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.276. The study must include
83.22 recommendations to address any expected challenges in implementing the program, including
83.23 the uncertainty of sufficient funding to serve all families that may be eligible for a flag, and
83.24 challenges in verifying a family member's eligibility.

83.25 (b) The commissioner must report the results of the study, including any
83.26 recommendations, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
83.27 with jurisdiction over state government finance and veterans affairs no later than January
83.28 15, 2020.

83.29 **Sec. 81. MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF STATE OFFICE BUILDING.**

83.30 No later than January 1, 2020, the commissioner of administration must enter a contract
83.31 with the house of representatives for the regular maintenance and upkeep of space occupied
83.32 by the house of representatives in the State Office Building.

85.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.065, is amended to read:

85.2 **16A.065 PREPAY SOFTWARE, SUBSCRIPTIONS, UNITED STATES**
85.3 **DOCUMENTS.**

85.4 Notwithstanding section 16A.41, subdivision 1, the commissioner may allow an agency
85.5 to make advance deposits or payments for software or software maintenance services for
85.6 state-owned or leased electronic data processing equipment, for information technology
85.7 hosting services, for sole source maintenance agreements where it is not cost-effective to
85.8 pay in arrears, for exhibit booth space or boat slip rental when required by the renter to
85.9 guarantee the availability of space, for registration fees where advance payment is required
85.10 or advance payment discount is provided, and for newspaper, magazine, and other
85.11 subscription fees, and other costs where advance payment discount is provided or are
85.12 customarily paid for in advance. The commissioner may also allow advance deposits by
85.13 any department with the Library of Congress and federal Supervisor of Documents for items
85.14 to be purchased from those federal agencies.

85.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.13, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

85.16 Subd. 2a. **Procedure.** The commissioner shall see that the deduction for the withheld
85.17 tax is made from an employee's pay on the payroll abstract. The commissioner shall approve
85.18 one warrant payable payment to the commissioner for the total amount deducted on the
85.19 abstract. Deductions from the pay of an employee paid direct by an agency shall be made
85.20 by the employee's payroll authority. A later deduction must correct an error made on an
85.21 earlier deduction. The paying authority shall see that a warrant or check payment for the
85.22 deductions is promptly sent to the commissioner. The commissioner shall deposit the amount
85.23 of the warrant or check payment to the credit of the proper federal authority or other person
85.24 authorized by federal law to receive it.

85.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

85.26 Subd. 3. **Allotment and encumbrance.** (a) A payment may not be made without prior
85.27 obligation. An obligation may not be incurred against any fund, allotment, or appropriation
85.28 unless the commissioner has certified a sufficient unencumbered balance or the accounting
85.29 system shows sufficient allotment or encumbrance balance in the fund, allotment, or
85.30 appropriation to meet it. The commissioner shall determine when the accounting system
85.31 may be used to incur obligations without the commissioner's certification of a sufficient
85.32 unencumbered balance. An expenditure or obligation authorized or incurred in violation of
85.33 this chapter is invalid and ineligible for payment until made valid. A payment made in

86.1 violation of this chapter is illegal. An employee authorizing or making the payment, or
86.2 taking part in it, and a person receiving any part of the payment, are jointly and severally
86.3 liable to the state for the amount paid or received. If an employee knowingly incurs an
86.4 obligation or authorizes or makes an expenditure in violation of this chapter or takes part
86.5 in the violation, the violation is just cause for the employee's removal by the appointing
86.6 authority or by the governor if an appointing authority other than the governor fails to do
86.7 so. In the latter case, the governor shall give notice of the violation and an opportunity to
86.8 be heard on it to the employee and to the appointing authority. A claim presented against
86.9 an appropriation without prior allotment or encumbrance may be made valid on investigation,
86.10 review, and approval by the agency head in accordance with the commissioner's policy, if
86.11 the services, materials, or supplies to be paid for were actually furnished in good faith
86.12 without collusion and without intent to defraud. The commissioner may then ~~draw a warrant~~
86.13 ~~to~~ pay the claim just as properly allotted and encumbered claims are paid.

86.14 (b) The commissioner may approve payment for materials and supplies in excess of the
86.15 obligation amount when increases are authorized by section 16C.03, subdivision 3.

86.16 (c) To minimize potential construction delay claims, an agency with a project funded
86.17 by a building appropriation may allow a contractor to proceed with supplemental work
86.18 within the limits of the appropriation before money is encumbered. Under this circumstance,
86.19 the agency may requisition funds and allow contractors to expeditiously proceed with a
86.20 construction sequence. While the contractor is proceeding, the agency shall immediately
86.21 act to encumber the required funds.

86.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.272, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

86.23 Subd. 3. **Section 7.19 16A.271 to apply.** The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941,
86.24 section 7.19 16A.271, shall apply to deposits of securities made pursuant to this section.

86.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.40, is amended to read:

86.26 **16A.40 WARRANTS AND ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS.**

86.27 Money must not be paid out of the state treasury except upon the warrant of the
86.28 commissioner or an electronic fund transfer approved by the commissioner. Warrants must
86.29 be drawn on printed blanks that are in numerical order. The commissioner shall enter, in
86.30 numerical order in a warrant payment register, the number, amount, date, and payee for
86.31 every warrant payment issued.

87.1 The commissioner may require payees to supply their bank routing information to enable
87.2 the payments to be made through an electronic fund transfer.

87.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.42, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

87.4 Subd. 2. **Approval.** If the claim is approved, the commissioner shall ~~complete and sign~~
87.5 ~~a warrant~~ issue a payment in the amount of the claim.

87.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.42, is amended by adding a subdivision to
87.7 read:

87.8 Subd. 5. **Invalid claims.** If the commissioner determines that a claim is invalid after
87.9 issuing a warrant, the commissioner may void an unpaid warrant. The commissioner is not
87.10 liable to any holder who took the void warrant for value.

87.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.671, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.12 Subdivision 1. **Authority; advisory recommendation.** To ensure that cash is available
87.13 when needed to ~~pay warrants~~ make payments drawn on the general fund under appropriations
87.14 and allotments, the commissioner may (1) issue certificates of indebtedness in anticipation
87.15 of the collection of taxes levied for and other revenues appropriated to the general fund for
87.16 expenditure during each biennium; and (2) issue additional certificates to refund outstanding
87.17 certificates and interest on them, under the constitution, article XI, section 6.

87.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16B.37, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

87.19 Subd. 4. **Work of department for another.** To avoid duplication and improve efficiency,
87.20 the commissioner may direct an agency to do work for another agency or may direct a
87.21 division or section of an agency to do work for another division or section within the same
87.22 agency and shall require reimbursement for the work. Reimbursements received by an
87.23 agency are reappropriated to the account making the original expenditure in accordance
87.24 with the transfer ~~warrant~~ procedure established by the commissioner of management and
87.25 budget.

87.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16D.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

87.27 Subd. 2. **State agency reports.** State agencies shall report quarterly to the commissioner
87.28 of management and budget the debts owed to them. The commissioner of management and
87.29 budget, ~~in consultation with the commissioners of revenue and human services, and the~~
87.30 ~~attorney general,~~ shall establish internal guidelines for the recognition, tracking, and

88.1 reporting, ~~and collection~~ of debts owed the state. The internal guidelines must include
88.2 accounting standards, performance measurements, and uniform reporting requirements
88.3 applicable to all state agencies. The commissioner of management and budget shall require
88.4 a state agency to recognize, track, report, and attempt to collect debts according to the
88.5 internal guidelines. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of management
88.6 and budget and the attorney general, shall establish internal guidelines for the collection of
88.7 debt owed to the state.

88.8 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16D.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.9 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) When a debt is determined by a state agency to be
88.10 uncollectible, the debt may be written off by the state agency from the state agency's financial
88.11 accounting records and no longer recognized as an account receivable for financial reporting
88.12 purposes. A debt is considered to be uncollectible when (1) all reasonable collection efforts
88.13 have been exhausted, (2) the cost of further collection action will exceed the amount
88.14 recoverable, (3) the debt is legally without merit or cannot be substantiated by evidence,
88.15 (4) the debtor cannot be located, (5) the available assets or income, current or anticipated,
88.16 that may be available for payment of the debt are insufficient, (6) the debt has been
88.17 discharged in bankruptcy, (7) the applicable statute of limitations for collection of the debt
88.18 has expired, or (8) it is not in the public interest to pursue collection of the debt. The
88.19 ~~determination of the uncollectibility of a~~

88.20 (b) Uncollectible debt must be reported by the state agency along with the basis for that
88.21 decision as part of its quarterly reports to the commissioner of management and budget.
88.22 The basis for the determination of the uncollectibility of the debt must be maintained by
88.23 the state agency. If an uncollectible debt equals or exceeds \$100,000, the agency shall notify
88.24 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
88.25 over the state agency's budget at the time the debt is determined to be uncollectible. The
88.26 information reported shall contain the entity associated with the uncollected debt, the amount
88.27 of the debt, the revenue type, the reason the debt is considered uncollectible, and the duration
88.28 the debt has been outstanding. The commissioner of management and budget shall report
88.29 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
88.30 over Minnesota Management and Budget an annual summary of the number and dollar
88.31 amount of debts determined to be uncollectible during the previous fiscal year by October
88.32 31 of each year. Determining that the debt is uncollectible does not cancel the legal obligation
88.33 of the debtor to pay the debt.

89.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 21.116, is amended to read:

89.2 **21.116 EXPENSES.**

89.3 All necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of sections 21.111 to
89.4 21.122 and the compensation of officers, inspectors, and employees appointed, designated,
89.5 or employed by the commissioner, as provided in such sections, together with their necessary
89.6 traveling expenses, together with the traveling expenses of the members of the advisory
89.7 seed potato certification committee, and other expenses necessary in attending committee
89.8 meetings, shall be paid from, and only from, the seed potato inspection account, on order
89.9 of the commissioner and commissioner of management and ~~budget's voucher warrant~~ budget.

89.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 80A.65, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

89.11 Subd. 9. **Generally.** No filing for which a fee is required shall be deemed to be filed or
89.12 given any effect until the proper fee is paid. All fees and charges collected by the
89.13 administrator shall be covered into the state treasury. When any person is entitled to a refund
89.14 under this section, the administrator shall certify to the commissioner of management and
89.15 budget the amount of the fee to be refunded to the applicant, and the commissioner of
89.16 management and budget shall issue a ~~warrant in~~ payment thereof out of the fund to which
89.17 such fee was credited in the manner provided by law. There is hereby appropriated to the
89.18 person entitled to such refunds from the fund in the state treasury to which such fees were
89.19 credited an amount to make such refunds and payments.

89.20 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84A.23, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

89.21 Subd. 4. **Drainage ditch bonds; reports.** (a) Immediately after a project is approved
89.22 and accepted and then after each distribution of the tax collections on the June and November
89.23 tax settlements, the county auditor shall certify to the commissioner of management and
89.24 budget the following information relating to bonds issued to finance or refinance public
89.25 drainage ditches wholly or partly within the projects, and the collection of assessments
89.26 levied on account of the ditches:

89.27 (1) the amount of principal and interest to become due on the bonds before the next tax
89.28 settlement and distribution;

89.29 (2) the amount of money collected from the drainage assessments and credited to the
89.30 funds of the ditches; and

89.31 (3) the amount of the deficit in the ditch fund of the county chargeable to the ditches.

90.1 (b) On approving the certificate, the commissioner of management and budget shall
90.2 ~~draw a warrant~~ issue a payment, payable out of the fund pertaining to the project, for the
90.3 amount of the deficit in favor of the county.

90.4 (c) As to public drainage ditches wholly within a project, the amount of money paid to
90.5 or for the benefit of the county under paragraph (b) must never exceed the principal and
90.6 interest of the bonds issued to finance or refinance the ditches outstanding at the time of
90.7 the passage and approval of sections 84A.20 to 84A.30, less money on hand in the county
90.8 ditch fund to the credit of the ditches. The liabilities must be reduced from time to time by
90.9 the amount of all payments of assessments after April 25, 1931, made by the owners of
90.10 lands assessed before that date for benefits on account of the ditches.

90.11 (d) As to public drainage ditches partly within and partly outside a project, the amount
90.12 paid from the fund pertaining to the project to or for the benefit of the county must never
90.13 exceed a certain percentage of bonds issued to finance and refinance the ditches so
90.14 outstanding, less money on hand in the county ditch fund to the credit of the ditches on
90.15 April 25, 1931. The percentage must bear the same proportion to the whole amount of these
90.16 bonds as the original benefits assessed against lands within the project bear to the original
90.17 total benefits assessed to the entire system of the ditches. This liability shall be reduced
90.18 from time to time by the payments of all assessments extended after April 25, 1931, made
90.19 by the owners of lands within the project of assessments for benefits assessed before that
90.20 date on account of a ditch.

90.21 (e) The commissioner of management and budget may provide and prescribe forms for
90.22 reports required by sections 84A.20 to 84A.30 and require any additional information from
90.23 county officials that the commissioner of management and budget considers necessary for
90.24 the proper administration of sections 84A.20 to 84A.30.

90.25 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84A.33, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

90.26 Subd. 4. **Ditch bonds; funds; payments to counties.** (a) Upon the approval and
90.27 acceptance of a project and after each distribution of the tax collections for the June and
90.28 November tax settlements, the county auditor shall certify to the commissioner of
90.29 management and budget the following information about bonds issued to finance or refinance
90.30 public drainage ditches wholly or partly within the projects, and the collection of assessments
90.31 levied for the ditches:

90.32 (1) the amount of principal and interest to become due on the bonds before the next tax
90.33 settlement and distribution;

91.1 (2) the amount of money collected from the drainage assessments and credited to the
91.2 funds of the ditches, not already sent to the commissioner of management and budget as
91.3 provided in sections 84A.31 to 84A.42; and

91.4 (3) the amount of the deficit in the ditch fund of the county chargeable to the ditches.

91.5 (b) On approving this certificate of the county auditor, the commissioner of management
91.6 and budget shall ~~draw a warrant~~ issue a payment, payable out of the fund provided for in
91.7 sections 84A.31 to 84A.42, and send it to the county treasurer of the county. These funds
91.8 must be credited to the proper ditch of the county and placed in the ditch bond fund of the
91.9 county, which is created, and used only to pay the ditch bonded indebtedness of the county
91.10 assumed by the state under sections 84A.31 to 84A.42. The total amount of ~~warrants drawn~~
91.11 payments issued must not exceed in any one year the total amount of the deficit provided
91.12 for under this section.

91.13 (c) The state is subrogated to all title, right, interest, or lien of the county in or on the
91.14 lands so certified within these projects.

91.15 (d) As to public drainage ditches wholly within a project, the amount paid to, or for the
91.16 benefit of, the county under this subdivision must never exceed the principal and interest
91.17 of the bonds issued to finance or refinance a ditch outstanding on April 22, 1933, less money
91.18 on hand in the county ditch fund to the credit of a ditch. These liabilities must be reduced
91.19 from time to time by the amount of any payments of assessments extended after April 22,
91.20 1933, made by the owners of lands assessed before that date for benefits on account of the
91.21 ditches.

91.22 As to public drainage ditches partly within and partly outside a project the amount paid
91.23 from the fund pertaining to the project to or for the benefit of the county must never exceed
91.24 a certain percentage of bonds issued to finance and refinance a ditch so outstanding, less
91.25 money on hand in the county ditch fund to the credit of a ditch on April 22, 1932. The
91.26 percentage must bear the same proportion to the whole amount of the bonds as the original
91.27 benefits assessed against these lands within the project bear to the original total benefits
91.28 assessed to the entire system for a ditch. This liability must be reduced from time to time
91.29 by the payments of all assessments extended after April 22, 1933, made by the owners of
91.30 lands within the project of assessments for benefits assessed before that date on account of
91.31 a ditch.

92.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84A.52, is amended to read:

92.2 **84A.52 ACCOUNTS; EXAMINATION, APPROPRIATION, PAYMENT.**

92.3 (a) As a part of the examination provided for by section 6.481, of the accounts of the
92.4 several counties within a game preserve, area, or project established under section 84A.01,
92.5 84A.20, or 84A.31, the state auditor shall segregate the audit of the accounts reflecting the
92.6 receipt and disbursement of money collected or disbursed under this chapter or from the
92.7 sale of tax-forfeited lands held by the state under section 84A.07, 84A.26, or 84A.36. The
92.8 auditor shall also include in the reports required by section 6.481 summary statements as
92.9 of December 31 before the examination that set forth the proportionate amount of principal
92.10 and interest due from the state to the individual county and any money due the state from
92.11 the county remaining unpaid under this chapter, or from the sale of any tax-forfeited lands
92.12 referred to in this section, and other information required by the commissioner of management
92.13 and budget. On receiving a report, the commissioner of management and budget shall
92.14 determine the net amount due to the county for the period covered by the report and shall
92.15 ~~draw a warrant~~ issue a payment upon the state treasury payable out of the consolidated fund
92.16 for that amount. It must be paid to and received by the county as payment in full of all
92.17 amounts due for the period stated on the ~~warrants~~ payments from the state under any
92.18 provision of this chapter.

92.19 (b) Money to ~~pay the warrants~~ make the payments is appropriated to the counties entitled
92.20 to payment from the consolidated fund in the state treasury.

92.21 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 88.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.22 Subdivision 1. **Limitation.** The compensation and expenses of persons temporarily
92.23 employed in emergencies in suppression or control of wildfires shall be fixed by the
92.24 commissioner of natural resources or an authorized agent and paid as provided by law. Such
92.25 compensation shall not exceed the maximum rate for comparable labor established as
92.26 provided by law or rules, but shall not be subject to any minimum rate so established. The
92.27 commissioner is authorized to draw and expend from money appropriated for the purposes
92.28 of sections 88.03 to 88.22 a reasonable sum and through forest officers or other authorized
92.29 agent be used in paying emergency expenses, including just compensation for services
92.30 rendered by persons summoned and for private property used, damaged, or appropriated
92.31 under sections 88.03 to 88.22. The commissioner of management and budget is authorized
92.32 to ~~draw a warrant~~ issue a payment for this sum when duly approved by the commissioner.
92.33 The commissioner or agent in charge shall take proper subvouchers or receipts from all
92.34 persons to whom these moneys are paid, and after these subvouchers have been approved

93.1 they shall be filed with the commissioner of management and budget. Authorized funds as
93.2 herein provided at any time shall be deposited, subject to withdrawal or disbursement by
93.3 check or otherwise for the purposes herein prescribed, in a bank authorized and bonded to
93.4 receive state deposits; and the bond of this bank to the state shall cover and include this
93.5 deposit.

93.6 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 94.522, is amended to read:

93.7 **94.522 ~~WARRANTS~~ PAYMENTS TO COUNTY TREASURERS; USE OF**
93.8 **PROCEEDS.**

93.9 It shall be the duty of the commissioner of management and budget to transmit ~~warrants~~
93.10 ~~on payments from~~ the state treasury to the county treasurer of the respective counties for
93.11 the sums that may be due in accordance with section 94.521, which sums are hereby
93.12 appropriated out of the state treasury from the amounts received from the United States
93.13 government pursuant to the aforesaid acts of Congress, and such money shall be used by
93.14 the counties receiving the same for the purposes and in the proportions herein provided.

93.15 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 94.53, is amended to read:

93.16 **94.53 ~~WARRANTS~~ PAYMENTS TO COUNTY TREASURERS; FEDERAL**
93.17 **LOANS TO COUNTIES.**

93.18 It shall be the duty of the commissioner of management and budget to transmit ~~warrants~~
93.19 ~~on payments from~~ the state treasury to the county treasurers of the respective counties for
93.20 the sum that may be due in accordance with sections 94.52 to 94.54, which sum or sums
93.21 are hereby appropriated out of the state treasury from the amounts received from the United
93.22 States government pursuant to the aforesaid act of Congress. The commissioner of
93.23 management and budget, upon being notified by the federal government or any agencies
93.24 thereof that a loan has been made to any such county the repayment of which is to be made
93.25 from such fund, is authorized to transmit a ~~warrant or warrants~~ payment to the federal
93.26 government or any agency thereof sufficient to repay such loan out of any money apportioned
93.27 or due to such county under the provisions of such act of Congress, approved May 23, 1908
93.28 (Statutes at Large, volume 35, page 260).

93.29 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 116J.64, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

93.30 Subd. 7. **Processing.** (a) An Indian desiring a loan for the purpose of starting a business
93.31 enterprise or expanding an existing business shall make application to the appropriate tribal
93.32 government. The application shall be forwarded to the appropriate eligible organization, if

94.1 it is participating in the program, for consideration in conformity with the plans submitted
94.2 by said tribal governments. The tribal government may approve the application if it
94.3 determines that the loan would advance the goals of the Indian business loan program. If
94.4 the tribal government is not participating in the program, the agency may directly approve
94.5 or deny the loan application.

94.6 (b) If the application is approved, the tribal government shall forward the application,
94.7 together with all relevant documents pertinent thereto, to the commissioner of the agency,
94.8 who shall ~~cause a warrant~~ request a payment to be drawn in favor of issued to the applicant
94.9 or the applicable tribal government, or the agency, if it is administering the loan, with
94.10 appropriate notations identifying the borrower.

94.11 (c) The tribal government, eligible organization, or the agency, if it is administering the
94.12 loan, shall maintain records of transactions for each borrower in a manner consistent with
94.13 good accounting practice. The interest rate on a loan shall be established by the tribal
94.14 government or the agency, but may be no less than two percent per annum nor more than
94.15 ten percent per annum. When any portion of a debt is repaid, the tribal government, eligible
94.16 organization, or the agency, if it is administering the loan, shall remit the amount so received
94.17 plus interest paid thereon to the commissioner of management and budget through the
94.18 agency. The amount so received shall be credited to the Indian business loan account.

94.19 (d) On the placing of a loan, additional money equal to ten percent of the total amount
94.20 made available to any tribal government, eligible organization, or the agency, if it is
94.21 administering the loan, for loans during the fiscal year shall be paid to the tribal government,
94.22 eligible organization, or the agency, prior to December 31 for the purpose of financing
94.23 administrative costs.

94.24 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.34, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

94.25 Subdivision 1. **Copy to commissioner of management and budget; appropriation.** The
94.26 commissioner shall furnish a copy of the apportionment of the school endowment fund to
94.27 the commissioner of management and budget, who thereupon shall ~~draw warrants on~~ issue
94.28 payments from the state treasury, payable to the several districts, for the amount due each
94.29 district. There is hereby annually appropriated from the school endowment fund the amount
94.30 of such apportionments.

95.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.40, is amended to read:

95.2 **127A.40 MANNER OF PAYMENT OF STATE AIDS.**

95.3 It shall be the duty of the commissioner to deliver to the commissioner of management
95.4 and budget a certificate for each district entitled to receive state aid under the provisions of
95.5 this chapter. Upon the receipt of such certificate, it shall be the duty of the commissioner
95.6 of management and budget to ~~draw a warrant in favor of~~ issue a payment to the district for
95.7 the amount shown by each certificate to be due to the district. The commissioner of
95.8 management and budget shall transmit such ~~warrants~~ payments to the district together with
95.9 a copy of the certificate prepared by the commissioner.

95.10 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136F.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

95.11 Subd. 3. **Refunds.** The board may make refunds to students for tuition, activity fees,
95.12 union fees, and any other fees from imprest cash funds. The imprest cash fund shall be
95.13 reimbursed periodically by ~~checks or warrants drawn on~~ payments issued from the funds
95.14 and accounts to which the refund should ultimately be charged. The amounts necessary to
95.15 pay the refunds are appropriated from the funds and accounts to which they are charged.

95.16 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 176.181, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

95.17 Subd. 2. **Compulsory insurance; self-insurers.** (a) Every employer, except the state
95.18 and its municipal subdivisions, liable under this chapter to pay compensation shall insure
95.19 payment of compensation with some insurance carrier authorized to insure workers'
95.20 compensation liability in this state, or obtain a written order from the commissioner of
95.21 commerce exempting the employer from insuring liability for compensation and permitting
95.22 self-insurance of the liability. The terms, conditions and requirements governing
95.23 self-insurance shall be established by the commissioner pursuant to chapter 14. The
95.24 commissioner of commerce shall also adopt, pursuant to paragraph (d), rules permitting
95.25 two or more employers, whether or not they are in the same industry, to enter into agreements
95.26 to pool their liabilities under this chapter for the purpose of qualifying as group self-insurers.
95.27 With the approval of the commissioner of commerce, any employer may exclude medical,
95.28 chiropractic and hospital benefits as required by this chapter. An employer conducting
95.29 distinct operations at different locations may either insure or self-insure the other portion
95.30 of operations as a distinct and separate risk. An employer desiring to be exempted from
95.31 insuring liability for compensation shall make application to the commissioner of commerce,
95.32 showing financial ability to pay the compensation, whereupon by written order the
95.33 commissioner of commerce, on deeming it proper, may make an exemption. An employer

96.1 may establish financial ability to pay compensation by providing financial statements of
96.2 the employer to the commissioner of commerce. Upon ten days' written notice the
96.3 commissioner of commerce may revoke the order granting an exemption, in which event
96.4 the employer shall immediately insure the liability. As a condition for the granting of an
96.5 exemption the commissioner of commerce may require the employer to furnish security the
96.6 commissioner of commerce considers sufficient to insure payment of all claims under this
96.7 chapter, consistent with subdivision 2b. If the required security is in the form of currency
96.8 or negotiable bonds, the commissioner of commerce shall deposit it with the commissioner
96.9 of management and budget. In the event of any default upon the part of a self-insurer to
96.10 abide by any final order or decision of the commissioner of labor and industry directing and
96.11 awarding payment of compensation and benefits to any employee or the dependents of any
96.12 deceased employee, then upon at least ten days' notice to the self-insurer, the commissioner
96.13 of commerce may by written order to the commissioner of management and budget require
96.14 the commissioner of management and budget to sell the pledged and assigned securities or
96.15 a part thereof necessary to pay the full amount of any such claim or award with interest
96.16 thereon. This authority to sell may be exercised from time to time to satisfy any order or
96.17 award of the commissioner of labor and industry or any judgment obtained thereon. When
96.18 securities are sold the money obtained shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit
96.19 of the commissioner of commerce and awards made against any such self-insurer by the
96.20 commissioner of commerce shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto by the commissioner
96.21 of management and budget upon ~~warrants prepared~~ payments requested by the commissioner
96.22 of commerce out of the proceeds of the sale of securities. Where the security is in the form
96.23 of a surety bond or personal guaranty the commissioner of commerce, at any time, upon at
96.24 least ten days' notice and opportunity to be heard, may require the surety to pay the amount
96.25 of the award, the payments to be enforced in like manner as the award may be enforced.

96.26 (b) No association, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust or other business
96.27 entity shall provide services in the design, establishment or administration of a group
96.28 self-insurance plan under rules adopted pursuant to this subdivision unless it is licensed, or
96.29 exempt from licensure, pursuant to section 60A.23, subdivision 8, to do so by the
96.30 commissioner of commerce. An applicant for a license shall state in writing the type of
96.31 activities it seeks authorization to engage in and the type of services it seeks authorization
96.32 to provide. The license shall be granted only when the commissioner of commerce is satisfied
96.33 that the entity possesses the necessary organization, background, expertise, and financial
96.34 integrity to supply the services sought to be offered. The commissioner of commerce may
96.35 issue a license subject to restrictions or limitations, including restrictions or limitations on

97.1 the type of services which may be supplied or the activities which may be engaged in. The
97.2 license is for a two-year period.

97.3 (c) To assure that group self-insurance plans are financially solvent, administered in a
97.4 fair and capable fashion, and able to process claims and pay benefits in a prompt, fair and
97.5 equitable manner, entities licensed to engage in such business are subject to supervision
97.6 and examination by the commissioner of commerce.

97.7 (d) To carry out the purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner of commerce may
97.8 promulgate administrative rules pursuant to sections 14.001 to 14.69. These rules may:

97.9 (1) establish reporting requirements for administrators of group self-insurance plans;

97.10 (2) establish standards and guidelines consistent with subdivision 2b to assure the
97.11 adequacy of the financing and administration of group self-insurance plans;

97.12 (3) establish bonding requirements or other provisions assuring the financial integrity
97.13 of entities administering group self-insurance plans;

97.14 (4) establish standards, including but not limited to minimum terms of membership in
97.15 self-insurance plans, as necessary to provide stability for those plans;

97.16 (5) establish standards or guidelines governing the formation, operation, administration,
97.17 and dissolution of self-insurance plans; and

97.18 (6) establish other reasonable requirements to further the purposes of this subdivision.

97.19 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 176.581, is amended to read:

97.20 **176.581 PAYMENT TO STATE EMPLOYEES.**

97.21 Upon a ~~warrant~~ request prepared by the commissioner of administration, and in
97.22 accordance with the terms of the order awarding compensation, the commissioner of
97.23 management and budget shall pay compensation to the employee or the employee's
97.24 dependent. These payments shall be made from money appropriated for this purpose.

97.25 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 176.591, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

97.26 Subd. 3. **Compensation payments upon warrants request.** The commissioner of
97.27 management and budget shall make compensation payments from the fund only as authorized
97.28 by this chapter upon warrants request of the commissioner of administration.

98.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 192.55, is amended to read:

98.2 **192.55 PAYMENTS TO BE MADE THROUGH ADJUTANT GENERAL.**

98.3 All pay and allowances and necessary expenses for any of the military forces shall, when
98.4 approved by the adjutant general, be paid by commissioner of management and ~~budget's~~
98.5 ~~warrants issued~~ budget to the several officers and enlisted members entitled thereto; provided,
98.6 that upon the request of the adjutant general, approved by the governor, the sum required
98.7 for any such pay or allowances and necessary expenses shall be paid by commissioner of
98.8 management and ~~budget's warrant~~ budget to the adjutant general, who shall immediately
98.9 pay and distribute the same to the several officers or enlisted members entitled thereto or
98.10 to their commanding officers or to a finance officer designated by the adjutant general. The
98.11 receipt of any such commanding officer or finance officer for any such payment shall
98.12 discharge the adjutant general from liability therefor. Every commanding officer or finance
98.13 officer receiving any such payment shall, as soon as practicable, pay and distribute the same
98.14 to the several officers or enlisted members entitled thereto. The officer making final payment
98.15 shall, as evidence thereof, secure the signature of the person receiving the same upon a
98.16 payroll or other proper voucher.

98.17 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 237.30, is amended to read:

98.18 **237.30 TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION FUND; APPROPRIATION.**

98.19 A Minnesota Telephone Investigation Fund shall exist for the use of the Department of
98.20 Commerce and of the attorney general in investigations, valuations, and revaluations under
98.21 section 237.295. All sums paid by the telephone companies to reimburse the department
98.22 for its expenses pursuant to section 237.295 shall be credited to the revolving fund and shall
98.23 be deposited in a separate bank account and not commingled with any other state funds or
98.24 moneys, but any balance in excess of \$25,000 in the revolving fund at the end of each fiscal
98.25 year shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund. All subsequent
98.26 credits to said revolving fund shall be paid ~~upon the warrant of~~ by the commissioner of
98.27 management and budget upon application of the department or of the attorney general to
98.28 an aggregate amount of not more than one-half of such sums to each of them, which
98.29 proportion shall be constantly maintained in all credits and withdrawals from the revolving
98.30 fund.

98.31 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 244.19, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

98.32 Subd. 7. **Certificate of counties entitled to state aid.** On or before January 1 of each
98.33 year, until 1970 and on or before April 1 thereafter, the commissioner of corrections shall

99.1 deliver to the commissioner of management and budget a certificate in duplicate for each
99.2 county of the state entitled to receive state aid under the provisions of this section. Upon
99.3 the receipt of such certificate, the commissioner of management and budget shall ~~draw a~~
99.4 ~~warrant in favor of~~ issue a payment to the county treasurer for the amount shown by each
99.5 certificate to be due to the county specified. The commissioner of management and budget
99.6 shall transmit such ~~warrant~~ payment to the county treasurer together with a copy of the
99.7 certificate prepared by the commissioner of corrections.

99.8 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.20, is amended to read:

99.9 **256B.20 COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS.**

99.10 The providing of funds necessary to carry out the provisions hereof on the part of the
99.11 counties and the manner of administering the funds of the counties and the state shall be as
99.12 follows:

99.13 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county shall annually set up in its budget
99.14 an item designated as the county medical assistance fund and levy taxes and fix a rate
99.15 therefor sufficient to produce the full amount of such item, in addition to all other tax levies
99.16 and tax rate, however fixed or determined, sufficient to carry out the provisions hereof and
99.17 sufficient to pay in full the county share of assistance and administrative expense for the
99.18 ensuing year; and annually on or before October 10 shall certify the same to the county
99.19 auditor to be entered by the auditor on the tax rolls. Such tax levy and tax rate shall make
99.20 proper allowance and provision for shortage in tax collections.

99.21 (2) Any county may transfer surplus funds from any county fund, except the sinking or
99.22 ditch fund, to the general fund or to the county medical assistance fund in order to provide
99.23 money necessary to pay medical assistance awarded hereunder. The money so transferred
99.24 shall be used for no other purpose, but any portion thereof no longer needed for such purpose
99.25 shall be transferred back to the fund from which taken.

99.26 (3) Upon the order of the county agency the county auditor shall draw a warrant on the
99.27 proper fund in accordance with the order, and the county treasurer shall pay out the amounts
99.28 ordered to be paid out as medical assistance hereunder. When necessary by reason of failure
99.29 to levy sufficient taxes for the payment of the medical assistance in the county, the county
99.30 auditor shall carry any such payments as an overdraft on the medical assistance funds of
99.31 the county until sufficient tax funds shall be provided for such assistance payments. The
99.32 board of county commissioners shall include in the tax levy and tax rate in the year following
99.33 the year in which such overdraft occurred, an amount sufficient to liquidate such overdraft
99.34 in full.

100.1 (4) Claims for reimbursement and reports shall be presented to the state agency by the
100.2 respective counties as required under section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (p). The state
100.3 agency shall audit such claims and certify to the commissioner of management and budget
100.4 the amounts due the respective counties without delay. The amounts so certified shall be
100.5 paid within ten days after such certification, from the state treasury upon ~~warrant~~ payment
100.6 of the commissioner of management and budget from any money available therefor. The
100.7 money available to the state agency to carry out the provisions hereof, including all federal
100.8 funds available to the state, shall be kept and deposited by the commissioner of management
100.9 and budget in the revenue fund and disbursed ~~upon warrants~~ in the same manner as other
100.10 state funds.

100.11 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 299C.21, is amended to read:

100.12 **299C.21 PENALTY ON LOCAL OFFICER REFUSING INFORMATION.**

100.13 If any public official charged with the duty of furnishing to the bureau fingerprint records,
100.14 biological specimens, reports, or other information required by sections 299C.06, 299C.10,
100.15 299C.105, 299C.11, 299C.17, shall neglect or refuse to comply with such requirement, the
100.16 bureau, in writing, shall notify the state, county, or city officer charged with the issuance
100.17 of a ~~warrant~~ for the payment of the salary of such official. Upon the receipt of the notice
100.18 the state, county, or city official shall withhold the issuance of a ~~warrant~~ for the payment
100.19 of the salary or other compensation accruing to such officer for the period of 30 days
100.20 thereafter until notified by the bureau that such suspension has been released by the
100.21 performance of the required duty.

100.22 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 352.04, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

100.23 Subd. 9. **Erroneous deductions, canceled ~~warrants~~ payments.** (a) Deductions taken
100.24 from the salary of an employee for the retirement fund in excess of required amounts must,
100.25 upon discovery and verification by the department making the deduction, be refunded to
100.26 the employee.

100.27 (b) If a deduction for the retirement fund is taken from a salary ~~warrant or check~~ payment,
100.28 and the ~~check~~ payment is canceled or the amount of the ~~warrant or check~~ payment returned
100.29 to the funds of the department making the payment, the sum deducted, or the part of it
100.30 required to adjust the deductions, must be refunded to the department or institution if the
100.31 department applies for the refund on a form furnished by the director. The department's
100.32 payments must likewise be refunded to the department.

101.1 (c) If erroneous employee deductions and employer contributions are caused by an error
101.2 in plan coverage involving the plan and any other plans specified in section 356.99, that
101.3 section applies. If the employee should have been covered by the plan governed by chapter
101.4 352D, 353D, 354B, or 354D, the employee deductions and employer contributions taken
101.5 in error must be directly transferred to the applicable employee's account in the correct
101.6 retirement plan, with interest at the applicable monthly rate or rates specified in section
101.7 356.59, subdivision 2, compounded annually, from the first day of the month following the
101.8 month in which coverage should have commenced in the correct defined contribution plan
101.9 until the end of the month in which the transfer occurs.

101.10 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 353.05, is amended to read:

101.11 **353.05 CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS.**

101.12 The commissioner of management and budget shall be ex officio treasurer of the
101.13 retirement funds of the association and the general bond of the commissioner of management
101.14 and budget to the state must be so conditioned as to cover all liability for acts as treasurer
101.15 of these funds. All money of the association received by the commissioner of management
101.16 and budget must be set aside in the state treasury to the credit of the proper fund or account.
101.17 The commissioner of management and budget shall transmit monthly to the executive
101.18 director a detailed statement of all amounts so received and credited to the funds. Payments
101.19 out of the funds may only be made ~~on warrants~~ as payments issued by the commissioner of
101.20 management and budget, upon abstracts signed by the executive director; provided that
101.21 abstracts for investment may be signed by the executive director of the State Board of
101.22 Investment.

101.23 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 354.42, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

101.24 Subd. 7. **Erroneous salary deductions or direct payments.** (a) Any deductions taken
101.25 from the salary of an employee for the retirement fund in excess of amounts required must
101.26 be refunded to the employee upon the discovery of the error and after the verification of
101.27 the error by the employing unit making the deduction. The corresponding excess employer
101.28 contribution and excess additional employer contribution amounts attributable to the
101.29 erroneous salary deduction must be refunded to the employing unit.

101.30 (b) If salary deductions and employer contributions were erroneously transmitted to the
101.31 retirement fund and should have been transmitted to the plan covered by chapter 352D,
101.32 353D, 354B, or 354D, the executive director must transfer these salary deductions and
101.33 employer contributions to the account of the appropriate person under the applicable plan.

102.1 The transfer to the applicable defined contribution plan account must include interest at the
102.2 rate of 0.71 percent per month, compounded annually, from the first day of the month
102.3 following the month in which coverage should have commenced in the defined contribution
102.4 plan until the end of the month in which the transfer occurs.

102.5 (c) A potential transfer under paragraph (b) that would cause the plan to fail to be a
102.6 qualified plan under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, must not be
102.7 made by the executive director. Within 30 days after being notified by the Teachers
102.8 Retirement Association of an unmade potential transfer under this paragraph, the employer
102.9 of the affected person must transmit an amount representing the applicable salary deductions
102.10 and employer contributions, without interest, to the account of the applicable person under
102.11 the appropriate plan. The retirement association must provide a credit for the amount of the
102.12 erroneous salary deductions and employer contributions against future contributions from
102.13 the employer.

102.14 (d) If a salary ~~warrant or check~~ payment from which a deduction for the retirement fund
102.15 was taken has been canceled or the amount of the ~~warrant or if a check~~ payment has been
102.16 returned to the funds of the employing unit making the payment, a refund of the amount
102.17 deducted, or any portion of it that is required to adjust the salary deductions, must be made
102.18 to the employing unit.

102.19 (e) Erroneous direct payments of member-paid contributions or erroneous salary
102.20 deductions that were not refunded during the regular payroll cycle processing must be
102.21 refunded to the member, plus interest computed using the rate and method specified in
102.22 section 354.49, subdivision 2.

102.23 (f) Any refund under this subdivision that would cause the plan to fail to be a qualified
102.24 plan under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, may not be refunded
102.25 and instead must be credited against future contributions payable by the employer. The
102.26 employer is responsible for refunding to the applicable employee any amount that was
102.27 erroneously deducted from the salary of the employee, with interest as specified in paragraph
102.28 (e).

102.29 (g) If erroneous employee deductions and employer contributions are caused by an error
102.30 in plan coverage involving the plan and any other plan specified in section 356.99, that
102.31 section applies.

103.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 401.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.2 Subdivision 1. **Certified statements; determinations; adjustments.** Within 60 days
103.3 of the end of each calendar quarter, participating counties which have received the payments
103.4 authorized by section 401.14 shall submit to the commissioner certified statements detailing
103.5 the amounts expended and costs incurred in furnishing the correctional services provided
103.6 in sections 401.01 to 401.16. Upon receipt of certified statements, the commissioner shall,
103.7 in the manner provided in sections 401.10 and 401.12, determine the amount each
103.8 participating county is entitled to receive, making any adjustments necessary to rectify any
103.9 disparity between the amounts received pursuant to the estimate provided in section 401.14
103.10 and the amounts actually expended. If the amount received pursuant to the estimate is greater
103.11 than the amount actually expended during the quarter, the commissioner may withhold the
103.12 difference from any subsequent monthly payments made pursuant to section 401.14. Upon
103.13 certification by the commissioner of the amount a participating county is entitled to receive
103.14 under the provisions of section 401.14 or of this subdivision the commissioner of
103.15 management and budget shall thereupon issue a ~~state warrant~~ payment to the chief fiscal
103.16 officer of each participating county for the amount due together with a copy of the certificate
103.17 prepared by the commissioner.

103.18 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 446A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.19 Subdivision 1. **Functions of commissioner of management and budget.** Except as
103.20 otherwise provided in this section, money of the authority must be paid to the commissioner
103.21 of management and budget as agent of the authority and the commissioner shall not
103.22 commingle the money with other money. The money in the accounts of the authority must
103.23 be paid out only ~~on warrants drawn~~ by the commissioner of management and budget on
103.24 requisition of the chair of the authority or of another officer or employee as the authority
103.25 authorizes. Deposits of the authority's money must, if required by the commissioner or the
103.26 authority, be secured by obligations of the United States or of the state of a market value
103.27 equal at all times to the amount of the deposit and all banks and trust companies are
103.28 authorized to give security for the deposits.

103.29 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 462A.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.30 Subdivision 1. **Functions of commissioner of management and budget.** All moneys
103.31 of the agency, except as otherwise authorized or provided in this section, shall be paid to
103.32 the commissioner of management and budget as agent of the agency, who shall not
103.33 commingle such moneys with any other moneys. The moneys in such accounts shall be

104.1 paid out ~~on warrants drawn~~ by the commissioner on requisition of the chair of the agency
104.2 or of such other officer or employee as the agency shall authorize to make such requisition.
104.3 All deposits of such moneys shall, if required by the commissioner or the agency, be secured
104.4 by obligations of the United States or of the state of a market value equal at all times to the
104.5 amount of the deposit and all banks and trust companies are authorized to give such security
104.6 for such deposits.

104.7 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 525.841, is amended to read:

104.8 **525.841 ESCHEAT RETURNED.**

104.9 In all such cases the commissioner of management and budget shall be furnished with
104.10 a certified copy of the court's order assigning the escheated property to the persons entitled
104.11 thereto, and upon notification of payment of the estate tax, the commissioner of management
104.12 and budget shall ~~draw a warrant~~ issue a payment or execute a proper conveyance to the
104.13 persons designated in such order. In the event any escheated property has been sold pursuant
104.14 to sections 11A.04, clause (9), and 11A.10, subdivision 2, or 16B.281 to 16B.287, then the
104.15 ~~warrant payment~~ shall be for the appraised value as established during the administration
104.16 of the decedent's estate. There is hereby annually appropriated from any moneys in the state
104.17 treasury not otherwise appropriated an amount sufficient to make payment to all such
104.18 designated persons. No interest shall be allowed on any amount paid to such persons.

104.19 Sec. 41. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

104.20 The revisor of statutes shall replace, as the context requires, "warrant," "warrants," or
104.21 "warrant or check" with "payment" or "payments" in the following sections and subdivisions
104.22 of Minnesota Statutes: 15.0596; 16A.134; 16A.17, subdivision 5; 16A.42, subdivision 4;
104.23 16A.56; 43A.30, subdivision 2; 43A.49; 49.24, subdivisions 13 and 16; 69.031, subdivision
104.24 1; 84A.40; 126C.55, subdivisions 2 and 9; 126C.68, subdivision 3; 126C.69, subdivision
104.25 14; 136F.46, subdivision 1; 162.08, subdivisions 10 and 11; 162.14, subdivisions 4 and 5;
104.26 162.18, subdivision 4; 162.181, subdivision 4; 163.051, subdivision 3; 196.052; 198.16;
104.27 241.13, subdivision 1; 260B.331, subdivision 2; 260C.331, subdivision 2; 273.121,
104.28 subdivision 1; 287.08; 297I.10, subdivision 1; 348.05; 352.05; 352.115, subdivision 12;
104.29 352.12, subdivision 13; 353.27, subdivision 7; 354.52, subdivisions 4 and 4b; 446A.086,
104.30 subdivision 4; and 475A.04, subdivision 1.

ARTICLE 4

ELECTIONS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Data derived from driver's license applications. Data on an application for a driver's license, a Minnesota identification card, or a learner's permit transferred to the secretary of state that are provided by a person whom the secretary of state determines is not eligible to vote are governed by section 201.161.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.09, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

Subd. 5b. Appointments to fill vacancies; special elections. (a) Any vacancy on the board, other than a vacancy described in subdivision 4, must be filled by board appointment at a regular or special meeting. The appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered in the minutes and shall be effective 30 days following adoption of the resolution, subject to paragraph (b). If the appointment becomes effective, ~~it shall continue until an election is held under this subdivision. All elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. A special election to fill the vacancy must be held no later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November following the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year in which the vacancy occurs, the special election must be held no later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the following calendar year. If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the third year of the term, no special election is required. If the vacancy is filled by a special election, the person elected at that election for the ensuing term shall take office immediately after receiving the certificate of election, filing the bond, and taking the oath of office~~ the appointee shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) An appointment made under paragraph (a) shall not be effective if a petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk. To be valid, a petition to reject an appointee must be signed by a number of eligible voters residing in the district equal to at least five percent of the total number of voters voting in the district at the most recent state general election, and must be filed within 30 days of the board's adoption of the resolution making the appointment. If a valid petition is filed according to the requirements of this paragraph, the appointment by the school board is ineffective and the board must name a new appointee as provided in paragraph (a).

106.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies
106.2 created on or after that date.

106.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to
106.4 read:

106.5 **Subd. 7a. Transit service on election day.** An eligible recipient of operating assistance
106.6 under this section who contracts or has contracted to provide fixed route public transit shall
106.7 provide fixed route public transit service free of charge on a day a state general election is
106.8 held.

106.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

106.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.014, is amended by adding a subdivision to
106.11 read:

106.12 **Subd. 2a. Felony conviction; restoration of civil right to vote.** An individual convicted
106.13 of a felony has the civil right to vote restored when the individual completes any incarceration
106.14 imposed and executed by the court for the offense or upon sentencing if no incarceration is
106.15 imposed. If the individual is later incarcerated for the same offense, the individual's civil
106.16 right to vote is lost only during the period of incarceration.

106.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter
106.19 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing
106.20 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the
106.21 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

106.22 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,
106.23 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

106.24 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for
106.25 all voter registration information;

106.26 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;

106.27 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the
106.28 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;

106.29 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;

107.1 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state
107.2 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter
107.3 record;

107.4 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;

107.5 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the
107.6 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

107.7 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state
107.8 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search
107.9 capabilities;

107.10 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration
107.11 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

107.12 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;

107.13 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should
107.14 be assigned for voting purposes;

107.15 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,
107.16 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on
107.17 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;
107.18 and

107.19 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and
107.20 cast by voters under section 203B.16.; and

107.21 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

107.22 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent
107.23 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

107.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

107.25 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
107.26 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
107.27 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
107.28 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
107.29 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
107.30 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
107.31 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
107.32 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the

108.1 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper
108.2 registration application may include the voter's e-mail address, if provided by the voter. The
108.3 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's e-mail address. The
108.4 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if
108.5 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter
108.6 eligibility:

108.7 "I certify that I:

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

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

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

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

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

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

108.15 (7) ~~have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence~~
108.16 ~~has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence~~ am not currently
108.17 incarcerated for a felony offense; and

108.18 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
108.19 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
108.20 \$10,000, or both."

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

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

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

108.24 And the instruction:

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

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

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

109.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.091, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

109.4 Subd. 4. **Public information lists.** The county auditor shall make available for inspection
109.5 a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth, and voting
109.6 history of each registered voter in the county. The list must not include the party choice of
109.7 any voter who voted in ~~the most recent~~ a presidential nomination primary. The telephone
109.8 number must be included on the list if provided by the voter. The public information list
109.9 may also include information on voting districts. The county auditor may adopt reasonable
109.10 rules governing access to the list. No individual inspecting the public information list shall
109.11 tamper with or alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information
109.12 list or who acquires a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may
109.13 use any information contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political
109.14 activities, or law enforcement. The secretary of state may provide copies of the public
109.15 information lists and other information from the statewide registration system for uses
109.16 related to elections, political activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a
109.17 public official concerning a failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local
109.18 tax statute.

109.19 Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other
109.20 information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official
109.21 having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information
109.22 obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities,
109.23 or law enforcement. Requests to examine or obtain information from the public information
109.24 lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided
109.25 in the rules of the secretary of state.

109.26 Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name from
109.27 the public information list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the
109.28 secretary of state and county auditor must withhold from the public information list the
109.29 name of a registered voter.

109.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to presidential
109.31 nomination primaries conducted on or after that date.

110.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.091, is amended by adding a subdivision to
110.2 read:

110.3 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** For each major political party that
110.4 participated in the presidential nomination primary, the secretary of state must maintain a
110.5 list of the voters who voted in the presidential nomination primary and selected that political
110.6 party. Information maintained on the lists is private data on individuals as defined under
110.7 section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide to the chair of
110.8 each major political party a list of voters who selected the chair's party for the most recent
110.9 presidential nomination primary.

110.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to presidential
110.11 nomination primaries conducted on or after that date.

110.12 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.161, is amended to read:

110.13 **201.161 AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE,**
110.14 **INSTRUCTION PERMIT, AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATIONS**
110.15 **APPLICANTS.**

110.16 Subdivision 1. **Automatic registration.** An individual who properly completes an
110.17 application for a new or renewed Minnesota driver's license, instruction permit, or
110.18 identification card, and who is eligible to vote under section 201.014, must be registered to
110.19 vote as provided in this section, unless the applicant declines to be registered.

110.20 Subd. 2. **Applications.** The ~~Department~~ commissioner of public safety, in consultation
110.21 with the secretary of state, shall change its ~~the~~ applications for an original, duplicate, or
110.22 change of address driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card so that the forms
110.23 may also serve as voter registration applications. The forms must contain spaces for all
110.24 information collected by voter registration applications prescribed by the secretary of state.
110.25 ~~Applicants for driver's licenses or identification cards must be asked if they want to register~~
110.26 ~~to vote at the same time and that~~ and a box for the applicant to decline to be registered to
110.27 vote. The form must clearly state that it is a felony for a person who is not eligible to vote
110.28 to register to vote or cast a ballot. Unless the applicant has declined to be registered to vote
110.29 or has provided an address other than the applicant's address of residence under section
110.30 171.12, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), the commissioner shall transmit the information ~~must~~
110.31 ~~be transmitted at least weekly~~ daily by electronic means to the secretary of state. Pursuant
110.32 to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the computerized driver's
110.33 license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license
110.34 number or state identification number, county, ~~town~~, and city or town must be made available

111.1 for access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration
111.2 system.

111.3 Subd. 3. **Registration.** (a) The secretary of state shall determine whether the applicant
111.4 is currently registered in the statewide voter registration system. For each currently registered
111.5 voter whose registration is not changed, the secretary of state shall update the voter's
111.6 registration date in the statewide voter registration system. For each currently registered
111.7 voter whose registration is changed, the secretary of state shall transmit the registration
111.8 daily by electronic means to the county auditor of the county where the voter resides.

111.9 (b) If the applicant is not currently registered in the statewide voter registration system,
111.10 the secretary of state shall determine whether the applicant is 18 years of age or older and
111.11 a citizen of the United States and compare the voter registration information received under
111.12 section 201.145 to determine whether the applicant is eligible to vote. If an applicant is less
111.13 than 18 years of age, the secretary of state shall wait until the applicant has turned 18 years
111.14 of age to determine whether the applicant is eligible to vote. For each applicant the secretary
111.15 of state determines is an eligible voter, the secretary of state shall transmit the registration
111.16 daily by electronic means to the county auditor of the county where the voter resides.

111.17 (c) Any data on applicants who the secretary determines are not eligible to vote are
111.18 private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

111.19 Subd. 4. **Notice.** Upon receipt of the registration, the county auditor shall mail to the
111.20 voter the notice of registration required by section 201.121, subdivision 2.

111.21 Subd. 5. **Registering 20 days before election.** An application for registration that is
111.22 dated during the 20 days before an election in any jurisdiction within which the voter resides
111.23 is not effective until the day after the election.

111.24 Subd. 6. **System certification.** An applicant for a Minnesota driver's license, instruction
111.25 permit, or identification card must not be registered to vote until the commissioner of public
111.26 safety has certified that the department's systems have been tested and can accurately provide
111.27 the necessary data, and the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic
111.28 registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining
111.29 whether an applicant is eligible to vote.

111.30 Subd. 7. **Implementation costs.** The secretary of state and commissioner of public safety
111.31 must absorb any costs associated with implementation of this section using existing
111.32 appropriations provided to the secretary or commissioner by law.

112.1 Sec. 10. [201.276] DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE; INFORMATION ABOUT
112.2 VOTING RIGHTS.

112.3 The secretary of state shall develop accurate and complete information in a single
112.4 publication about the voting rights of people who have been charged with or convicted of
112.5 a crime. This publication must be made available electronically to the state court administrator
112.6 for distribution to judges, court personnel, probation officers, and the commissioner of
112.7 corrections for distribution to corrections officials, parole and supervised release agents,
112.8 and the public.

112.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

112.10 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

112.11 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting
112.12 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

112.13 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
112.14 to read:

112.15 Subd. 5. **Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day at the
112.16 office of the county auditor or designated municipal clerk within the time period provided
112.17 in section 203B.31.

112.18 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

112.19 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

112.20 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

112.21 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;

112.22 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an
112.23 illegal ballot;

112.24 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;

112.25 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an
112.26 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;

112.27 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes
112.28 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;

112.29 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by
112.30 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;

113.1 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee or early voter while in the immediate presence of the
113.2 voter during the time the individual knows the absentee or early voter is voting; or

113.3 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by
113.4 an election official for administrative purposes.

113.5 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or
113.6 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of
113.7 the material or information.

113.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

113.9 Subd. 5. **Permanent absentee voter status.** (a) An eligible voter may apply to a county
113.10 auditor or municipal clerk to automatically receive an absentee ballot ~~application~~ before
113.11 each election, other than an election by mail conducted under section 204B.45, and to have
113.12 the status as a permanent absentee voter indicated on the voter's registration record. The
113.13 secretary of state must prescribe a form for this purpose. An eligible voter listed as an
113.14 ongoing absentee voter as of July 31, 2013, pursuant to laws in effect on that date, shall be
113.15 treated as if the voter applied for status as a permanent absentee voter pursuant to this
113.16 subdivision.

113.17 (b) A voter who applies under paragraph (a) must automatically be provided an absentee
113.18 ballot ~~application~~ for each eligible election. A voter's permanent absentee status ends and
113.19 automatic ballot ~~application~~ delivery must be terminated on:

113.20 (1) the voter's written request;

113.21 (2) the voter's death;

113.22 (3) return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable; or

113.23 (4) a change in the voter's status to "challenged" or "inactive" in the statewide voter
113.24 registration system.

113.25 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules governing procedures under this subdivision.

113.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
113.27 conducted on or after that date.

113.28 Sec. 15. **[203B.045] VOTERS WITH A DISABILITY.**

113.29 Subdivision 1. **Transmitting ballot and certificate of voter eligibility.** (a) A voter with
113.30 a temporary or permanent disability may include in an application for absentee ballots a
113.31 request that the ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility meeting the

114.1 requirements of section 203B.21, subdivision 3, be transmitted to the voter electronically
114.2 in an accessible format, including ballots with the ability to be marked by accessible software
114.3 or devices. Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting accessible electronic
114.4 transmission, the county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the
114.5 voter.

114.6 (b) Electronic materials provided by a county auditor to a voter under this subdivision
114.7 must comply with the accessibility standards developed under section 16E.03, subdivision
114.8 9.

114.9 (c) The county auditor or municipal clerk must provide a return envelope containing
114.10 first class postage to a voter requesting a ballot and ballot materials under this subdivision.

114.11 Subd. 2. **Marking ballots.** The voter may electronically mark the ballot using accessible
114.12 software or devices.

114.13 Subd. 3. **Returning voted ballots.** The voter must return the voted ballots and the
114.14 certificate of voter eligibility to the county auditor in a sealed envelope.

114.15 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.16 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
114.17 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 if:

114.18 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

114.19 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
114.20 them.

114.21 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
114.22 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

114.23 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
114.24 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 to 203B.35 if the clerk has been
114.25 designated by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county
114.26 auditors that the city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the
114.27 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the
114.28 statewide voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state.
114.29 The secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical
114.30 prerequisites necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the
114.31 statewide voter registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary
114.32 of state on the use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section.

115.1 A clerk may not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the
115.2 required training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal
115.3 clerk who will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk
115.4 will administer.

115.5 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

115.6 Subdivision 1. **Printing and delivery of forms.** Each county auditor and municipal
115.7 clerk shall prepare and print a sufficient number of blank application forms for absentee
115.8 ballots. The county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver a blank application form to any
115.9 voter who requests one pursuant to section 203B.04. ~~Blank application forms must be mailed~~
115.10 ~~to eligible voters who have requested an application pursuant to section 203B.04, subdivision~~
115.11 ~~5, at least 60 days before:~~

115.12 ~~(1) each regularly scheduled primary for federal, state, county, city, or school board~~
115.13 ~~office;~~

115.14 ~~(2) each regularly scheduled general election for city or school board office for which~~
115.15 ~~a primary is not held; and~~

115.16 ~~(3) a special primary to fill a federal or county office vacancy or special election to fill~~
115.17 ~~a federal or county office vacancy, if a primary is not required to be held pursuant to section~~
115.18 ~~204D.03, subdivision 3, or 204D.07, subdivision 3; and~~

115.19 ~~(4) any election held in conjunction with an election described in clauses (1) to (3);~~
115.20 ~~or at least 45 days before any other primary or other election for which a primary is not~~
115.21 ~~held.~~

115.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
115.23 conducted on or after that date.

115.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

115.25 Subd. 3. **Delivery of ballots.** (a) The county auditor or municipal clerk, or full-time
115.26 clerk of any city or town administering an election pursuant to section 203B.05, shall mail
115.27 absentee ballots to voters on the permanent absentee ballot list pursuant to section 203B.04,
115.28 subdivision 5, at least 45 days before:

115.29 (1) each regularly scheduled primary or general election for federal, state, county, city,
115.30 or school board office;

116.1 (2) each special primary or special election to fill a federal, state, county, city, or school
116.2 board vacancy; except

116.3 (3) town clerks administering absentee ballots for a town general election held in March
116.4 shall deliver absentee ballots at least 30 days before the election.

116.5 (b) The commissioner of corrections must provide the secretary of state with a list of
116.6 the names and mailing addresses of state adult correctional facilities. An application for an
116.7 absentee ballot that provides an address included on the list provided by the commissioner
116.8 of corrections must not be accepted and an absentee ballot must not be provided to the
116.9 applicant. The county auditor or municipal clerk must promptly transmit a copy of the
116.10 application to the county attorney. The Department of Corrections must implement procedures
116.11 to ensure that absentee ballots issued under this chapter are not received or mailed by
116.12 offenders incarcerated at state adult correctional facilities.

116.13 ~~(b)~~ (c) If an application for absentee ballots is accepted at a time when absentee ballots
116.14 are not yet available for distribution, the county auditor, or municipal clerk accepting the
116.15 application shall file it and as soon as absentee ballots are available for distribution shall
116.16 mail them to the address specified in the application. If an application for absentee ballots
116.17 is accepted when absentee ballots are available for distribution, the county auditor or
116.18 municipal clerk accepting the application shall promptly:

116.19 (1) mail the ballots to the voter whose signature appears on the application if the
116.20 application is submitted by mail and does not request commercial shipping under clause
116.21 (2);

116.22 (2) ship the ballots to the voter using a commercial shipper requested by the voter at the
116.23 voter's expense;

116.24 (3) deliver the absentee ballots directly to the voter if the application is submitted in
116.25 person; or

116.26 (4) deliver the absentee ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope to an agent who has been
116.27 designated to bring the ballots, as provided in section 203B.11, subdivision 4, to a voter
116.28 who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or
116.29 who is disabled, or who is a patient in a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing
116.30 assisted living services governed by chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program
116.31 for adults licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for
116.32 battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.

117.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) If an application does not indicate the election for which absentee ballots are
117.2 sought, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall mail or deliver only the ballots for the
117.3 next election occurring after receipt of the application. Only one set of ballots may be mailed,
117.4 shipped, or delivered to an applicant for any election, except as provided in section 203B.121,
117.5 subdivision 2, or when a replacement ballot has been requested by the voter for a ballot that
117.6 has been spoiled or lost in transit.

117.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
117.8 conducted on or after that date.

117.9 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

117.10 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing.** (a) An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in
117.11 the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county
117.12 auditor or by a municipal clerk authorized to conduct absentee balloting under section
117.13 203B.05 during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this section.

117.14 (b) A polling place location, other than the office of the county auditor, may be opened
117.15 for fewer than 46 days. If a polling place is open fewer than 46 days before the election,
117.16 the county auditor or municipal clerk must post the polling place location and hours of
117.17 operation on the jurisdiction's website and must inform the secretary of state of the polling
117.18 place's location and hours.

117.19 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

117.20 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**
117.21 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

117.22 The county auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town
117.23 authorized under section 203B.05 to administer absentee balloting must be open for
117.24 acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots from 8:00 a.m.
117.25 to 12:00 noon on the day immediately preceding an election subject to early voting under
117.26 section 203B.30 unless that day falls on a Sunday. When performing the duties of the county
117.27 auditor in an election not subject to early voting under section 203B.30, the clerk's office
117.28 must be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until 5:00 p.m. on the day
117.29 immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless that day falls on a
117.30 Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices must be open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m.
117.31 to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town general election held in March. The school
117.32 district clerk, when performing the county auditor's election duties, need not comply with
117.33 this section.

118.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.2 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
118.3 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or
118.4 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The
118.5 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of
118.6 absentee ballots and appointed as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may
118.7 include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks who have received training in the
118.8 processing and counting of absentee ballots.

118.9 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
118.10 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

118.11 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
118.12 Law apply to a ballot board.

118.13 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

118.14 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
118.15 shall take possession of all return envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
118.16 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
118.17 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each return envelope and shall mark
118.18 it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges performing
118.19 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt
118.20 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10, subdivision
118.21 2.

118.22 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the return envelope "Accepted" and
118.23 initial or sign the return envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members
118.24 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

118.25 (1) the voter's name and address on the return envelope are the same as the information
118.26 provided on the absentee ballot application or voter record;

118.27 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

118.28 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four
118.29 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee
118.30 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must
118.31 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were
118.32 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

119.1 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly
119.2 completed voter registration application in the return envelope;

119.3 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an
119.4 absentee ballot; and

119.5 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the
119.6 close of business on the seventh day before the election, by absentee ballot.

119.7 The return envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the county
119.8 auditor.

119.9 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a return envelope find
119.10 that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph (b),
119.11 they shall mark the return envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word "Rejected,"
119.12 list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county auditor. There
119.13 is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by this section.
119.14 Failure to place the ballot within the security envelope before placing it in the outer white
119.15 envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

119.16 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope
119.17 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with
119.18 a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

119.19 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
119.20 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by
119.21 telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official
119.22 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

119.23 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice
119.24 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official
119.25 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.
119.26 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the
119.27 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of
119.28 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

119.29 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after
119.30 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

119.31 (2) the reason for rejection; and

119.32 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further
119.33 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

120.1 (e) An absentee ballot return envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or subject
120.2 to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

120.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
120.4 conducted on or after that date.

120.5 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, is amended by adding a subdivision
120.6 to read:

120.7 Subd. 2a. **Duties of ballot board; early voting.** The members of the ballot board shall
120.8 administer the process of early voting as prescribed in section 203B.35, and shall make a
120.9 record of voters who cast ballots early and count those ballots as provided in subdivisions
120.10 4 and 5.

120.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

120.12 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
120.13 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter
120.14 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. A voter
120.15 whose record indicates that the voter has cast an early ballot must not be permitted to cast
120.16 another ballot in that election. After the close of business on the ~~seventh day before the~~
120.17 ~~election day~~ prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section 203B.31,
120.18 a voter whose record indicates that an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted
120.19 to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special election
120.20 for federal ~~or~~ state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information
120.21 in the statewide voter registration system.

120.22 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters
120.23 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later
120.24 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot
120.25 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

120.26 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

120.27 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

120.28 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

120.29 The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on
120.30 the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained
120.31 in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.

121.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

121.2 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the seventh day before
121.3 the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated
121.4 as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86, subdivision 5, initialed by the members
121.5 of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box. If more than one voted ballot
121.6 is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must be returned in the manner provided by
121.7 section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and may not be counted.

121.8 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

121.9 Subd. 5. **Storage and counting of absentee and early voting ballots.** (a) On a day on
121.10 which absentee or early voting ballots are inserted into a ballot box, two members of the
121.11 ballot board must:

121.12 (1) remove the ballots from the ballot box at the end of the day;

121.13 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
121.14 ballot box is equal to the number of voters who cast early votes and whose absentee ballots
121.15 were accepted that day; and

121.16 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of
121.17 the day.

121.18 (b) After the polls have closed on election day, two members of the ballot board must
121.19 count the ballots, tabulating the vote in a manner that indicates each vote of the voter and
121.20 the total votes cast for each candidate or question. In state primary and state general elections,
121.21 the results must indicate the total votes cast for each candidate or question in each precinct
121.22 and report the vote totals tabulated for each precinct. The count must be recorded on a
121.23 summary statement in substantially the same format as provided in section 204C.26. The
121.24 ballot board shall submit at least one completed summary statement to the county auditor
121.25 or municipal clerk. The county auditor or municipal clerk may require the ballot board to
121.26 submit a sufficient number of completed summary statements to comply with the provisions
121.27 of section 204C.27, or the county auditor or municipal clerk may certify reports containing
121.28 the details of the ballot board summary statement to the recipients of the summary statements
121.29 designated in section 204C.27.

121.30 In state primary and state general elections, these vote totals shall be added to the vote
121.31 totals on the summary statements of the returns for the appropriate precinct. In other elections,
121.32 these vote totals may be added to the vote totals on the summary statement of returns for
121.33 the appropriate precinct or may be reported as a separate total.

122.1 The count shall be public. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the
122.2 close of voting on election day.

122.3 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), if the task has not been
122.4 completed previously, the members of the ballot board must verify as soon as possible, but
122.5 no later than 24 hours after the end of the hours for voting, that voters whose absentee ballots
122.6 arrived after the rosters were marked or supplemental reports were generated and whose
122.7 ballots were accepted did not vote in person on election day. An absentee ballot submitted
122.8 by a voter who has voted in person on election day must be rejected. All other accepted
122.9 absentee ballots must be opened, duplicated if necessary, and counted by members of the
122.10 ballot board. The vote totals from these ballots must be incorporated into the totals with the
122.11 other absentee ballots and handled according to paragraph (b).

122.12 Sec. 27. **[203B.30] EARLY VOTING; APPLICABILITY.**

122.13 (a) Any eligible voter may vote in person in a federal, state, or county election prior to
122.14 the date of the election, in the manner provided in sections 203B.31 to 203B.35.

122.15 (b)(1) Subject to clause (2), for city elections not held in conjunction with a federal,
122.16 state, or county election, the city may authorize eligible voters to vote in the manner provided
122.17 in sections 203B.31 to 203B.35 upon resolution of the governing body of the city, adopted
122.18 prior to the first day for filing affidavits of candidacy for the election. In the case of a home
122.19 rule charter city, authorization may alternatively be made by amendment to the city's charter
122.20 for this purpose.

122.21 (2) A city may only authorize voting under sections 203B.31 to 203B.35 if the municipal
122.22 clerk has the technical capacity to access the statewide voter registration system in the secure
122.23 manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must identify hardware,
122.24 software, security, or other technical prerequisites necessary to ensure the security, access
122.25 controls, and performance of the statewide voter registration system. The clerk must receive
122.26 training approved by the secretary of state on the use of the statewide voter registration
122.27 system before administering voting authorized under this paragraph. The clerk may not use
122.28 the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required training.

122.29 Sec. 28. **[203B.31] TIME PERIOD FOR EARLY VOTING.**

122.30 Early voting must be available to any eligible voter as provided in section 203B.32 for
122.31 every primary, general, and special election subject to early voting under section 203B.30
122.32 from 30 days before the election through 5:00 p.m. on the third day before the election. All

123.1 voters in line at 5:00 p.m. on the third day before the election must be allowed to vote in
123.2 the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision 2.

123.3 Sec. 29. **[203B.32] HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING.**

123.4 Early voting must be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each
123.5 weekday during the time period provided in section 203B.31, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
123.6 on at least one weekday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the
123.7 election.

123.8 Sec. 30. **[203B.33] LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING.**

123.9 (a) Early voting must be made available at polling places designated in the county
123.10 auditor's offices in county-owned or operated buildings, at the municipal clerk's office in
123.11 every municipality that has been delegated the responsibility to administer absentee voting
123.12 as provided in section 203B.05 or which is conducting an election that includes early voting,
123.13 as authorized in section 203B.30, and at any other county or city-owned or operated buildings
123.14 designated by the county auditor or municipal clerk. At least one voting station and one
123.15 ballot marking device for disabled voters must be made available in each polling place.

123.16 (b) The county auditor or municipal clerk must make an electronic ballot counter available
123.17 in each polling place.

123.18 Sec. 31. **[203B.34] NOTICE TO VOTERS.**

123.19 The county auditor or municipal clerk must prepare a notice to the voters of the days,
123.20 times, and locations for early voting. This notice must be posted on the county's website,
123.21 if applicable, and the website for each municipality in the county where an early voting
123.22 location is designated for the election at least 14 days before the first day for early voting.
123.23 If a county or municipality does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk
123.24 must publish the notice at least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven
123.25 days and not more than 14 days before the first day for early voting.

123.26 Sec. 32. **[203B.35] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.**

123.27 Subdivision 1. Voting procedure. Each voter shall sign the certification provided in
123.28 section 204C.10. An individual who is not registered to vote must register in the manner
123.29 provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3.

123.30 After the voter has signed the certification, a member of the ballot board must provide
123.31 a ballot to the voter. Ballots must be prepared and distributed by members of the ballot

124.1 board in the manner provided in section 204C.09. The voter must mark the ballot and deposit
124.2 it in either a precinct voting system or a sealed ballot box. A voter may not leave the polling
124.3 place with the ballot.

124.4 Subd. 2. **Processing of ballots.** Ballots cast pursuant to sections 203B.30 to 203B.35
124.5 must be processed and counted by a ballot board.

124.6 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.7 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as
124.8 otherwise provided for absentee ballots in this section and in section 204B.35, subdivision
124.9 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the
124.10 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.
124.11 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later
124.12 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

124.13 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

124.14 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

124.15 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

124.16 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot
124.17 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with
124.18 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election
124.19 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts
124.20 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

124.21 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early
124.22 voting to city clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 at least
124.23 one day prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section 203B.31.

124.24 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
124.25 to read:

124.26 Subd. 6. **Electronic voting systems.** Notwithstanding sections 204B.35 to 204B.44 and
124.27 chapter 204D, a jurisdiction may employ an electronic voting system provided by section
124.28 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (3), displaying the required ballot information on an electronic
124.29 device in a format that substantially meets the requirements of law.

125.1 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

125.2 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~
125.3 ~~as defined by section 473.121~~, or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1
125.4 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121~~,
125.5 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling
125.6 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor
125.7 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct
125.8 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized
125.9 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any
125.10 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county
125.11 auditor.

125.12 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor
125.13 or municipal clerk.

125.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
125.15 conducted on or after that date.

125.16 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

125.17 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given
125.18 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before
125.19 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any
125.20 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered
125.21 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the
125.22 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after
125.23 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered
125.24 at the time the ballots are mailed and eligible voters with a temporary or permanent disability
125.25 may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return
125.26 postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the
125.27 ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must
125.28 appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark
125.29 them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days
125.30 before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before
125.31 election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks
125.32 who have received training in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be
125.33 affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section
125.34 must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement

126.1 under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected
126.2 at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the
126.3 auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in
126.4 place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the
126.5 envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to
126.6 contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been
126.7 rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

126.8 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
126.9 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
126.10 on the seventh day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
126.11 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
126.12 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

126.13 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
126.14 and counting of ballots apply.

126.15 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
126.16 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the
126.17 close of voting on election day.

126.18 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
126.19 resides. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election must be counted.

126.20 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
126.21 to read:

126.22 Subd. 5. Transit service. Certain requirements for transit service on the date of a state
126.23 general election are as provided in sections 174.24, subdivision 7a, and 473.408, subdivision
126.24 11.

126.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

126.26 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

126.27 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**
126.28 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

126.29 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature
126.30 certificate which states that the individual:

126.31 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

127.1 (2) a citizen of the United States_;₂

127.2 (3) has resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election_;₂

127.3 (4) maintains residence at the address shown_;₂

127.4 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to
127.5 vote_;₂

127.6 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote or_;₂

127.7 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, ~~the felony~~
127.8 ~~sentence has expired or been completed~~ or the individual has ~~been discharged from the~~
127.9 ~~sentence, completed the term of incarceration, if any, for the felony offense;~~

127.10 (8) is registered_; and

127.11 (9) has not already voted in the election.

127.12 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information
127.13 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than
127.14 \$10,000, or both."

127.15 (b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I
127.16 am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to
127.17 vote, ~~and I understand that my choice of a party's ballot will be public information.~~" This
127.18 statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a). The felony
127.19 penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

127.20 ~~(e)~~ (b) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,
127.21 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

127.22 ~~(d)~~ (c) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall
127.23 give the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge
127.24 in charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand
127.25 to the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice
127.26 of filing an election contest.

127.27 ~~(e)~~ (d) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election
127.28 judge must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other
127.29 than the voter whose status is challenged.

128.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

128.2 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for
128.3 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may
128.4 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties.
128.5 The election judges shall mark the ballots as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner
128.6 as circumstances permit. A voter in need of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance
128.7 of any individual the voter chooses. Only the following persons may not provide assistance
128.8 to a voter: the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, an officer or agent of the
128.9 voter's union, or a candidate for election. The person who assists the voter shall,
128.10 unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth and mark the ballot
128.11 as directed by the voter. ~~No person who assists another voter as provided in the preceding~~
128.12 ~~sentence shall mark the ballots of more than three voters at one election.~~ Before the ballots
128.13 are deposited, the voter may show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they
128.14 are marked as the voter directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall
128.15 not in any manner request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to
128.16 vote for any particular political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals
128.17 who assist the voter shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the
128.18 voter has voted or anything that took place while assisting the voter.

128.19 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

128.20 Subdivision 1. **Information requirements.** Precinct summary statements shall be
128.21 submitted by the election judges in every precinct. For all elections, the election judges
128.22 shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall contain
128.23 the following information for each kind of ballot:

128.24 (1) the number of ballots delivered to the precinct as adjusted by the actual count made
128.25 by the election judges, the number of unofficial ballots made, and the number of absentee
128.26 ballots delivered to the precinct;

128.27 (2) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on
128.28 each question, the number of undervotes, the number of overvotes, and the number of
128.29 defective ballots with respect to each office or question;

128.30 (3) the number of spoiled ballots, the number of duplicate ballots made, the number of
128.31 absentee ballots rejected, and the number of unused ballots, presuming that the total count
128.32 provided on each package of unopened prepackaged ballots is correct;

129.1 (4) the number of voted ballots indicating only a voter's choices as provided by section
129.2 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (3);

129.3 ~~(4)~~ (5) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct which must
129.4 equal the total number of ballots cast in the precinct, as required by sections 204C.20 and
129.5 206.86, subdivision 1;

129.6 ~~(5)~~ (6) the number of voters registering on election day in that precinct; and

129.7 ~~(6)~~ (7) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all
129.8 of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered
129.9 by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast
129.10 for each candidate and for and against each question.

129.11 At least two copies of the summary statement must be prepared for elections not held
129.12 on the same day as the state elections.

129.13 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

129.14 Subd. 2. **Special election when legislature will be in session.** Except for vacancies in
129.15 the legislature which occur at any time between the last day of session in an odd-numbered
129.16 year and the ~~40th~~ 54th day prior to the opening day of session in the succeeding
129.17 even-numbered year, when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that
129.18 the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties
129.19 of the office immediately upon election, the governor shall issue within five days after the
129.20 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The special election shall be held as
129.21 soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section 204D.22, subdivision
129.22 3, but in no event more than ~~35~~ 49 days after the issuance of the writ. ~~A special election~~
129.23 ~~must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a holiday as defined in~~
129.24 ~~section 645.44, subdivision 5.~~

129.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies
129.26 occurring on or after that date.

129.27 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.195, is amended to read:

129.28 **204D.195 DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION; CERTAIN TIMES PROHIBITED.**

129.29 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a special primary and special general election
129.30 may not be held:

130.1 (1) for a period beginning the day following the date of the state primary election and
130.2 ending the day prior to the date of the state general election; or

130.3 (2) on a holiday, or during the four days before or the four days after a holiday, as defined
130.4 in section 645.44, subdivision 5.

130.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
130.6 applies to special elections for vacancies in office occurring on or after that date.

130.7 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

130.8 Subd. 3. **Notice of special election.** The county auditor of a county in which a special
130.9 election is to be held shall direct the clerk of each municipality in which the election is to
130.10 be held to post a notice of the special primary and special election at least ~~seven~~ 14 days
130.11 before the special primary and at least ~~14~~ 21 days before the special election in the manner
130.12 provided in sections 204B.33 and 204B.34. If the special primary is to be held ~~14~~ 21 days
130.13 before the special election, a single notice of both elections may be posted seven days before
130.14 the primary.

130.15 When the special primary or special election is to be held on the same day as any other
130.16 election, notice of the special primary or special election may be included in the notice of
130.17 the other election, if practicable.

130.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies
130.19 occurring on or after that date.

130.20 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

130.21 Subd. 2. **Time of filing.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, the affidavits and petitions
130.22 shall be filed no later than ~~14~~ 21 days before the special primary.

130.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies
130.24 occurring on or after that date.

130.25 Sec. 45. **[204D.275] LOCAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS.**

130.26 Subdivision 1. **Reimbursement authorized.** Each county and municipality shall be
130.27 reimbursed for the cost of conducting a special election as defined in section 200.02,
130.28 subdivision 4, for a federal or state office.

130.29 Subd. 2. **Expenses eligible for reimbursement.** The secretary of state shall reimburse
130.30 each county and municipality for the cost of:

- 131.1 (1) preparation and printing of ballots and other election materials for the special election;
131.2 (2) postage for absentee ballots;
131.3 (3) publication of the sample ballot;
131.4 (4) preparation of polling places;
131.5 (5) preparation of electronic voting systems;
131.6 (6) compensation paid to the county canvassing board members;
131.7 (7) election judge salaries; and
131.8 (8) other reasonable costs of administering the election, as approved by the secretary of
131.9 state.

131.10 Reimbursable costs do not include salaries of permanent local officials or the cost of reusable
131.11 supplies and equipment.

131.12 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement requests.** (a) Not more than 90 days after the special election,
131.13 the county auditor must submit a request for reimbursement of the costs incurred by the
131.14 county for conducting the special election and the municipal clerk must submit a request
131.15 for reimbursement of the costs incurred by the municipality for conducting the special
131.16 election. The request for reimbursement must be submitted to the secretary of state and
131.17 must be accompanied by an itemized description of actual county or municipal expenditures
131.18 including copies of invoices. In addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify
131.19 that the request for reimbursement is based on actual costs incurred by the county or
131.20 municipality in the special election. The secretary of state shall provide each county and
131.21 municipality with the appropriate forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses
131.22 under this subdivision.

131.23 (b) The secretary of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment
131.24 and certification of costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary
131.25 of state must complete the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities
131.26 for qualifying claims no later than 120 days after the special election. Amounts necessary
131.27 to pay qualifying claims are appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for
131.28 that purpose.

131.29 Sec. 46. **[204E.01] APPLICABILITY.**

131.30 This chapter applies to all elections expressly authorized by law to use ranked-choice
131.31 voting. All other provisions of the Minnesota Election Law also apply, to the extent they
131.32 are not inconsistent with this chapter.

132.1 Sec. 47. **[204E.02] DEFINITIONS.**

132.2 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

132.3 Subd. 2. **Batch elimination.** "Batch elimination" means a simultaneous defeat of multiple
132.4 continuing candidates that have no mathematical chance of being elected.

132.5 Subd. 3. **Chief election official.** "Chief election official" means the principal officer in
132.6 the jurisdiction charged with duties relating to elections.

132.7 Subd. 4. **Duplicate ranking.** "Duplicate ranking" means a voter has ranked the same
132.8 candidate at multiple rankings for the office being counted.

132.9 Subd. 5. **Exhausted ballot.** "Exhausted ballot" means a ballot that can no longer be
132.10 advanced under the procedures in section 204E.06.

132.11 Subd. 6. **Highest continuing ranking.** "Highest continuing ranking" means the ranking
132.12 on a voter's ballot with the lowest numerical value for a continuing candidate.

132.13 Subd. 7. **Mathematically impossible to be elected.** "Mathematically impossible to be
132.14 elected" means either:

132.15 (1) the candidate cannot be elected because the candidate's current vote total plus all
132.16 votes that could possibly be transferred to the candidate in future rounds from candidates
132.17 with fewer votes or an equal number of votes and surplus votes would not be enough to
132.18 surpass the candidate with the next higher current vote total; or

132.19 (2) the candidate has a lower current vote total than a candidate who is described by
132.20 clause (1).

132.21 Subd. 8. **Overvote.** "Overvote" means a voter has ranked more than one candidate at
132.22 the same ranking.

132.23 Subd. 9. **Partially defective ballot.** "Partially defective ballot" means a ballot that is
132.24 defective to the extent that the election judges are unable to determine the voter's intent with
132.25 respect to the office being counted.

132.26 Subd. 10. **Ranked-choice voting.** "Ranked-choice voting" means an election method
132.27 in which voters rank candidates for an office in order of their preference, with each vote
132.28 counting for the highest-ranked continuing candidate on each ballot until that candidate has
132.29 been elected or defeated by the method established in this chapter.

132.30 Subd. 11. **Ranked-choice voting tabulation center.** "Ranked-choice voting tabulation
132.31 center" means the place selected for the automatic or manual processing and tabulation of
132.32 ballots.

133.1 Subd. 12. **Ranking.** "Ranking" means the number assigned by a voter to a candidate to
133.2 express the voter's preference for that candidate. Ranking number one is the highest ranking.
133.3 A ranking of lower numerical value indicates a greater preference for a candidate than a
133.4 ranking of higher numerical value.

133.5 Subd. 13. **Round.** "Round" means an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation steps
133.6 established in section 204E.06.

133.7 Subd. 14. **Skipped ranking.** "Skipped ranking" means a voter has left a ranking blank
133.8 and ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking.

133.9 Subd. 15. **Surplus.** "Surplus" means the total number of votes cast for an elected
133.10 candidate in excess of the threshold.

133.11 Subd. 16. **Surplus fraction of a vote.** "Surplus fraction of a vote" means the proportion
133.12 of each vote to be transferred when a surplus is transferred. The surplus fraction is calculated
133.13 by dividing the surplus by the total votes cast for the elected candidate, calculated to four
133.14 decimal places, ignoring any remainder.

133.15 Subd. 17. **Threshold.** "Threshold" means the number of votes sufficient for a candidate
133.16 to be elected. In any given election, the threshold equals the total votes counted in the first
133.17 round after removing defective ballots, divided by the sum of one plus the number of offices
133.18 to be filled and adding one to the quotient, disregarding any fractions.

133.19 Subd. 18. **Transfer value.** "Transfer value" means the fraction of a vote that a transferred
133.20 ballot will contribute to the next ranked continuing candidate on that ballot. The transfer
133.21 value of a vote cast for an elected candidate is calculated by multiplying the surplus fraction
133.22 of each vote by its current value, calculated to four decimal places, ignoring any remainder.
133.23 The transfer value of a vote cast for a defeated candidate is the same as its current value.

133.24 Subd. 19. **Transferable vote.** "Transferable vote" means a vote or a fraction of a vote
133.25 for a candidate who has been either elected or defeated.

133.26 Subd. 20. **Totally defective ballot.** "Totally defective ballot" means a ballot that is
133.27 defective to the extent that election judges are unable to determine the voter's intent for any
133.28 office on the ballot.

133.29 Subd. 21. **Undervote.** "Undervote" means a voter did not rank any candidates for an
133.30 office.

134.1 Sec. 48. **[204E.03] AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING;**
134.2 **IMPLEMENTATION.**

134.3 (a) The following political subdivisions may adopt, in the manner provided in this section,
134.4 ranked-choice voting as a method of voting for local offices within the political subdivision:

134.5 (1) home rule charter or statutory cities;

134.6 (2) counties;

134.7 (3) townships; and

134.8 (4) school districts.

134.9 (b) A jurisdiction that adopts ranked-choice voting may do so by adopting an ordinance
134.10 or resolution or by a ballot question presented to the voters. The ranked-choice voting
134.11 method may be repealed by one of the same methods provided for adoption.

134.12 (c) A home rule charter jurisdiction that adopts a ranked-choice voting system in its
134.13 charter may adopt this chapter by reference in an ordinance, but is not required to do so.
134.14 Nothing in this chapter prevents a home rule charter jurisdiction from adopting another
134.15 voting method in its charter.

134.16 (d) Ranked-choice voting shall only be used to elect local offices at a general or special
134.17 election, or at a primary election which serves as a party-nominating election for a partisan
134.18 office. A primary election must not be held for any nonpartisan offices that are elected using
134.19 ranked-choice voting.

134.20 (e) A jurisdiction that adopts the use of ranked-choice voting in local elections must do
134.21 so no later than 30 days before the first day for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office
134.22 for which ranked-choice voting is to be used as the method of election.

134.23 (f) Repeal of ranked-choice voting must be no later than 30 days before the first day for
134.24 filing affidavits of candidacy for offices for which ranked-choice voting is used as the
134.25 method of election.

134.26 (g) The chief election official shall notify the secretary of state and, if applicable, the
134.27 county auditor within 30 days following adoption or repeal of ranked-choice voting.

134.28 Sec. 49. **[204E.04] BALLOTS.**

134.29 Subdivision 1. **Ballot format.** (a) If there are three or more qualified candidates, a ballot
134.30 must allow a voter to rank at least three candidates for each office in order of preference
134.31 and must also allow the voter to add write-in candidates.

135.1 (b) A ballot must:

135.2 (1) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to mark the ballot;

135.3 (2) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to rank candidates in order
135.4 of the voter's preference; and

135.5 (3) indicate the number of seats to be elected for each office.

135.6 (c) A jurisdiction may use ballots compatible with alphanumeric character recognition
135.7 voting equipment.

135.8 Subd. 2. **Mixed-election method ballots.** If elections are held in which ranked-choice
135.9 voting is used in addition to other methods of voting, the ranked-choice voting and
135.10 non-ranked-choice voting elections must be on the same ballot card if possible, with
135.11 ranked-choice voting and non-ranked-choice voting portions clearly separated on the ballot
135.12 card. A separate ballot card may be used if necessary. A jurisdiction may deviate from the
135.13 standard ballot order of offices to allow separation of ranked-choice voting and
135.14 non-ranked-choice voting elections.

135.15 Subd. 3. **Ballot format rules.** The chief election official shall establish administrative
135.16 rules for ballot format after a voting mechanism has been selected, consistent with this
135.17 section.

135.18 Sec. 50. **[204E.05] RANKED-CHOICE VOTING TABULATION CENTER.**

135.19 Subdivision 1. **Tabulation of votes; generally.** The chief election official shall designate
135.20 one location to serve as the ranked-choice voting tabulation center. The center must be
135.21 accessible to the public for the purpose of observing the vote tabulation. Tabulation of votes
135.22 must be conducted as described in section 204E.06.

135.23 Subd. 2. **Precinct tabulation.** When the hours for voting have ended and all voting has
135.24 concluded, the election judges in each precinct shall record and publicly declare the number
135.25 of first choices cast for each candidate in that precinct. The election judges must then securely
135.26 transfer all electronic voting data and ballots from the precinct to the ranked-choice voting
135.27 tabulation center designated under this section. Upon receipt at the ranked-choice voting
135.28 tabulation center, all electronic voting data and ballots shall be secured.

135.29 Subd. 3. **Notice of recess in count.** At any time following receipt of materials under
135.30 subdivision 1, the chief election official may declare a recess. Notice of the recess must
135.31 include the date, time, and location at which the process of recording and tabulating votes

136.1 will resume and the reason for the recess. Notice must be posted on the city's official bulletin
136.2 board and on the door of the ranked-choice voting tabulation center.

136.3 Subd. 4. **Recording write-in votes.** At a time set by the chief election official, the
136.4 election judges shall convene at the ranked-choice voting tabulation center to examine
136.5 ballots on which voters have indicated a write-in choice, and record the names and number
136.6 of votes received by each write-in candidate. In the event that votes cast for the write-in
136.7 category are not eliminated as provided in section 204E.06, the results must be entered into
136.8 the ranked-choice voting tabulation software.

136.9 Subd. 5. **Ranked-choice vote tabulation.** After all votes have been recorded, and at a
136.10 time set by the chief election official, the process of tabulating votes cast for offices to be
136.11 elected using the ranked-choice method must begin. The counting must continue until
136.12 preliminary results for all races are determined, subject to subdivision 3.

136.13 Sec. 51. **[204E.06] TABULATION OF VOTES.**

136.14 (a) Tabulation of votes at the ranked-choice voting tabulation center must proceed in
136.15 rounds for each office to be counted. The threshold must be calculated and publicly declared.
136.16 Each round must proceed sequentially as follows:

136.17 (1) the number of votes cast for each candidate for the current round must be counted.
136.18 If the number of candidates whose vote totals equal or exceed the threshold are equal to the
136.19 number of seats to be filled, those candidates who are continuing candidates are elected and
136.20 the tabulation is complete. If the number of candidates whose vote totals are equal to or
136.21 greater than the threshold is not equal to the number of seats to be filled, a new round begins
136.22 and the tabulation must continue as provided in the remainder of this paragraph;

136.23 (2) surplus votes for any candidates whose vote totals are equal to or greater than the
136.24 threshold must be calculated;

136.25 (3) after any surplus votes are calculated but not yet transferred, all candidates for whom
136.26 it is mathematically impossible to be elected must be defeated by batch elimination. Votes
136.27 for the defeated candidates must be transferred to each ballot's next-ranked continuing
136.28 candidate, and the tabulation process reiterates beginning with clause (2). If no candidate
136.29 can be defeated mathematically, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (4);

136.30 (4) the transfer value of each vote cast for an elected candidate must be transferred to
136.31 the next continuing candidate on that ballot. Of the candidates whose vote totals reach or
136.32 exceed the threshold, the candidate with the largest surplus is declared elected and that
136.33 candidate's surplus is transferred. A tie between two or more candidates must immediately

137.1 and publicly be resolved by lot by the chief election official at the tabulation center. The
137.2 surplus of the candidate chosen by lot must be transferred before other transfers are made.
137.3 The result of the tie resolution must be recorded and reused in the event of a recount. If no
137.4 candidate has a surplus, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (5); otherwise,
137.5 the tabulation process must reiterate beginning with clause (2);

137.6 (5) if there are no transferable surplus votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is
137.7 defeated. Votes for the defeated candidate must be transferred to each ballot's next-ranked
137.8 continuing candidate. Ties between candidates with the fewest votes must be decided by
137.9 lot, and the candidate chosen by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution must
137.10 be recorded and reused in the event of a recount. The tabulation process must reiterate
137.11 beginning with clause (2); and

137.12 (6) the procedures in clauses (2) to (5) must be repeated until the number of candidates
137.13 whose vote totals are equal to or exceed the threshold is equal to the number of seats to be
137.14 filled, or until the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of offices yet to
137.15 be elected. If the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of offices yet to
137.16 be elected, the remaining continuing candidates must be declared elected. In the case of a
137.17 tie between two continuing candidates, the tie must be decided by lot as provided in section
137.18 204C.34, and the candidate chosen by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution
137.19 must be recorded and reused in the event of a recount.

137.20 (b) When a single skipped ranking is encountered on a ballot, that ballot must count
137.21 toward the next nonskipped ranking. If any ballot cannot be advanced because no further
137.22 candidates are ranked on that ballot, because a voter has skipped more than one ranking, or
137.23 because an undervote, overvote, or duplicate ranking is encountered, the ballot must not
137.24 count toward any candidate in that round or in subsequent rounds for the office being
137.25 counted.

137.26 **Sec. 52. [204E.07] REPORTING RESULTS.**

137.27 (a) Each precinct must print a precinct summary statement, which must include the
137.28 number of first choices cast for each candidate in that precinct.

137.29 (b) The ranked-choice voting tabulation center must print a summary statement with the
137.30 following information: total votes cast; number of undervotes; number of totally defective
137.31 and spoiled ballots; threshold calculation; total first choice rankings for all candidates;
137.32 round-by-round tabulation results, including simultaneous batch eliminations, surplus
137.33 transfers, and defeated candidate transfers; and exhausted ballots at each round.

138.1 (c) The election abstract must include the information required in the ranked-choice
138.2 voting tabulation center summary statement, with the addition of the number of registered
138.3 voters by precinct, the number of same-day voter registrations, and the number of absentee
138.4 voters.

138.5 Sec. 53. [204E.08] RECOUNTS.

138.6 (a) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation may request a recount as provided
138.7 in section 204C.36.

138.8 (b) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation when the vote difference is
138.9 greater than that provided in section 204C.36 may request a recount at the candidate's own
138.10 expense. A candidate defeated in an earlier round of tabulation may request a recount at the
138.11 candidate's own expense. The candidate is responsible for all expenses associated with the
138.12 recount, regardless of the vote difference between the candidates in the round in which the
138.13 requesting candidate was defeated. The requesting candidate shall file with the filing officer
138.14 a bond, cash, or surety in an amount set by the filing officer for the payment of the recount
138.15 expenses. Expenses must be determined as provided in section 204C.36, subdivision 4.

138.16 (c) Rules adopted by the secretary of state under section 204C.36 for recounts apply to
138.17 recounts conducted under this section.

138.18 Sec. 54. [204E.09] RULES.

138.19 The secretary of state may adopt rules necessary to implement the requirements and
138.20 procedures established by this chapter.

138.21 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 205.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

138.22 Subd. 2. **Notice of filing dates.** At least two weeks before the first day to file affidavits
138.23 of candidacy, the municipal clerk shall publish a notice stating the first and last dates on
138.24 which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in the clerk's office and the closing time for
138.25 filing on the last day for filing. The clerk shall post a similar notice at least ten days before
138.26 the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. The notice must indicate the method of election
138.27 to be used for the offices on the ballot. The notice must separately list any office for which
138.28 affidavits of candidacy may be filed to fill the unexpired portion of a term when a special
138.29 election is being held to fill a vacancy as provided in section 412.02, subdivision 2a.

139.1 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.58, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

139.2 Subdivision 1. **Municipalities.** (a) The governing body of a municipality, at a regular
139.3 meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, may provide for the use of an
139.4 electronic voting system in one or more precincts and at all elections in the precincts, subject
139.5 to approval by the county auditor. The governing body shall disseminate information to the
139.6 public about the use of a new voting system at least 60 days prior to the election and shall
139.7 provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration voting system in a public place for
139.8 the six weeks immediately prior to the first election at which the new voting system will be
139.9 used.

139.10 (b) No system may be adopted or used unless it has been approved by the secretary of
139.11 state pursuant to section 206.57.

139.12 (c) The governing body of a municipality may provide for the use of an electronic voting
139.13 system that has been approved by the secretary of state under section 206.57 but includes
139.14 an automatic tabulating equipment reallocation feature that has not been approved by the
139.15 secretary of state if the municipal clerk certifies to the secretary of state, within 30 days
139.16 from the date of adoption under paragraph (a), that the reallocation feature:

139.17 (1) has been certified as required under section 206.57, subdivision 6; and

139.18 (2) meets the municipality's ordinance requirements for electronic voting systems.

139.19 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.61, is amended by adding a subdivision to
139.20 read:

139.21 Subd. 1a. **Availability of alternate ballot formats.** In precincts using a ballot format
139.22 authorized by section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (3), voters must be provided the option
139.23 of voting a regularly printed optical scan ballot.

139.24 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.80, is amended to read:

139.25 **206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.**

139.26 (a) An electronic voting system may not be employed unless it:

139.27 (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;

139.28 (2) permits every voter to vote for all candidates and questions for whom or upon which
139.29 the voter is legally entitled to vote;

139.30 (3) provides for write-in voting when authorized;

140.1 (4) automatically rejects, except as provided in section 206.84 with respect to write-in
140.2 votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the
140.3 number which the voter is entitled to cast;

140.4 (5) permits a voter at a primary election to select secretly the party for which the voter
140.5 wishes to vote;

140.6 (6) automatically rejects all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter
140.7 votes for candidates of more than one party; and

140.8 (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent paper
140.9 ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, and to change votes or correct
140.10 any error before the voter's ballot is cast and counted, produces an individual, discrete,
140.11 permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter, and preserves the paper ballot as an official record
140.12 available for use in any recount.

140.13 (b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after June 4, 2005, may not be employed
140.14 unless it:

140.15 (1) accepts and tabulates, in the polling place or at a counting center, a marked optical
140.16 scan ballot; ~~or~~

140.17 (2) creates a marked optical scan ballot that can be tabulated in the polling place or at a
140.18 counting center by automatic tabulating equipment certified for use in this state; or

140.19 (3) creates a marked paper ballot indicating, at a minimum, the date of the election, the
140.20 name of the precinct, an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator,
140.21 and the voter's votes for each office or question, generated from the voter's use of a touch
140.22 screen or other electronic device on which a complete ballot meeting the information
140.23 requirements of any applicable law was displayed electronically.

140.24 (c) Jurisdictions using multiple ballot formats must not record the ballot formats of
140.25 electronic voting system used by a particular voter.

140.26 Sec. 59. **[206.802] ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS; PURCHASING.**

140.27 Any new voting equipment purchased for use in Minnesota for the purpose of replacing
140.28 a voting system must have the ability to:

140.29 (1) capture and store ballot data;

140.30 (2) keep data anonymous;

140.31 (3) accept ranked or cumulative voting data under a variety of tabulation rules;

141.1 (4) be programmable to follow all other specifications of the ranked-choice voting system
141.2 as provided in chapter 204E;

141.3 (5) provide a minimum of three rankings for ranked-choice voting elections;

141.4 (6) notify voters of the following errors: overvotes, skipped rankings, and duplicate
141.5 rankings in a ranked-choice voting election; and

141.6 (7) be programmable to print a zero tape indicating all rankings for all candidates in a
141.7 ranked-choice voting election.

141.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon certification by the secretary of
141.9 state that equipment meeting the standards required by this section is available for purchase
141.10 and implementation.

141.11 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

141.12 Subdivision 1. **Program.** A program or programs for use in an election conducted by
141.13 means of an electronic voting system or using an electronic ballot marker shall be prepared
141.14 at the direction of the county auditor or municipal clerk who is responsible for the conduct
141.15 of the election and shall be independently verified by a competent person designated by
141.16 that official. The term "competent person" as used in this section means a person who can
141.17 demonstrate knowledge as a computer programmer and who is other than and wholly
141.18 independent of any person operating or employed by the counting center or the corporation
141.19 or other preparer of the program. A test deck prepared by a competent person shall be used
141.20 for independent verification of the program; it shall test the maximum digits used in totaling
141.21 the returns and shall be usable by insertion during the tabulation process as well as prior to
141.22 tabulation. A test deck must also be prepared using the electronic ballot marker program
141.23 and must also be used to verify that all valid votes counted by the vote tabulator may be
141.24 selected using the electronic ballot marker. The computer program for any election and an
141.25 exact duplicate of the program for use as backup must be completed and delivered to the
141.26 election jurisdiction or the county auditor in charge of a common central counting center
141.27 at least 40 days prior to the election. The secretary of state shall adopt rules further specifying
141.28 test procedures.

141.29 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.83, is amended to read:

141.30 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

141.31 (a) Within ~~14~~ 37 days before election day, the official in charge of elections shall have
141.32 the voting system tested to ascertain that the system will correctly mark ballots using all

142.1 methods supported by the system, including ranked-choice voting if applicable, and through
142.2 assistive technology, and count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public
142.3 notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least two days in advance by
142.4 publication once in official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election
142.5 judges, who are not of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives
142.6 of the political parties, candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by
142.7 (1) processing a preaudited group of ballots punched or marked to record a predetermined
142.8 number of valid votes for each candidate and on each question, and must include for each
142.9 office one or more ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law
142.10 in order to test the ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to
142.11 reject those votes; and (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the
142.12 electronic ballot marker for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot
142.13 display, audio ballot reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic
142.14 ballot marker. If an election is to be conducted using ranked-choice voting, the equipment
142.15 must also be tested to ensure that each ranking for each candidate is recorded properly.

142.16 (b) If any error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless
142.17 count must be made before the voting system may be used in the election.

142.18 (c) After the completion of the test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed,
142.19 retained, and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

142.20 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.86, is amended by adding a subdivision to
142.21 read:

142.22 Subd. 5a. Ballots in precincts with multiple styles of voting system. (a) This subdivision
142.23 applies only to precincts using a ballot format as provided by section 206.80, paragraph (b),
142.24 clause (3), that was used by ten or fewer voters.

142.25 (b) In the event the results of a precinct are subject to a recount under section 204C.35
142.26 or 204C.36, or are subject to postelection review under section 206.89, the election judges
142.27 from that precinct are not eligible to participate in conducting a recount or postelection
142.28 review in that precinct.

142.29 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.89, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

142.30 **Subd. 2. Selection for review; notice.** At the canvass of the state primary, the county
142.31 canvassing board in each county must set the date, time, and place for the postelection
142.32 review of the state general election to be held under this section. In jurisdictions where
142.33 ranked-choice voting is used, the date, time, and place for postelection review must be set

143.1 by the county auditor at least 30 days before the election. The postelection review must not
143.2 begin before the 11th day after the state general election and must be complete no later than
143.3 the 18th day after the state general election.

143.4 At the canvass of the state general election, the county canvassing boards must select
143.5 the precincts to be reviewed by lot. The ballots to be reviewed for a precinct include both
143.6 the ballots counted at the polling place for that precinct and the absentee ballots counted
143.7 centrally by a ballot board for that precinct. The county canvassing board of a county with
143.8 fewer than 50,000 registered voters must conduct a postelection review of a total of at least
143.9 two precincts. The county canvassing board of a county with between 50,000 and 100,000
143.10 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of at least three precincts. The county
143.11 canvassing board of a county with over 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review
143.12 of a total of at least four precincts, or three percent of the total number of precincts in the
143.13 county, whichever is greater. At least one precinct selected in each county must have had
143.14 more than 150 votes cast at the general election.

143.15 The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of the precincts that have been
143.16 chosen for review and the time and place the postelection review for that county will be
143.17 conducted, as soon as the decisions are made. If the selection of precincts has not resulted
143.18 in the selection of at least four precincts in each congressional district, the secretary of state
143.19 may require counties to select by lot additional precincts to meet the congressional district
143.20 requirement. The secretary of state must post this information on the office website.

143.21 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.89, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

143.22 Subd. 3. **Scope and conduct of review.** The county canvassing board shall appoint the
143.23 postelection review official as defined in subdivision 1. The postelection review must be
143.24 conducted of the votes cast for president or governor; United States senator; and United
143.25 States representative. In jurisdictions where ranked-choice voting is used, the review must
143.26 also include at least one single-seat ranked-choice voting election and at least one
143.27 multiple-seat ranked-choice voting election, if such an election occurred. A postelection
143.28 review of a ranked-choice voting election must be conducted for elections decided most
143.29 closely in the final round, by percentage. The postelection review official may conduct
143.30 postelection review of the votes cast for additional offices.

143.31 The postelection review must be conducted in public at the location where the voted
143.32 ballots have been securely stored after the state general election or at another location chosen
143.33 by the county canvassing board. The postelection review official for each precinct selected
143.34 must conduct the postelection review and may be assisted by election judges designated by

144.1 the postelection review official for this purpose. The party balance requirement of section
144.2 204B.19 applies to election judges designated for the review. The postelection review must
144.3 consist of a manual count of the ballots used in the precincts selected and must be performed
144.4 in the manner provided by section 204C.21. The postelection review must be conducted in
144.5 the manner provided for recounts under section 204C.361 to the extent practicable, and
144.6 where ranked-choice voting is used, must include testing of the accumulation software using
144.7 stored electronic data for those precincts that are not reviewed by manual count. The review
144.8 must be completed no later than two days before the meeting of the state canvassing board
144.9 to certify the results of the state general election.

144.10 Sec. 65. **[206.97] ELECTION SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION GRANTS.**

144.11 Subdivision 1. Grants authorized. The secretary of state must disburse \$1,000,000 in
144.12 grants from funds governed by section 5.30 to political subdivisions as authorized by this
144.13 section. In evaluating an application for a grant, the secretary of state shall consider only
144.14 the information set forth in the application and is not subject to chapter 14.

144.15 Subd. 2. Use of grants. A grant awarded under this section may be used for the following:

- 144.16 (1) updated hardware or software used for administering elections;
144.17 (2) additional physical security for election equipment storage;
144.18 (3) increased polling place accessibility; or
144.19 (4) cybersecurity or physical security training for election officials or election judges.

144.20 Subd. 3. Application. The secretary of state may award a grant to a political subdivision
144.21 after receiving an application from the political subdivision. The application must identify:

- 144.22 (1) the date the application is submitted;
144.23 (2) the name of the political subdivision;
144.24 (3) the name and title of the individual who prepared the application;
144.25 (4) the total number of registered voters as of the date of the application in each precinct
144.26 in the political subdivision;
144.27 (5) the total amount of the grant requested;
144.28 (6) the hardware, software, security improvements, accessibility improvements, or
144.29 training to be acquired or conducted with the grant money;
144.30 (7) the proposed schedule for purchasing and implementing the proposed items and what
144.31 precincts will be impacted by their implementation;

145.1 (8) whether the political subdivision has previously applied for a grant under this
145.2 subdivision and the disposition of that application;

145.3 (9) a certified statement by the political subdivision that the grant will be used only for
145.4 purposes authorized under subdivision 2; and

145.5 (10) any other information required by the secretary of state.

145.6 Subd. 4. Legislative report. No later than January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter
145.7 until the appropriations provided for grants under this section have been exhausted, the
145.8 secretary of state must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
145.9 legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections policy on grants awarded by this
145.10 section. The report must detail each grant awarded, including the jurisdiction, the amount
145.11 of the grant, and how the grant was used.

145.12 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.11, is amended to read:

145.13 **207A.11 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ESTABLISHED.**

145.14 (a) A presidential nomination primary must be held each year in which a president and
145.15 vice president of the United States are to be nominated and elected.

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

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

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

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

146.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to presidential
146.5 nomination primaries conducted on or after that date.

146.6 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.12, is amended to read:

146.7 **207A.12 CONDUCTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY.**

146.8 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the presidential nomination primary must be
146.9 conducted, and the results canvassed and returned, in the manner provided by law for the
146.10 state primary.

146.11 (b) An individual seeking to vote at the presidential nomination primary must be
146.12 registered to vote pursuant to section 201.054, subdivision 1. The voter must request the
146.13 ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Notwithstanding section
146.14 204C.18, subdivision 1, the election judge must record in the polling place roster the name
146.15 of the political party whose ballot the voter requested. When posting voter history pursuant
146.16 to section 201.171, the county auditor must include the name of the political party whose
146.17 ballot the voter requested. ~~The voter instruction posters, pamphlets, and other informational~~
146.18 ~~materials prepared for a presidential primary by the secretary of state pursuant to section~~
146.19 ~~204B.27 must include information about the requirements of this paragraph, including a~~
146.20 ~~notice that the voter's choice of a political party's ballot will be recorded and is public~~
146.21 ~~information~~ The political party ballot selected by a voter is private data on individuals as
146.22 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except as provided in section 201.091,
146.23 subdivision 4a.

146.24 (c) Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of the presidential
146.25 nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each party of the results.

146.26 (d) The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election of delegates
146.27 in each party.

146.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to presidential
146.29 nomination primaries conducted on or after that date.

146.30 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

146.31 Subd. 2. **Sample Example ballots.** No later than 70 days before the presidential
146.32 nomination primary, the secretary of state must supply each county auditor with ~~sample~~

147.1 example ballots to be used at the presidential nomination primary. The ~~sample~~ example
147.2 ballots must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the presidential nomination
147.3 primary.

147.4 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

147.5 Subd. 2. **Reimbursable local expenses.** (a) The secretary of state shall reimburse the
147.6 counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of the presidential
147.7 nomination primary from money contained in the presidential nomination primary elections
147.8 account. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement: preparation and printing
147.9 of ballots; postage for absentee ballots; publication of the sample ballot; preparation of
147.10 polling places in an amount not to exceed \$150 per polling place; preparation of electronic
147.11 voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$100 per precinct; compensation for temporary
147.12 staff or overtime payments; salaries of election judges; ~~and~~ compensation of county
147.13 canvassing board members; and other expenses as approved by the secretary of state.

147.14 (b) Within 60 days after the results of a presidential nomination primary are certified
147.15 by the State Canvassing Board, the county auditor must submit a request for payment of
147.16 the costs incurred by the county for conducting the presidential nomination primary, and
147.17 the municipal clerk must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the
147.18 municipality for conducting the presidential nomination primary. The request for payment
147.19 must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by an itemized
147.20 description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of invoices. In
147.21 addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for reimbursement
147.22 is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the presidential nomination
147.23 primary.

147.24 (c) The secretary of state shall provide each county and municipality with the appropriate
147.25 forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision. The secretary
147.26 of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment and certification of
147.27 costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary of state must complete
147.28 the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities no later than 90 days after
147.29 the results of the presidential nomination primary have been certified by the State Canvassing
147.30 Board.

147.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to presidential
147.32 nomination primaries conducted on or after that date.

148.1 Sec. 70. [208.051] AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE
148.2 PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

148.3 The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is
148.4 enacted into law and entered into with all other states legally joining in it in substantially
148.5 the following form:

148.6 Article I - Membership

148.7 Any state of the United States and the District of Columbia may become a member of
148.8 this agreement by enacting this agreement.

148.9 Article II - Right of the People in Member States to

148.10 Vote for President and Vice President

148.11 Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for president and vice
148.12 president of the United States.

148.13 Article III - Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors in Member States

148.14 Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the
148.15 chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each
148.16 presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which
148.17 votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
148.18 produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential slate. The chief election official
148.19 of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular
148.20 vote total as the "national popular vote winner." The presidential elector certifying official
148.21 of each member state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector
148.22 slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner. At least
148.23 six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors,
148.24 each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in
148.25 the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such
148.26 determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other member state. The
148.27 chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official statement
148.28 containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the
148.29 day established by federal law for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the
148.30 counting of electoral votes by Congress. In event of a tie for the national popular vote
148.31 winner, the presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the
148.32 appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving
148.33 the largest number of popular votes within that official's own state. If, for any reason, the

149.1 number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in association with the national
149.2 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the
149.3 presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national
149.4 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors for that state
149.5 and that state's presidential elector certifying official shall certify the appointment of such
149.6 nominees. The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the
149.7 public all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained. This article
149.8 shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in
149.9 which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority
149.10 of the electoral votes.

149.11 Article IV - Other Provisions

149.12 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the
149.13 electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments
149.14 by such states have taken effect in each state. Any member state may withdraw from this
149.15 agreement, except that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a
149.16 president's term shall not become effective until a president or vice president shall have
149.17 been qualified to serve the next term. The chief executive of each member state shall promptly
149.18 notify the chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted and
149.19 has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement,
149.20 and when this agreement takes effect generally. This agreement shall terminate if the electoral
149.21 college is abolished. If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining
149.22 provisions shall not be affected.

149.23 Article V - Definitions

149.24 For purposes of this agreement,

149.25 "chief executive" means the governor of a state of the United States or the mayor of the
149.26 District of Columbia;

149.27 "elector slate" means a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for the
149.28 position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

149.29 "chief election official" means the state official or body that is authorized to certify the
149.30 total number of popular votes for each presidential slate;

149.31 "presidential elector" means an elector for president and vice president of the United
149.32 States;

150.1 "presidential elector certifying official" means the state official or body that is authorized
150.2 to certify the appointment of the state's presidential electors;

150.3 "presidential slate" means a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nominated
150.4 as a candidate for president of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated
150.5 as a candidate for vice president of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons,
150.6 regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular
150.7 state;

150.8 "state" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

150.9 "statewide popular election" means a general election in which votes are cast for
150.10 presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis.

150.11 Sec. 71. **[243.205] NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT TO VOTE.**

150.12 Subdivision 1. **Correctional facilities; designation of official.** The chief executive
150.13 officer of each state and local correctional facility shall designate an official within the
150.14 facility to provide the notice and application required under this section to persons to whom
150.15 the civil right to vote is restored by reason of the persons' release from actual incarceration.
150.16 The official shall maintain an adequate supply of voter registration applications and
150.17 informational materials for this purpose.

150.18 Subd. 2. **Notice requirement.** A notice of restoration of the civil right to vote and a
150.19 voter registration application must be provided as follows:

150.20 (1) the chief executive officer of each state and local correctional facility shall provide
150.21 the notice and application to a person being released from the facility following incarceration
150.22 for a felony-level offense; and

150.23 (2) a probation officer or supervised release agent shall provide the notice and application
150.24 to all individuals under correctional supervision for a felony-level offense.

150.25 Subd. 3. **Form of notice.** The notice required by subdivision 2 must appear substantially
150.26 as follows:

150.27 **"NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.**

150.28 Your receipt of this notice today means that your right to vote in Minnesota has been
150.29 restored. Before you can vote on election day, you still need to register to vote. To register,
150.30 you may complete a voter registration application and return it to the Office of the Minnesota
150.31 Secretary of State. You may also register to vote in your polling place on election day. You
150.32 will not be permitted to cast a ballot until you register to vote. The first time you appear at

151.1 your polling place to cast a ballot, you may be required to provide proof of your current
151.2 residence."

151.3 Subd. 4. **Failure to provide notice.** A failure to provide proper notice as required by
151.4 this section does not prevent the restoration of the person's civil right to vote.

151.5 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.408, is amended by adding a subdivision
151.6 to read:

151.7 Subd. 11. **Transit service on election day.** (a) The Metropolitan Council shall provide
151.8 regular route transit, as defined under section 473.385, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), free
151.9 of charge on a day a state general election is held.

151.10 (b) The requirements under this subdivision apply to operators of regular route transit
151.11 (1) receiving financial assistance under section 473.388, or (2) operating under section
151.12 473.405, subdivision 12.

151.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective July 1, 2020, and
151.14 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

151.15 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.165, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

151.16 Subdivision 1. **Restoration.** Except as provided in section 201.014, subdivision 2a,
151.17 when a person has been deprived of civil rights by reason of conviction of a crime and is
151.18 thereafter discharged, such discharge shall restore the person to all civil rights and to full
151.19 citizenship, ~~with full right to vote and hold office,~~ the same as if such conviction had not
151.20 taken place, and the order of discharge shall so provide.

151.21 Sec. 74. **REPEALER; EARLY VOTING.**

151.22 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is repealed.

151.23 Sec. 75. **EFFECTIVE DATE; EARLY VOTING.**

151.24 The provisions of this article related to early voting are effective when the secretary of
151.25 state has certified that:

151.26 (1) the statewide voter registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow
151.27 for the tracking of the information required to conduct early voting, and can handle the
151.28 expected volume of use; and

151.29 (2) precinct voting equipment that can tabulate at least 30 different ballot styles has been
151.30 certified for use in this state. Upon certification pursuant to this section, the provisions of

152.1 this act related to early voting apply to all federal, state, and county elections held on August
152.2 1, 2019, and thereafter. A jurisdiction may implement the requirements of this act prior to
152.3 the date provided in this section, if the secretary of state has made the required certifications
152.4 at least 90 days prior to the date of the election at which early voting will be used.

152.5 ARTICLE 5

152.6 CAMPAIGN FINANCE

152.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

152.8 Subd. 4. **Approved expenditure.** "Approved expenditure" means an expenditure made
152.9 on behalf of a candidate or a local candidate by an entity other than the candidate's principal
152.10 campaign committee ~~of the candidate~~ or the local candidate, if the expenditure is made with
152.11 the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with,
152.12 or at the request or suggestion of the candidate or local candidate, the candidate's principal
152.13 campaign committee, or the candidate's or local candidate's agent. An approved expenditure
152.14 is a contribution to that candidate or local candidate.

152.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

152.16 Subd. 7. **Ballot question.** "Ballot question" means a question or proposition that is placed
152.17 on the ballot and that may be voted on by:

152.18 (1) all voters of the state;

152.19 (2) all voters of Hennepin County;

152.20 (3) all voters of any home rule charter city or statutory city located wholly within
152.21 Hennepin County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or

152.22 (4) all voters of Special School District No. 1.

152.23 "Promoting or defeating a ballot question" includes activities, other than lobbying
152.24 activities, related to qualifying the question for placement on the ballot.

152.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

152.26 Subd. 9. **Campaign expenditure.** "Campaign expenditure" or "expenditure" means a
152.27 purchase or payment of money or anything of value, or an advance of credit, made or
152.28 incurred for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or a local
152.29 candidate or for the purpose of promoting or defeating a ballot question.

153.1 An expenditure is considered to be made in the year in which the candidate made the
153.2 purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods or services.

153.3 An expenditure made for the purpose of defeating a candidate or a local candidate is
153.4 considered made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of that candidate
153.5 or local candidate or any opponent of that candidate or local candidate.

153.6 Except as provided in clause (1), "expenditure" includes the dollar value of a donation
153.7 in kind.

153.8 "Expenditure" does not include:

153.9 (1) noncampaign disbursements as defined in subdivision 26;

153.10 (2) services provided without compensation by an individual volunteering personal time
153.11 on behalf of a candidate or a local candidate, ballot question, political committee, political
153.12 fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit;

153.13 (3) the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news
153.14 media; or

153.15 (4) an individual's unreimbursed personal use of an automobile owned by the individual
153.16 and used by the individual while volunteering personal time.

153.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
153.18 read:

153.19 Subd. 10d. **Local candidate.** "Local candidate" means an individual who seeks
153.20 nomination or election to:

153.21 (1) any county office in Hennepin County;

153.22 (2) any city office in any home rule charter city or statutory city located wholly within
153.23 Hennepin County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or

153.24 (3) the school board in Special School District No. 1.

153.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

153.26 Subd. 11. **Contribution.** (a) "Contribution" means money, a negotiable instrument, or
153.27 a donation in kind that is given to a political committee, political fund, principal campaign
153.28 committee, local candidate, or party unit. An allocation by an association of general treasury
153.29 money to be used for activities that must be or are reported through the association's political
153.30 fund is considered to be a contribution for the purposes of disclosure required by this chapter.

154.1 (b) "Contribution" includes a loan or advance of credit to a political committee, political
154.2 fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party unit, if the loan or advance
154.3 of credit is: (1) forgiven; or (2) repaid by an individual or an association other than the
154.4 political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party
154.5 unit to which the loan or advance of credit was made. If an advance of credit or a loan is
154.6 forgiven or repaid as provided in this paragraph, it is a contribution in the year in which the
154.7 loan or advance of credit was made.

154.8 (c) "Contribution" does not include services provided without compensation by an
154.9 individual volunteering personal time on behalf of a candidate, local candidate, ballot
154.10 question, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit;
154.11 the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news media; or
154.12 an individual's unreimbursed personal use of an automobile owned by the individual while
154.13 volunteering personal time.

154.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:

154.15 Subd. 16a. **Expressly advocating.** "Expressly advocating" means:

154.16 (1) that a communication clearly identifies a candidate or a local candidate and uses
154.17 words or phrases of express advocacy; or

154.18 (2) that a communication when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external
154.19 events, such as the proximity to the election, is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation
154.20 other than as an appeal advocating the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified
154.21 candidates.

154.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, except that clause (2)
154.23 is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to expenditures and electioneering communications
154.24 made on or after that date.

154.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 17c, is amended to read:

154.26 Subd. 17c. **General treasury money.** "General treasury money" means money that an
154.27 association other than a principal campaign committee, party unit, or political committee
154.28 accumulates through membership dues and fees, donations to the association for its general
154.29 purposes, and income from the operation of a business. General treasury money does not
154.30 include money collected to influence the nomination or election of candidates or local
154.31 candidates or to promote or defeat a ballot question.

155.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

155.2 Subd. 18. **Independent expenditure.** "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure
155.3 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or local candidate,
155.4 if the expenditure is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, or
155.5 cooperation of, and not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or
155.6 any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent or any local candidate or local
155.7 candidate's agent. An independent expenditure is not a contribution to that candidate or
155.8 local candidate. An independent expenditure does not include the act of announcing a formal
155.9 public endorsement of a candidate or local candidate for public office, unless the act is
155.10 simultaneously accompanied by an expenditure that would otherwise qualify as an
155.11 independent expenditure under this subdivision.

155.12 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

155.13 Subd. 20. **Loan.** "Loan" means an advance of money or anything of value made to a
155.14 political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party
155.15 unit.

155.16 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

155.17 Subd. 26. **Noncampaign disbursement.** (a) "Noncampaign disbursement" means a
155.18 purchase or payment of money or anything of value made, or an advance of credit incurred,
155.19 or a donation in kind received, by a principal campaign committee for any of the following
155.20 purposes:

155.21 (1) payment for accounting and legal services;

155.22 (2) return of a contribution to the source;

155.23 (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;

155.24 (4) return of a public subsidy;

155.25 (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment,
155.26 and facility rental for a fund-raising event;

155.27 (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer
155.28 in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1;

155.29 (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they
155.30 are engaged in campaign activities;

- 156.1 (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting
156.2 directly related to legislative duties;
- 156.3 (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus
156.4 in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;
- 156.5 (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving
156.6 in public office, other than for personal uses;
- 156.7 (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;
- 156.8 (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;
- 156.9 (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will
156.10 no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;
- 156.11 (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;
- 156.12 (15) filing fees;
- 156.13 (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements
156.14 in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;
- 156.15 (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if
156.16 the defective material is destroyed without being used;
- 156.17 (18) contributions to a party unit;
- 156.18 (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;
- 156.19 (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact
156.20 information and distributed to constituents;
- 156.21 (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national
156.22 convention in this state;
- 156.23 (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being
156.24 for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to
156.25 promote or defeat a ballot question;
- 156.26 (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit
156.27 card, or electronic check;
- 156.28 (24) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount
156.29 of ballots affecting that candidate's election;

157.1 (25) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception
157.2 given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for
157.3 affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;

157.4 (26) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general
157.5 fund; and

157.6 (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county obligated
157.7 to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state office; and

157.8 (28) payment of expenses for home security cameras, an electronic home security system,
157.9 and identity theft monitoring services for a candidate and any immediate family members
157.10 of the candidate residing in the candidate's household.

157.11 (b) The board must determine whether an activity involves a noncampaign disbursement
157.12 within the meaning of this subdivision.

157.13 (c) A noncampaign disbursement is considered to be made in the year in which the
157.14 candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods
157.15 or services.

157.16 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

157.17 Subd. 27. **Political committee.** "Political committee" means an association whose major
157.18 purpose is to influence the nomination or election of one or more candidates or local
157.19 candidates or to promote or defeat a ballot question, other than a principal campaign
157.20 committee, local candidate, or a political party unit.

157.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

157.22 Subd. 28. **Political fund.** "Political fund" means an accumulation of dues or voluntary
157.23 contributions by an association other than a political committee, principal campaign
157.24 committee, or party unit, if the accumulation is collected or expended to influence the
157.25 nomination or election of one or more candidates or local candidates or to promote or defeat
157.26 a ballot question. The term political fund as used in this chapter may also refer to the
157.27 association acting through its political fund.

157.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

157.29 Subdivision 1. **When required for contributions and approved expenditures.** An
157.30 association other than a political committee or party unit may not contribute more than \$750
157.31 in aggregate in any calendar year to candidates, local candidates, political committees, or

158.1 party units or make approved expenditures of more than \$750 in aggregate in any calendar
158.2 year unless the contribution or expenditure is made through a political fund.

158.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

158.4 Subd. 2. **Commingling prohibited.** The contents of an association's political fund may
158.5 not be commingled with other funds or with the personal funds of an officer or member of
158.6 the association or the fund. It is not commingling for an association that uses only its own
158.7 general treasury money to make expenditures and disbursements permitted under section
158.8 10A.121, subdivision 1, directly from the depository used for its general treasury money.
158.9 An association that accepts more than \$1,500 in aggregate in contributions to influence the
158.10 nomination or election of candidates or local candidates or more than \$5,000 in contributions
158.11 to promote or defeat a ballot question must establish a separate depository for those
158.12 contributions.

158.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

158.14 Subdivision 1. **Permitted disbursements.** An independent expenditure political
158.15 committee or fund, or a ballot question political committee or fund, may:

158.16 (1) pay costs associated with its fund-raising and general operations;

158.17 (2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved expenditures;

158.18 (3) make contributions to independent expenditure or ballot question political committees
158.19 or funds;

158.20 (4) make independent expenditures;

158.21 (5) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;

158.22 (6) return a contribution to its source;

158.23 (7) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's general
158.24 treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of the association;
158.25 ~~and~~

158.26 (8) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate depository
158.27 to the general depository of the association-; and

158.28 (9) make disbursements for electioneering communications.

158.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to
158.30 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

159.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

159.2 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) An independent expenditure political committee or independent
159.3 expenditure political fund is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the
159.4 contribution or approved expenditure if it does the following:

159.5 (1) makes a contribution to a candidate, local candidate, party unit, political committee,
159.6 or political fund other than an independent expenditure political committee or an independent
159.7 expenditure political fund; or

159.8 (2) makes an approved expenditure.

159.9 (b) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a
159.10 civil penalty under this section.

159.11 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

159.12 Subdivision 1. **Accounts; penalty.** The treasurer of a political committee, political fund,
159.13 principal campaign committee, or party unit must keep an account of:

159.14 (1) the sum of all contributions, except any donation in kind valued at \$20 or less, made
159.15 to the committee, fund, or party unit;

159.16 (2) the name and address of each source of a contribution made to the committee, fund,
159.17 or party unit in excess of \$20, together with the date and amount of each;

159.18 (3) each expenditure made by the committee, fund, or party unit, together with the date
159.19 and amount;

159.20 (4) each approved expenditure made on behalf of the committee, fund, or party unit,
159.21 together with the date and amount; and

159.22 (5) the name and address of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign
159.23 committee, local candidate, or party unit to which contributions in excess of \$20 have been
159.24 made, together with the date and amount.

159.25 Any individual who knowingly violates this subdivision is subject to a civil penalty
159.26 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

159.27 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

159.28 Subd. 4. **Independent expenditures.** An individual, political committee, political fund,
159.29 principal campaign committee, or party unit that independently solicits or accepts
159.30 contributions or makes independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate or local candidate

160.1 must publicly disclose that the expenditure is an independent expenditure. All written and
160.2 broadcast communications with those from whom contributions are independently solicited
160.3 or accepted or to whom independent expenditures are made on behalf of a candidate or local
160.4 candidate must contain a statement in substantially the form provided in section 211B.04,
160.5 subdivision 2. The statement must be on the front page of all written communications and
160.6 at the end of all broadcast communications made by that individual, political committee,
160.7 political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit on the candidate's or local
160.8 candidate's behalf.

160.9 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to
160.10 read:

160.11 Subd. 2a. Local election reports. (a) This subdivision applies to a political committee,
160.12 political fund, or political party unit that during a nongeneral election year:

160.13 (1) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to influence the nomination or election of local
160.14 candidates;

160.15 (2) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to make independent expenditures on behalf of
160.16 local candidates; or

160.17 (3) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to promote or defeat ballot questions defined
160.18 in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), or (4).

160.19 (b) In addition to the reports required under subdivision 2, the entities listed in paragraph
160.20 (a) must file the following reports in each nongeneral election year:

160.21 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due
160.22 April 14;

160.23 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

160.24 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before the local primary election date
160.25 specified in section 205.065;

160.26 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the local general election; and

160.27 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a local general election.

160.28 The reporting obligations in this paragraph begin with the first report due after the
160.29 reporting period in which the entity reaches the spending threshold specified in paragraph
160.30 (a).

161.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

161.2 Subd. 3. **Contents of report.** (a) The report required by this section must include each
161.3 of the items listed in paragraphs (b) to (q) that are applicable to the filer. The board shall
161.4 prescribe forms based on filer type indicating which of those items must be included on the
161.5 filer's report.

161.6 (b) The report must disclose the amount of liquid assets on hand at the beginning of the
161.7 reporting period.

161.8 (c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,
161.9 and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that
161.10 has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets
161.11 for a fund-raising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or
161.12 statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and
161.13 date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from
161.14 each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An
161.15 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered
161.16 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must
161.17 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under
161.18 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is
161.19 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the
161.20 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and
161.21 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the
161.22 report.

161.23 (d) The report must disclose the sum of contributions to the reporting entity during the
161.24 reporting period.

161.25 (e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within
161.26 the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven,
161.27 together with the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and
161.28 registration number if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date
161.29 and amount of the loan. If a loan made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate
161.30 is forgiven or is repaid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must
161.31 be reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

161.32 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200 during the reporting period not
161.33 otherwise listed under paragraphs (c) to (e).

162.1 (g) The report must disclose the sum of all receipts of the reporting entity during the
162.2 reporting period.

162.3 (h) The report must disclose the following:

162.4 (1) the name, address, and registration number if registered with the board of each
162.5 individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved expenditures,
162.6 independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures, and disbursements for
162.7 electioneering communications have been made by or on behalf of the reporting entity
162.8 within the year in excess of \$200, ~~together with;~~

162.9 (2) the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, including an explanation of how
162.10 the expenditure was used, ~~and;~~

162.11 (3) the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate or local candidate on
162.12 whose behalf the expenditure was made, or, in the case of electioneering communications,
162.13 each candidate identified positively in the communication;

162.14 (4) identification of the ballot question that the expenditure was intended to promote or
162.15 defeat and an indication of whether the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot
162.16 question; and

162.17 (5) in the case of independent expenditures made in opposition to a candidate, local
162.18 candidate, or electioneering communications in which a candidate is identified negatively,
162.19 the candidate's or local candidate's name, address, and office sought. A reporting entity
162.20 making an expenditure on behalf of more than one candidate for state or legislative office
162.21 must allocate the expenditure among the candidates or local candidates on a reasonable cost
162.22 basis and report the allocation for each candidate or local candidate. The report must list
162.23 on separate schedules any independent expenditures made on behalf of local candidates and
162.24 any expenditures made for ballot questions as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 7,
162.25 clause (2), (3), or (4).

162.26 (i) The report must disclose the sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the
162.27 reporting entity during the reporting period.

162.28 (j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by
162.29 the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit
162.30 incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or
162.31 paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a
162.32 donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

163.1 (k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
163.2 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
163.3 local candidate, or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess
163.4 of \$200 within the year and the amount and date of each contribution. The report must list
163.5 on separate schedules any contributions made to state candidates' principal campaign
163.6 committees and any contributions made to local candidates.

163.7 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity
163.8 during the reporting period and must separately disclose the sum of all contributions made
163.9 to local candidates by the reporting entity during the reporting period.

163.10 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
163.11 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have
163.12 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting
163.13 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement, including an
163.14 explanation of how the expenditure was used.

163.15 (n) The report must disclose the sum of all noncampaign disbursements made within
163.16 the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

163.17 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides
163.18 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section
163.19 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate
163.20 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political
163.21 fund during the reporting period.

163.22 (p) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, and political committees
163.23 and funds must itemize contributions that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for
163.24 legislative or statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions on reports submitted
163.25 to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received,
163.26 the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor.
163.27 Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item
163.28 or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported
163.29 as an aggregate total.

163.30 (q) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and
163.31 funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and
163.32 noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year on reports
163.33 submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made
163.34 or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the

164.1 vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item
164.2 purchased, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used. Expenditures and
164.3 noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically by vendor.

164.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments related to electioneering communications are
164.5 effective January 1, 2020, and apply to expenditures and electioneering communications
164.6 made on or after that date.

164.7 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

164.8 Subd. 6a. **Statement of independence.** An individual, political committee, political
164.9 fund, or party unit filing a report or statement disclosing an independent expenditure under
164.10 subdivision 3 or 6 must file with the report a sworn statement that the disclosed expenditures
164.11 were not made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation
164.12 or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate ~~or~~; any candidate's
164.13 principal campaign committee or agent; or any local candidate or any local candidate's
164.14 agent.

164.15 Sec. 22. **[10A.201] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.**

164.16 Subdivision 1. **Electioneering communication.** (a) "Electioneering communication"
164.17 means a communication distributed by television, radio, satellite, the Internet, or cable
164.18 broadcasting system; by means of printed material, signs, or billboards; through the use of
164.19 telephone communications; or by electronic communication, including electronic mail or
164.20 electronic text messaging that:

164.21 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate;

164.22 (2) is made within:

164.23 (i) 30 days before a primary election or special primary election for the office sought
164.24 by the candidate; or

164.25 (ii) 60 days before a general election or special election for the office sought by the
164.26 candidate;

164.27 (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate; and

164.28 (4) is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, and
164.29 not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or a candidate's principal
164.30 campaign committee or agent.

164.31 (b) Electioneering communication does not include:

165.1 (1) the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news
165.2 media;

165.3 (2) a communication that constitutes an approved expenditure or an independent
165.4 expenditure;

165.5 (3) a voter guide, which is a pamphlet or similar printed material, intended to help voters
165.6 compare candidates' positions on a set of issues, as long as each of the following is true:

165.7 (i) the guide does not focus on a single issue or a narrow range of issues, but includes
165.8 questions and subjects sufficient to encompass major issues of interest to the entire electorate;

165.9 (ii) the questions and any other description of the issues are clear and unbiased in both
165.10 their structure and content;

165.11 (iii) the questions posed and provided to the candidates are identical to those included
165.12 in the guide;

165.13 (iv) each candidate included in the guide is given a reasonable amount of time and the
165.14 same opportunity as other candidates to respond to the questions;

165.15 (v) if the candidate is given limited choices for an answer to a question, for example:
165.16 "support," "oppose," "yes," or "no," the candidate is also given an opportunity, subject to
165.17 reasonable limits, to explain the candidate's position in the candidate's own words; the fact
165.18 that a candidate provided an explanation is clearly indicated in the guide; and the guide
165.19 clearly indicates that the explanations will be made available for public inspection, subject
165.20 to reasonable conditions;

165.21 (vi) answers included in the guide are those provided by the candidates in response to
165.22 questions, the candidates' answers are unedited, and the answers appear in close proximity
165.23 to the question to which they respond;

165.24 (vii) if the guide includes candidates' positions based on information other than responses
165.25 provided directly by the candidate, the positions are based on recorded votes or public
165.26 statements of the candidates and are presented in an unedited and unbiased manner; and

165.27 (viii) the guide includes all major party candidates for each office listed in the guide;

165.28 (4) a candidate forum or debate hosted by one or more nonprofit organizations that does
165.29 not endorse, support, or oppose candidates, as long as each of the following is true:

165.30 (i) the forum or debate includes the participation of at least two candidates for each
165.31 office featured;

166.1 (ii) the forum or debate is structured so that it does not promote one candidate or one
166.2 candidate's issues of interest over another; and

166.3 (iii) candidates are selected for participation in the forum or debate based on
166.4 preestablished, objective criteria;

166.5 (5) any other communication specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being
166.6 excluded from the definition of electioneering communication; or

166.7 (6) a communication that:

166.8 (i) refers to a clearly identified candidate who is an incumbent member of the legislature
166.9 or a constitutional officer;

166.10 (ii) refers to a clearly identified issue that is or was before the legislature in the form of
166.11 an introduced bill; and

166.12 (iii) is made when the legislature is in session or within ten days after the last day of a
166.13 regular session of the legislature.

166.14 (c) A communication that meets the requirements of paragraph (a) but is made with the
166.15 authorization or express or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at
166.16 the request or suggestion of a candidate, a candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
166.17 candidate's agent is an approved expenditure.

166.18 (d) Distributing a voter guide questionnaire, survey, or similar document to candidates
166.19 and communications with candidates limited to obtaining their responses, without more, do
166.20 not constitute communications that would result in the voter guide being an approved
166.21 expenditure on behalf of the candidate.

166.22 Subd. 2. Targeted to relevant electorate. (a) For purposes of this section, a
166.23 communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate is targeted to the relevant electorate
166.24 if the communication is distributed to or can be received by more than 1,500 persons in the
166.25 district the candidate seeks to represent, in the case of a candidate for the house of
166.26 representatives, senate, or a district court judicial office or by more than 6,000 persons in
166.27 the state, in the case of a candidate for constitutional office or appellate court judicial office.
166.28 When determining the number of persons to whom a communication in the form of printed
166.29 material, telephone communication, electronic mail, or electronic text messaging is
166.30 distributed, an association may exclude communications distributed to its own members.

166.31 (b) A communication consisting of printed materials, other than signs, billboards, or
166.32 advertisements published in the print media, is targeted to the relevant electorate if it meets

167.1 the requirements of paragraph (a) and is distributed to voters by means of United States
167.2 mail or through direct delivery to a resident's home or business.

167.3 Subd. 3. **Disclosure of electioneering communications.** (a) Electioneering
167.4 communications made by a political committee, a party unit, or a principal campaign
167.5 committee must be disclosed on the periodic reports of receipts and expenditures filed by
167.6 the association on the schedule and in accordance with the terms of section 10A.20.

167.7 (b) An association other than a political committee, party unit, or principal campaign
167.8 committee may register a political fund with the board and disclose its electioneering
167.9 communications on the reports of receipts and expenditures filed by the political fund. If it
167.10 does so, it must disclose its disbursements for electioneering communications on the schedule
167.11 and in accordance with the terms of section 10A.20.

167.12 (c) An association that does not disclose its disbursements for electioneering
167.13 communications under paragraph (a) or (b) must disclose its electioneering communications
167.14 according to the requirements of subdivision 4.

167.15 Subd. 4. **Statement required for electioneering communications.** (a) Except for
167.16 associations providing disclosure as specified in subdivision 3, paragraph (a) or (b), every
167.17 person who makes a disbursement for the costs of producing or distributing electioneering
167.18 communications that aggregate more than \$1,500 in a calendar year must, within 24 hours
167.19 of each disclosure date, file with the board a disclosure statement containing the information
167.20 described in this subdivision.

167.21 (b) Each statement required to be filed under this section must contain the following
167.22 information:

167.23 (1) the names of: (i) the association making the disbursement; (ii) any person exercising
167.24 direction or control over the activities of the association with respect to the disbursement;
167.25 and (iii) the custodian of the financial records of the association making the disbursement;

167.26 (2) the address of the association making the disbursement;

167.27 (3) the amount of each disbursement of more than \$200 during the period covered by
167.28 the statement, a description of the purpose of the disbursement, and the identification of the
167.29 person to whom the disbursement was made;

167.30 (4) the names of the candidates identified or to be identified in the communication;

167.31 (5) if the disbursements were paid out of a segregated bank account that consists of funds
167.32 donated specifically for electioneering communications, the name and address of each
167.33 person who gave the association more than \$200 in aggregate to that account during the

168.1 period beginning on the first day of the preceding calendar year and ending on the disclosure
168.2 date; and

168.3 (6) if the disbursements for electioneering communications were made using general
168.4 treasury money of the association, an association that has paid more than \$5,000 in aggregate
168.5 for electioneering communications during the calendar year must file with its disclosure
168.6 statement a written statement that includes the name, address, and amount attributable to
168.7 each person that paid the association membership dues or fees, or made donations to the
168.8 association that, in total, aggregate more than \$5,000 of the money used by the association
168.9 for electioneering communications. The statement must also include the total amount of the
168.10 disbursements for electioneering communications attributable to persons not subject to
168.11 itemization under this clause. The statement must be certified as true by an officer of the
168.12 association that made the disbursements for the electioneering communications.

168.13 (c) To determine the amount of the membership dues or fees, or donations made by a
168.14 person to an association and attributable to the association's disbursements for electioneering
168.15 communications, the association must separately prorate the total disbursements made for
168.16 electioneering communications during the calendar year over all general treasury money
168.17 received during the calendar year.

168.18 (d) If the amount spent for electioneering communications exceeds the amount of general
168.19 treasury money received by the association during that year:

168.20 (1) the electioneering communications must be attributed first to all receipts of general
168.21 treasury money received during the calendar year in which the electioneering communications
168.22 were made;

168.23 (2) any amount of current year electioneering communications that exceeds the total of
168.24 all receipts of general treasury money during the current calendar year must be prorated
168.25 over all general treasury money received in the preceding calendar year; and

168.26 (3) if the allocation made in clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cover the subject of
168.27 electioneering communications, no further allocation is required.

168.28 (e) After a portion of the general treasury money received by an association from a
168.29 person has been designated as the source of a disbursement for electioneering
168.30 communications, that portion of the association's general treasury money received from that
168.31 person may not be designated as the source of any other disbursement for electioneering
168.32 communications or as the source for any contribution to an independent expenditure political
168.33 committee or fund.

169.1 Subd. 5. **Disclosure date.** For purposes of this section, the term "disclosure date" means
169.2 the earlier of:

169.3 (1) the first date on which an electioneering communication is publicly distributed,
169.4 provided that the person making the electioneering communication has made disbursements
169.5 for the direct costs of producing or distributing one or more electioneering communication
169.6 aggregating in excess of \$1,500; or

169.7 (2) any other date during the same calendar year on which an electioneering
169.8 communication is publicly distributed, provided that the person making the electioneering
169.9 communication has made disbursements for the direct costs of distributing one or more
169.10 electioneering communication aggregating in excess of \$1,500 since the most recent
169.11 disclosure date.

169.12 Subd. 6. **Contracts to disburse.** For purposes of this section, a person shall be treated
169.13 as having made a disbursement if the person has entered into an obligation to make the
169.14 disbursement.

169.15 Subd. 7. **Statement of attribution.** (a) An electioneering communication must include
169.16 a statement of attribution.

169.17 (1) For communications distributed by printed material, signs, and billboards, the
169.18 statement must say, in conspicuous letters: "Paid for by [association name] [address]."

169.19 (2) For communications distributed by television, radio, satellite, or a cable broadcasting
169.20 system, the statement must be included at the end of the communication and must orally
169.21 state at a volume and speed that a person of ordinary hearing can comprehend: "The preceding
169.22 communication was paid for by the [association name]."

169.23 (3) For communications distributed by telephone, the statement must precede the
169.24 communication and must orally state at a volume and speed that a person of ordinary hearing
169.25 can comprehend: "The following communication is paid for by the [association name]."

169.26 (b) If the communication is paid for by an association registered with the board, the
169.27 statement of attribution must use the association's name as it is registered with the board.
169.28 If the communication is paid for by an association not registered with the board, the statement
169.29 of attribution must use the association's name as it is disclosed to the board on the
169.30 association's disclosure statement associated with the communication.

169.31 Subd. 8. **Failure to file; penalty.** (a) If a person fails to file a statement required by this
169.32 section by the date the statement is due, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$50 per
169.33 day, not to exceed \$1,000, commencing the day after the statement was due.

170.1 (b) The board must send notice by certified mail to a person who fails to file a statement
170.2 within ten business days after the statement was due that the person may be subject to a
170.3 civil penalty for failure to file the statement. A person who fails to file the statement within
170.4 seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty
170.5 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

170.6 (c) An association that provides disclosure under section 10A.20 rather than under this
170.7 section is subject to the late filing fee and civil penalty provisions of section 10A.20 and is
170.8 not subject to the penalties provided in this subdivision.

170.9 (d) An association that makes electioneering communications under this section and
170.10 willfully fails to provide the statement required by subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (6),
170.11 within the time specified is subject to an additional civil penalty of up to four times the
170.12 amount of the electioneering communications disbursements that should have been included
170.13 on the statement.

170.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to
170.15 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

170.16 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.244, is amended to read:

170.17 **10A.244 VOLUNTARY INACTIVE STATUS; POLITICAL FUNDS.**

170.18 Subdivision 1. **Election of voluntary inactive status.** An association that has a political
170.19 fund registered under this chapter may elect to have the fund placed on voluntary inactive
170.20 status if the following conditions are met:

170.21 (1) the association makes a written request for inactive status;

170.22 (2) the association has filed all periodic reports required by this chapter and has received
170.23 no contributions into its political fund and made no expenditures or disbursements, including
170.24 disbursements for electioneering communications, through its political fund since the last
170.25 date included on the association's most recent report; and

170.26 (3) the association has satisfied all obligations to the state for late filing fees and civil
170.27 penalties imposed by the board or the board has waived this requirement.

170.28 Subd. 2. **Effect of voluntary inactive status.** After an association has complied with
170.29 the requirements of subdivision 1:

170.30 (1) the board must notify the association that its political fund has been placed in
170.31 voluntary inactive status and of the terms of this section;

171.1 (2) the board must stop sending the association reports, forms, and notices of report due
171.2 dates that are periodically sent to entities registered with the board;

171.3 (3) the association is not required to file periodic disclosure reports for its political fund
171.4 as otherwise required under this chapter;

171.5 (4) the association may not accept contributions into its political fund and may not make
171.6 expenditures, contributions, or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering
171.7 communications, through its political fund; and

171.8 (5) if the association maintains a separate depository account for its political fund, it
171.9 may continue to pay bank service charges and receive interest paid on that account while
171.10 its political fund is in inactive status.

171.11 Subd. 3. **Resumption of active status or termination.** (a) An association that has placed
171.12 its political fund in voluntary inactive status may resume active status upon written notice
171.13 to the board.

171.14 (b) A political fund placed in voluntary inactive status must resume active status within
171.15 14 days of the date that it has accepted contributions or made expenditures, contributions,
171.16 or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering communications, that aggregate
171.17 more than \$750 since the political fund was placed on inactive status. If, after meeting this
171.18 threshold, the association does not notify the board that its fund has resumed active status,
171.19 the board may place the association's political fund in active status and notify the association
171.20 of the change in status.

171.21 (c) An association that has placed its political fund in voluntary inactive status may
171.22 terminate the registration of the fund without returning it to active status.

171.23 Subd. 4. **Penalty for financial activity while in voluntary inactive status.** If an
171.24 association fails to notify the board of its political fund's resumption of active status under
171.25 subdivision 3, the board may impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000
171.26 commencing on the 15th calendar day after the fund resumed active status.

171.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to
171.28 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

171.29 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.25, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

171.30 Subd. 3a. **Independent expenditures and electioneering communications.** The principal
171.31 campaign committee of a candidate must not make independent expenditures or
171.32 disbursements for electioneering communications. If the principal campaign committee of

172.1 a candidate makes a contribution to an independent expenditure committee or independent
172.2 expenditure fund on or after January 1 of the year the candidate's office will appear on the
172.3 ballot, the independent expenditure committee or independent expenditure fund must not
172.4 make an independent expenditure for that candidate.

172.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to
172.6 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

172.7 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.27, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

172.8 Subd. 15. **Contributions or use of general treasury money.** (a) An association may,
172.9 if not prohibited by other law, contribute its general treasury money to an independent
172.10 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, including its own independent
172.11 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, without complying with
172.12 subdivision 13.

172.13 (b) Before the day when the recipient committee or fund's next report must be filed with
172.14 the board under section 10A.20, subdivision 2 or 5, an association that has contributed more
172.15 than \$5,000 in aggregate to independent expenditure political committees or funds during
172.16 the calendar year or has contributed more than \$5,000 in aggregate to ballot question political
172.17 committees or funds during the calendar year must provide in writing to the recipient's
172.18 treasurer a statement that includes the name, address, and amount attributable to each person
172.19 that paid the association dues or fees, or made donations to the association that, in total,
172.20 aggregate more than \$5,000 of the contribution from the association to the independent
172.21 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund. The statement must also include
172.22 the total amount of the contribution attributable to persons not subject to itemization under
172.23 this section. The statement must be certified as true by an officer of the donor association.

172.24 (c) To determine the amount of membership dues or fees, or donations made by a person
172.25 to an association and attributable to the association's contribution to the independent
172.26 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, the donor association must:
172.27 separately prorate the total independent expenditures and ballot question expenditures made
172.28 during the calendar year over all general treasury money received during the calendar year.

172.29 ~~(1) apply a pro rata calculation to all unrestricted dues, fees, and contributions received~~
172.30 ~~by the donor association in the calendar year; or~~

172.31 ~~(2) as provided in paragraph (d), identify the specific individuals or associations whose~~
172.32 ~~dues, fees, or contributions are included in the contribution to the independent expenditure~~
172.33 ~~political committee or fund.~~

173.1 ~~(d) Dues, fees, or contributions from an individual or association must be identified in~~
173.2 ~~a contribution to an independent expenditure political committee or fund under paragraph~~
173.3 ~~(e), clause (2), if:~~

173.4 ~~(1) the individual or association has specifically authorized the donor association to use~~
173.5 ~~the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions for this purpose; or~~

173.6 ~~(2) the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions to the donor association~~
173.7 ~~are unrestricted and the donor association designates them as the source of the subject~~
173.8 ~~contribution to the independent expenditure political committee or fund.~~

173.9 (d) If the amount contributed to independent expenditure and ballot question political
173.10 committees or funds in a calendar year exceeds the amount of general treasury money
173.11 received by the association during that year:

173.12 (1) the contributions must be attributed first to all receipts of general treasury money
173.13 received during the calendar year in which the contributions were made;

173.14 (2) any amount of current-year contributions that exceeds the total of all receipts of
173.15 general treasury money during the current calendar year must be prorated over all general
173.16 treasury money received in the preceding calendar year; and

173.17 (3) if the allocation made in clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cover the subject
173.18 independent expenditures and ballot question expenditures, no further allocation is required.

173.19 (e) After a portion of the general treasury money received by an association from a
173.20 person has been designated as the source of a contribution to an independent expenditure
173.21 or ballot question political committee or fund, that portion of the association's general
173.22 treasury money received from that person may not be designated as the source of any other
173.23 contribution to an independent expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund,
173.24 or as the source of funds for a disbursement for electioneering communications made by
173.25 that association.

173.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to
173.27 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

173.28 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 383B.041, is amended to read:

173.29 **383B.041 CAMPAIGN FINANCING, DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC**
173.30 **INTERESTS.**

173.31 Subdivision 1. **Hennepin County candidates.** Sections 383B.041 to 383B.058 apply
173.32 to the financing of campaigns for county elections in Hennepin County and for city elections

174.1 ~~in home rule charter cities and statutory cities located wholly within Hennepin County,~~
174.2 ~~having a population of 75,000 or more, and for school board elections in the Special School~~
174.3 ~~District No. 1, Minneapolis, and to disclosure of economic interests by candidates and~~
174.4 ~~elected public officials of those jurisdictions. The provisions of sections 211A.02 to 211A.07~~
174.5 ~~do not apply to the financing of campaigns for elections subject to the provisions of sections~~
174.6 ~~383B.041 to 383B.058. Candidates for county commissioner, county attorney, and sheriff~~
174.7 ~~of Hennepin County must file campaign disclosure forms with the filing officer for Hennepin~~
174.8 ~~County. These candidates are subject to the provisions of chapter 211A.~~

174.9 Subd. 2. **Political subdivision candidates.** Candidates for elected city, school board,
174.10 park commissioner, and other political subdivision offices within Hennepin County shall
174.11 file campaign disclosure forms with the filing officer for the political subdivision for which
174.12 the candidate is seeking office. These candidates are subject to the provisions of chapter
174.13 211A.

174.14 Subd. 3. **Political committees, political funds, and independent expenditures.** (a)
174.15 The provisions of chapter 10A apply to political committees as defined in section 10A.01,
174.16 subdivision 27; political funds as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 28; and independent
174.17 expenditures as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 18, related to:

174.18 (1) a campaign for the nomination or election of a candidate for:

174.19 (i) a county office in Hennepin County;

174.20 (ii) a city office in a home rule charter or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin
174.21 County with a population of 75,000 or more; or

174.22 (iii) the school board in Special School District No. 1; and

174.23 (2) a ballot question or proposition that may be voted on by:

174.24 (i) all voters in Hennepin County;

174.25 (ii) all voters of a home rule charter or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin
174.26 County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or

174.27 (iii) all voters in Special School District No. 1.

174.28 (b) The provisions of chapter 211A apply to a campaign for nomination or election for
174.29 an office in the following political subdivisions:

174.30 (1) a home rule or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin County and having a
174.31 population of less than 75,000; and

175.1 (2) a school district located wholly within Hennepin County other than Special School
175.2 District No. 1.

175.3 (c) The provisions of chapter 211A apply to a ballot question or proposition that may
175.4 be voted on by:

175.5 (1) all voters of a home rule or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin County
175.6 and having a population of less than 75,000; and

175.7 (2) all voters of a school district located wholly within Hennepin County other than
175.8 Special School District No. 1.

175.9 Subd. 4. **Local ordinances and charters superseded.** This section supersedes the
175.10 provisions of any ordinance or resolution of a political subdivision within Hennepin County
175.11 or any existing special law or home rule charter provision of a political subdivision within
175.12 Hennepin County requiring disclosure of information related to the financing of election
175.13 campaigns.

175.14 Subd. 5. **Economic interest disclosure; Special School District No. 1.** Every candidate
175.15 for school board in Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, must file an original statement
175.16 of economic interest with the school district within 14 days of the filing of an affidavit or
175.17 petition to appear on the ballot. An elected official in Special School District No. 1,
175.18 Minneapolis, must file the annual statement required in section 10A.09, subdivision 6, with
175.19 the school district for every year that the individual serves in office. An original and annual
175.20 statement must contain the information listed in section 10A.09, subdivision 5. The provisions
175.21 of section 10A.09, subdivisions 6a, 7, and 9, apply to statements required under this
175.22 subdivision.

175.23 Sec. 27. **REPEALER.**

175.24 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 10A.15, subdivision 6; 383B.042; 383B.043; 383B.044;
175.25 383B.045; 383B.046; 383B.047; 383B.048; 383B.049; 383B.05; 383B.051; 383B.052;
175.26 383B.053; 383B.054; 383B.055; 383B.056; and 383B.057, are repealed.

175.27 **ARTICLE 6**
175.28 **REDISTRICTING**

175.29 Section 1. **[2.032] REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.**

175.30 Subdivision 1. **Commission membership; duties.** In each year ending in one, a
175.31 redistricting commission is created to draw the boundaries of congressional and legislative
175.32 districts in accordance with the principles established in section 2.035. The commission

176.1 consists of 12 public members, to be appointed in the manner provided in subdivision 2,
176.2 and five retired judges of the appellate or district courts of this state who have not served
176.3 in a party-designated or party-endorsed position, such as legislator, to be appointed in the
176.4 manner provided in subdivision 3.

176.5 Subd. 2. **Public members; appointment.** (a) The secretary of state shall supervise the
176.6 appointment of public members to the redistricting commission.

176.7 (b) By January 15 of each year ending in zero, the secretary of state shall open a widely
176.8 publicized process that encourages eligible residents of this state to apply for membership
176.9 on the redistricting commission. The secretary of state shall solicit recommendations for
176.10 appointment to the redistricting commission from nongovernmental organizations with an
176.11 interest in the elections process.

176.12 (c) The secretary of state shall provide an application form which must be designed to
176.13 show: (1) that an applicant meets the requirements of this subdivision; (2) that the application
176.14 must be submitted under oath affirming the truthfulness of its contents under penalty of
176.15 perjury; and (3) the applicant's demographic information, such as gender, race, ethnicity,
176.16 and age.

176.17 (d) The following persons are not eligible to serve as a commissioner:

176.18 (1) a person who is not eligible to vote;

176.19 (2) a person under a contract with, or who serves as a consultant or staff to, or who has
176.20 an immediate family relationship with the governor, a member of the legislature, or a member
176.21 of congress; and

176.22 (3) a person, or member of the person's immediate family, who has done any of the
176.23 following during the ten years immediately preceding the date of application:

176.24 (i) has been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for federal or state office;

176.25 (ii) served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or of the
176.26 campaign committee of a candidate for elective federal or state office;

176.27 (iii) served as an elected or appointed member of a political party state central committee;

176.28 (iv) registered as a federal, state, or local lobbyist or principal;

176.29 (v) served as paid congressional or legislative staff; or

176.30 (vi) violated the candidate contribution limits in section 10A.27.

177.1 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, a member of a person's immediate family means a
177.2 sibling, spouse, parent or stepparent, child or stepchild, or in-law.

177.3 (f) The secretary of state shall process applications as they are received and remove from
177.4 the applicant pool any person not eligible to serve as a commissioner and notify the person
177.5 of the reason the person was removed. To be considered, applications must be received by
177.6 September 15 of the year ending in zero. An applicant must provide with the application
177.7 two positive references from community leaders or groups that promote civic engagement
177.8 with whom the applicant has worked and demonstrate that the applicant:

177.9 (1) has experience with outreach to community groups to encourage civic participation
177.10 with an emphasis on historically disenfranchised groups; or

177.11 (2) has an interest in or experience with government, elections, or civic life.

177.12 (g) The secretary of state shall, based on a review of the applications, prepare a list of
177.13 120 applicant finalists who have demonstrated based on their application an ability to be
177.14 impartial and respect the diversity of this state's many communities. The list must, to the
177.15 extent practicable, reflect the gender, socioeconomic, age, racial, language, ethnic, and
177.16 geographic diversity of the state.

177.17 (h) The list must include:

177.18 (1) 40 applicant finalists identifying with the largest major political party in Minnesota;

177.19 (2) 40 applicant finalists identifying with the second largest major political party in
177.20 Minnesota; and

177.21 (3) 40 applicant finalists identifying their political party preference as belonging to a
177.22 party not described in clause (1) or (2) or to no party.

177.23 For purposes of this paragraph, the two largest political parties are the parties whose
177.24 candidates received the greatest and second greatest number of votes at the most recent two
177.25 gubernatorial elections.

177.26 (i) By December 15 of the year ending in zero, the secretary of state shall give the list
177.27 of finalists and their applications to the majority and minority leaders of the senate, the
177.28 speaker of the house, and the minority leader of the house of representatives. At an open
177.29 meeting, each of the four leaders shall remove 21 applicant finalists from the list: seven
177.30 applicant finalists identifying their political party preference with the majority party in the
177.31 house of representatives, seven applicant finalists identifying their political party preference
177.32 with the minority party in the house of representatives, and seven applicant finalists who
177.33 identified their political party preference with a party different than the majority party in

178.1 the house of representatives and the minority party of the house of representatives or with
178.2 no party. The leaders shall remove applicants one at a time in the order listed above, unless
178.3 the leaders agree to a different order.

178.4 (j) By January 15 of each year ending in one, after the process of removing applicants
178.5 from the list is completed, each of the four leaders of the house of representatives and senate
178.6 shall give the list of finalists and their applications to the secretary of state. The secretary
178.7 of state shall randomly draw four names from the remaining applicants identifying their
178.8 political party preference as belonging to the majority party of the house of representatives,
178.9 four identifying their political party preference as belonging to the minority party of the
178.10 house of representatives, and four identifying their political party preference as belonging
178.11 to a different party than the majority party in the house of representatives and the minority
178.12 party of the house of representatives or to no party. These 12 persons shall serve as public
178.13 member commissioners.

178.14 (k) The secretary of state's actions under this subdivision are not subject to chapter 14.

178.15 Subd. 3. **Retired judges; appointment.** By January 15 of each year ending in one, the
178.16 four leaders of the house of representatives and senate shall each appoint one retired judge,
178.17 after consulting with each other in an effort to attain geographic balance in their
178.18 appointments. If the legislative leaders do not make the appointment by the deadline, the
178.19 chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment by January 22 of that year.
178.20 The director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall convene a meeting of the
178.21 four retired judges by January 29 of that year. The four retired judges shall then appoint the
178.22 fifth retired judge by a vote of at least three judges.

178.23 Subd. 4. **Code of conduct.** (a) In performing their duties, the five retired judges serving
178.24 as commissioners shall abide by the Code of Judicial Conduct and are considered judicial
178.25 officers as defined in section 609.415.

178.26 (b) Public members of the commission exercise the function of a public officer as defined
178.27 in section 609.415.

178.28 Subd. 5. **Removal; filling vacancies.** (a) A commissioner can be removed with two-thirds
178.29 vote of the commission after notice and a hearing for reasons that would justify recall of a
178.30 state official under section 211C.02.

178.31 (b) The commission must remove a commissioner who participates in a communication
178.32 that violates subdivision 8.

179.1 (c) Except for vacancies filled by the chief justice, vacancies on the commission must
179.2 be filled by the appointing authority that made the initial appointment within 30 days after
179.3 the vacancy occurs. The appointing authority for public members is the secretary of state
179.4 and must be filled by drawing from the same partisan pool as the vacant position. If no
179.5 applicants in the pool are available for service, the secretary of state shall establish a new
179.6 pool, as provided in subdivision 2.

179.7 Subd. 6. **Open records.** The commission is subject to chapter 13, except that a plan is
179.8 not public data until it has been submitted to the commission for its consideration.

179.9 Subd. 7. **Open meetings.** The commission is subject to chapter 13D.

179.10 Subd. 8. **Certain communications prohibited.** (a) Commissioners and commission
179.11 staff must not communicate with anyone except other commissioners or staff regarding the
179.12 content of a plan. The prohibition under this paragraph does not apply to open meetings of
179.13 the commission.

179.14 (b) A commissioner may not direct, request, suggest, or recommend an interpretation
179.15 of a districting principle or a change to a district boundary to commission staff except during
179.16 open meetings of the commission. Commission staff shall report to the commission attempts
179.17 made to exert influence over the staff's role in the drafting of plans.

179.18 Subd. 9. **Lobbyist registration.** Action of the commission to submit a redistricting plan
179.19 to the legislature is an administrative action for purposes of section 10A.01, subdivision
179.20 21, requiring certain persons to register as a lobbyist.

179.21 Subd. 10. **Compensation and expenses.** Commissioners must be compensated for their
179.22 commission activity as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3.

179.23 Subd. 11. **Plans submitted to commission.** The commission shall adopt a schedule for
179.24 interested persons to submit proposed plans and to respond to plans proposed by others.
179.25 The commission shall also adopt standards to govern the format of plans submitted. The
179.26 schedule and standards adopted by the commission under this subdivision are not rules.
179.27 Chapter 14 and section 14.386 do not apply to this section.

179.28 Subd. 12. **Public hearings.** The commission shall hold at least one public hearing in
179.29 each congressional district before adopting the first congressional and legislative district
179.30 plans. The commission must ask for input on defining communities of interest for
179.31 consideration. The commission must publish on its website preliminary drafts of the
179.32 congressional and legislative district plans and each preliminary draft's accompanying

180.1 reports at least one week before a hearing required under this subdivision and allow the
180.2 public at least 30 days to submit comments after publication.

180.3 Subd. 13. **Deadlines.** (a) By April 30 of each year ending in one, the commission shall
180.4 submit plans to the legislature for congressional and legislative districts. Each plan must be
180.5 accompanied by a report summarizing information and testimony received by the commission
180.6 in the course of the hearings and including any comments and conclusions the commissioners
180.7 deem appropriate on the information and testimony received at the hearings or otherwise
180.8 presented. Any plan submitted to the legislature must be approved by an affirmative vote
180.9 of at least 13 members of the commission.

180.10 (b) The legislature intends that a bill be introduced to enact each plan and that the bill
180.11 be brought to a vote in either the senate or the house of representatives under a procedure
180.12 or rule permitting no amendments except those of a purely corrective nature, not less than
180.13 one week after the report of the commission was received and made available to the members
180.14 of the legislature. The legislature further intends that the bill be brought to a vote in the
180.15 second body within one week after final passage in the first body under a similar procedure
180.16 or rule. If either the senate or the house of representatives fails to approve a first plan
180.17 submitted by the commission, within one week after the failure the secretary of the senate
180.18 or the chief clerk of the house of representatives must notify the commission of the failure,
180.19 including any information that the senate or house of representatives may direct by resolution
180.20 regarding reasons why the plan was not approved. If the governor vetoes a plan, the veto
180.21 message serves as the notice.

180.22 (c) The commission shall submit a second plan within two weeks after the commission
180.23 received the notice, unless by then the legislature has adjourned the regular session in the
180.24 year ending in one, in which case the second plan must be submitted to the legislature at
180.25 the opening of its regular session in the year ending in two. The legislature intends that a
180.26 second plan be considered by the legislature under the same procedure as provided for a
180.27 first plan under paragraph (b).

180.28 (d) If the commission fails to submit a plan by either of these two deadlines, the legislature
180.29 may proceed to enact a plan in place of the missing plan without waiting for the commission
180.30 to submit a plan.

180.31 (e) If the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house of representatives notifies
180.32 the commission that a second plan has failed, or the governor vetoes a second plan, the
180.33 commission shall submit a third plan within two weeks after the commission received the
180.34 notice, unless by then the legislature has adjourned the regular session in the year ending

181.1 in one, in which case the third plan must be submitted to the legislature at the opening of
181.2 its regular session in the year ending in two. The third plan is subject to the same procedure
181.3 as provided for first and second plans under paragraph (b).

181.4 Final approval of all plans, whether enacted by the legislature or as provided by order
181.5 of the court, must take place no later than the date provided in section 204B.14, subdivision
181.6 1a.

181.7 Subd. 14. **Data used.** (a) To draw congressional and legislative districts, the commission
181.8 shall use, at a minimum, census data representing the entire population of Minnesota.

181.9 (b) The commission shall use redistricting population data that includes data for persons
181.10 who are incarcerated reflecting their residence to be their last known residential address
181.11 before incarceration.

181.12 Subd. 15. **Expiration.** (a) The commission expires when both congressional and
181.13 legislative redistricting plans have been enacted into law or adopted by order of the court
181.14 and any legal challenges to the plans have been resolved.

181.15 (b) If use of a plan is enjoined after the commission expires, the court enjoining the plan
181.16 may direct that a new commission be appointed under this section to draft a remedial plan
181.17 for presentation to the legislature in accordance with deadlines established by order of the
181.18 court.

181.19 Sec. 2. **[2.035] DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES.**

181.20 Subdivision 1. **Application.** The principles in this section apply to congressional and
181.21 legislative districts.

181.22 Subd. 2. **Prohibited information.** (a) No plan shall be drawn to purposefully favor or
181.23 disfavor a political party or candidate.

181.24 (b) Information regarding registered voters, political affiliation, voting history, and
181.25 demographics shall be sequestered from the Redistricting Commission for the initial phase
181.26 of the process, but may be used to test for compliance with the goals in subdivision 3 and
181.27 reports described in section 2.036, subdivision 4.

181.28 Subd. 3. **Priority of principles.** Redistricting commissioners appointed under section
181.29 2.032 shall adhere to the principles in subdivisions 4 to 12 when drawing congressional and
181.30 legislative districts. Where it is not possible to fully comply with the principles contained
181.31 below, a redistricting plan shall give priority to those principles in the order in which they
181.32 are listed, except to the extent that doing so would violate federal or state law.

182.1 Subd. 4. **Population equality.** (a) Congressional districts must be as nearly equal in
182.2 population as practicable.

182.3 (b) Legislative districts must be substantially equal in population. The population of a
182.4 legislative district must not deviate from the ideal by more than one percent.

182.5 Subd. 5. **Contiguity.** The districts must be contiguous allowing for easy travel throughout
182.6 the district. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel
182.7 within the district. Districts with areas that touch only at a point are not contiguous.

182.8 Subd. 6. **Minority representation.** (a) Each district must be drawn in compliance with
182.9 all state and federal laws. A district must not be drawn with either the purpose or effect of
182.10 diluting, denying, or abridging the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account
182.11 of race, ethnicity, or membership in a language minority group, whether by themselves or
182.12 when voting in concert with other people.

182.13 (b) Racial, ethnic, and language minorities must have an equal opportunity to participate
182.14 in the political process and elect candidates of their choice. Racial, ethnic, and language
182.15 minorities who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a district must have an
182.16 opportunity to substantially influence the outcome of an election.

182.17 Subd. 7. **Communities of interest.** District boundaries shall recognize communities of
182.18 interest. A community of interest is a contiguous population sharing common social and
182.19 economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of the
182.20 community's effective and fair representation. Communities of interest include but are not
182.21 limited to geographic areas where there are clearly recognizable similarities of social,
182.22 cultural, ethnic, economic, or other interests. Examples of shared interests are those common
182.23 to an urban area, rural area, industrial area, or agricultural area and those common to areas
182.24 in which the people share similar living standards, have similar work opportunities, or have
182.25 access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities
182.26 of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political
182.27 candidates.

182.28 Subd. 8. **Political subdivisions.** Counties, cities, and municipalities should be preserved
182.29 to the greatest extent possible and in compliance with the other principles to preserve rather
182.30 than divide them among multiple districts.

182.31 Subd. 9. **Incumbents.** The residence of incumbents shall not be taken into consideration
182.32 in the development or approval of a proposed plan.

183.1 Subd. 10. **Compactness.** Compactness must be measured by using one or more statistical
183.2 tests and must be compact.

183.3 Subd. 11. **Partisan symmetry and bias.** A district must not be drawn in a manner that
183.4 unduly favors or disfavors any political party. The commission shall use judicial standards
183.5 and the best available scientific and statistical methods to assess whether a plan unduly
183.6 favors or disfavors a political party.

183.7 Subd. 12. **Numbering.** (a) Congressional district numbers must begin with district one
183.8 in the southeast corner of the state and end with the district with the highest number in the
183.9 northeast corner of the state.

183.10 (b) Legislative districts must be numbered in a regular series, beginning with house
183.11 district 1A in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across the state from west to
183.12 east, north to south. In a county that includes more than one whole senate district, the districts
183.13 must be numbered consecutively.

183.14 Sec. 3. **[2.036] LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION;**
183.15 **REDISTRICTING.**

183.16 Subdivision 1. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission
183.17 shall provide administrative support to the Redistricting Commission.

183.18 Subd. 2. **Database.** The geographic areas and population counts used in maps, tables,
183.19 and legal descriptions of congressional and legislative districts considered by the legislature
183.20 must be those used by the Geographic Information Services (GIS) Office of the Legislative
183.21 Coordinating Commission. The population counts shall be the block population counts
183.22 provided to the state under Public Law 94-171 after each decennial census, subject to
183.23 correction of any errors acknowledged by the United States Census Bureau. The GIS Office
183.24 must make the database available to the public on the GIS Office website.

183.25 Subd. 3. **Publication; consideration of plans.** A redistricting plan must not be considered
183.26 for adoption by the senate or house of representatives until the redistricting plan's block
183.27 equivalency file has been submitted to the GIS Office in a form prescribed by the GIS
183.28 Office. The block equivalency file must show the district to which each census block has
183.29 been assigned. The GIS Office shall publish each plan submitted to it on the GIS Office
183.30 website.

183.31 Subd. 4. **Reports.** Publication of a plan must include the following reports:

183.32 (1) a population equality report, listing each district in the plan, its population as the
183.33 total number of persons, and deviations from the ideal as both a number of persons and as

184.1 a percentage of the population. The report must also show the populations of the largest
184.2 and smallest districts and the overall range of deviations of the districts;

184.3 (2) a contiguity report, listing each district that is noncontiguous either because two
184.4 areas of a district do not touch or because they are linked by a point;

184.5 (3) a minority voting-age population report, listing for each district the voting age
184.6 population of each racial or language minority and the total minority voting age population,
184.7 according to the categories recommended by the United States Department of Justice. The
184.8 report must also highlight each district with 30 percent or more total minority population;

184.9 (4) a communities of interest report, if the chief author of a plan asserts that it preserves
184.10 a community of interest, maps of the plan must include a layer identifying the census blocks
184.11 within the community of interest. Publication of the plan must also include a report that
184.12 lays out the research and process used to identify the communities of interest and lists the
184.13 district or districts to which the community of interest has been assigned. The report must
184.14 include the number of communities of interest that are split and the number of times the
184.15 communities were split;

184.16 (5) a political subdivision splits report, listing the split counties, cities, towns, unorganized
184.17 territories, and precincts, and the district to which each portion of a split subdivision is
184.18 assigned. The report must also show the number of subdivisions split and the number of
184.19 times a subdivision is split;

184.20 (6) a plan components report, listing for each district the names and populations of the
184.21 counties within it and, where a county is split between or among districts, the names and
184.22 populations of the portion of the split county and each of the split county's whole or partial
184.23 cities, townships, unorganized territories, and precincts within each district.

184.24 (7) a measures of compactness report, listing for each district at least the results of the
184.25 Reock, Polsby-Popper, Minimum Convex Hull, Population Polygon, Population Circle,
184.26 Ehrenburg, Length-Width, measures of compactness. The report must also state for all the
184.27 districts in a plan the sum of its perimeters and the mean of its other measurements. The
184.28 commission may consider other tests of compactness; and

184.29 (8) a partisan bias report, listing multiple measures of partisan symmetry or other
184.30 measures of partisan bias as accepted in political science literature and the best available
184.31 scientific and statistical methods.

185.1 Sec. 4. **[204B.136] REDISTRICTING OF LOCAL ELECTION DISTRICTS.**

185.2 Subdivision 1. **Redistricting plan standards; Redistricting Commission.** The principles
 185.3 provided in section 2.035 must be applied to the redistricting of:

185.4 (1) county commissioner districts, county park districts, and soil and water conservation
 185.5 supervisor districts in counties with a population greater than 100,000; and

185.6 (2) wards in cities with a population greater than 75,000.

185.7 Subd. 2. **Population variance.** The minimum population variance permitted for county
 185.8 districts and wards may be up to 1.5 percent of the mean population for all districts or wards
 185.9 in a redistricting plan adopted as provided in this section.

185.10 Subd. 3. **Procedure.** Redistricting plans required by this section shall be prepared and
 185.11 adopted by the charter commission, or where such a commission does not exist, by a
 185.12 redistricting commission of no fewer than seven and no more than 15 members appointed
 185.13 by the chief judge of the district court in which a majority of the population of the affected
 185.14 jurisdiction reside. Members of a commission appointed under this subdivision must meet
 185.15 the qualification standards for a public member of the Redistricting Commission as described
 185.16 in section 2.032, subdivision 2, paragraph (d)."

185.17 Delete the title and insert:

185.18 "A bill for an act

185.19 relating to the operation of state government; appropriating money for the
 185.20 legislature, the governor's office, state auditor, attorney general, secretary of state,
 185.21 certain agencies, boards, councils, and retirement funds; changing provisions in
 185.22 state government operations; providing for the 2020 census; requiring legislative
 185.23 accessibility measures; eliminating the legislative budget office; allowing
 185.24 appointment of certain county officers; ratifying a labor agreement; providing for
 185.25 redistricting; making changes to campaign finance, election and voting rights, state
 185.26 payments terminology, and racing and gaming; prohibiting state contracts with
 185.27 state sponsors of terrorism; requiring compliance with federal law related to conflict
 185.28 minerals; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 3.8843,
 185.29 subdivision 7; 3.886, subdivision 6; 10.60, subdivision 4; 10A.01, subdivisions 4,
 185.30 7, 9, 11, 16a, 17c, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, by adding a subdivision; 10A.12, subdivisions
 185.31 1, 2; 10A.121, subdivisions 1, 2; 10A.13, subdivision 1; 10A.17, subdivision 4;
 185.32 10A.20, subdivisions 3, 6a, by adding a subdivision; 10A.244; 10A.25, subdivision
 185.33 3a; 10A.27, subdivision 15; 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 15.191, subdivisions
 185.34 1, 3; 15A.083, subdivision 6a; 16A.013, by adding a subdivision; 16A.065; 16A.13,
 185.35 subdivision 2a; 16A.15, subdivision 3; 16A.272, subdivision 3; 16A.40; 16A.42,
 185.36 subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 16A.671, subdivision 1; 16A.90; 16B.32,
 185.37 subdivision 1a; 16B.323, subdivision 2; 16B.37, subdivision 4; 16C.055,
 185.38 subdivision 2; 16C.10, subdivision 2; 16C.19; 16C.251; 16D.03, subdivision 2;
 185.39 16D.09, subdivision 1; 16E.03, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 21.116;
 185.40 43A.32, subdivision 1; 80A.65, subdivision 9; 84A.23, subdivision 4; 84A.33,
 185.41 subdivision 4; 84A.52; 88.12, subdivision 1; 94.522; 94.53; 116J.64, subdivision
 185.42 7; 123B.09, subdivision 5b; 127A.34, subdivision 1; 127A.40; 136F.70, subdivision
 185.43 3; 138.081; 138.31, by adding a subdivision; 138.34; 138.40; 138.665, subdivision
 185.44 2; 138.666; 138.667; 138.763, subdivision 1; 155A.25, subdivision 1a; 155A.28,

186.1 by adding a subdivision; 174.24, by adding a subdivision; 176.181, subdivision
186.2 2; 176.581; 176.591, subdivision 3; 192.55; 201.014, by adding a subdivision;
186.3 201.022, subdivision 1; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4, by adding
186.4 a subdivision; 201.161; 203B.001; 203B.01, by adding a subdivision; 203B.03,
186.5 subdivision 1; 203B.04, subdivision 5; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.06,
186.6 subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.081, subdivision 1; 203B.085; 203B.121, subdivisions 1,
186.7 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 204B.35, by adding a
186.8 subdivision; 204B.45, subdivisions 1, 2; 204C.03, by adding a subdivision;
186.9 204C.10; 204C.15, subdivision 1; 204C.24, subdivision 1; 204D.19, subdivision
186.10 2; 204D.195; 204D.22, subdivision 3; 204D.23, subdivision 2; 205.13, subdivision
186.11 2; 206.58, subdivision 1; 206.61, by adding a subdivision; 206.80; 206.82,
186.12 subdivision 1; 206.83; 206.86, by adding a subdivision; 206.89, subdivisions 2,
186.13 3; 207A.11; 207A.12; 207A.14, subdivision 2; 207A.15, subdivision 2; 237.30;
186.14 240.01, by adding a subdivision; 240.02, subdivisions 2, 6; 240.08, subdivision
186.15 5; 240.10; 240.12; 240.13, subdivision 5; 240.131, subdivision 7; 240.135; 240.15,
186.16 subdivision 6; 240.155, subdivision 1; 240.16, subdivisions 1, 2; 240.18,
186.17 subdivisions 2, 3; 240.22; 240.27; 240.30, subdivision 9; 240A.09; 244.19,
186.18 subdivision 7; 256B.20; 299C.21; 307.08; 326A.01, subdivision 2; 326A.04,
186.19 subdivisions 4, 5; 326A.08, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 326A.10;
186.20 352.04, subdivision 9; 353.05; 353.27, subdivision 3c; 353.505; 354.42, subdivision
186.21 7; 375.08; 375A.10, subdivision 5; 375A.12, subdivision 2; 382.01; 382.02;
186.22 383B.041; 401.15, subdivision 1; 446A.16, subdivision 1; 462A.18, subdivision
186.23 1; 469.074, by adding a subdivision; 473.408, by adding a subdivision; 473.606,
186.24 subdivision 5; 525.841; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in
186.25 Minnesota Statutes, chapters 2; 3; 5; 10A; 16A; 16B; 16C; 16E; 201; 203B; 204B;
186.26 204D; 206; 208; 240; 243; 326A; 375A; 504B; proposing coding for new law as
186.27 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections
186.28 3.8853; 3.8854; 10A.15, subdivision 6; 43A.17, subdivision 9; 155A.28,
186.29 subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 203B.081, subdivision 3; 383B.042; 383B.043; 383B.044;
186.30 383B.045; 383B.046; 383B.047; 383B.048; 383B.049; 383B.05; 383B.051;
186.31 383B.052; 383B.053; 383B.054; 383B.055; 383B.056; 383B.057; Laws 2017,
186.32 First Special Session chapter 4, article 2, sections 1, as amended; 3, as amended;
186.33 7; 8; 9, as amended; 58, as amended; Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 5, sections
186.34 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15."

186.35 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be returned to the Committee
186.36 on Ways and Means.

186.37 This Division action taken April 9, 2019

186.38  Chair