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1.	R6	Voter registration; addt'l proofs of residence for students	6	Similar	6	<p>Specifies that additional proof of residence for students must be allowed during the 18 days before an election and on election day.</p> <p>Senate only: Requires an updated residential housing list to be certified to the county auditor no later than 35 days before each election, instead of 20 days. Effective date of January 1, 2026, and applies to elections held on or after February 6, 2026.</p>	Accept Senate section 6
2.	R7, R10, R13, R15, R28, R53, R67	Minor Changes – Senate only	8, 13*, 17*, 21*, 28, 38, 72*, 96* (206.57, subd. 5b)	Senate only		<p>Section 8 strikes a reference to precincts where voter registration is not required.</p> <p>Section 13 rewrites a sentence for clarity and strikes a reference to preregistration.</p> <p>Sections 17 and 21 update terminology for consistency.</p> <p>Section 38 strikes a reference to report due dates that have already passed.</p> <p>Section 72 updates terminology with reference to voters with a disability and specifies assistance is at the request of the voter.</p> <p>Section 96 repeals 206.57, subd. 5b, which is a township voting equipment study that was completed in 2016.</p>	<p>Accept Senate Sections 8, 13, 17, 21, 28, 38, 72, 96</p> <p><i>Note: for sections included on more than one line, this accepts only language described on this line</i></p>

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3.	R9	Copy of voter list	12	Senate only		Requires the secretary of state and county auditors to provide the public information list within 5 business days of receiving a complete request, instead of the 10 days required by current law. This section is effective the day following final enactment.	Accept Senate section 12 with January 1, 2026, effective date.
4.	R16, R37	Combined polling places; e-poll books	22, 50	Policy differences	22	<p>Senate: section 22 allows an electronic roster to contain preregistered voter data on voters for multiple precincts in the case of a combined polling place. Replaces references to preregistered voters with references to registered voters. This section is effective June 1, 2025.</p> <p>Senate: section 50 allows election officials responsible for electronic rosters to combine precinct data files as necessary to be loaded onto electronic rosters for combined polling places.</p> <p>House: section 22 requires the secretary of state and county auditor to provide guidance to election judges on procedures to ensure that each voter is provided the correct ballot. In addition, a map showing precincts served by a combined polling place, and a notice that multiple ballot styles are used, must be prominently displayed near the entrance to the polling place.</p>	Accept Senate section 22 Accept Senate section 50 and House section 22 with January 1, 2026, effective date
5.	R23, R27, R30, R31, R57, R64	Misc. election admin - same	32, 37, 40, 41, 43, 79, 91	Same	12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 40, 46	<p>Various election administration provisions</p> <p>Senate 32 and House 12 update terminology regarding absentee voting envelopes to refer to the proper type of envelope.</p> <p>Senate 37 and House 15 requires two members of the ballot board to make sure that the number of absentee ballots removed from the ballot box is equal to the number of absentee ballots from the tally of</p>	Accept Senate sections 32, 37, 40, 41, 43, 79, 91

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						<p>absentee ballots from the tally of ballots that were inserted into the ballot box that day. Requires absentee vote totals to be added to the vote totals on summary statements for the appropriate precinct in all elections.</p> <p>Senate 40 and 41 and House 16 and 17 specify that the absentee ballot application deadlines in an earlier section do not apply to emergency response providers and voters with a disability who request absentee ballot applications to be electronically transmitted.</p> <p>Senate 43 and House 18 requires the early voting official to take certain actions to remove, secure, and document ballots each day during the early voting period. This section is effective upon the revisor of statute’s receipt of the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the revisor receives the certification.</p> <p>Senate 79 and House 40 change the filing period for municipal elections to be no more than 112 days or less than 98 days before the municipal general election held in November. The timeline in current law is no more than 98 days or less than 84 days. This section is effective January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Senate 91 and House 46 change the timeline for calling a special county election. The election may be held within 84 days after a resolution is adopted, instead of within 74 days under current law.</p>	

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6.	R23	Temporary polling places	33	Similar	12	<p>Allows a federally recognized Indian Tribe with off-reservation Tribal lands to request an additional polling place to be on that land.</p> <p>Senate only: Requires the county auditor and secretary of state to post notice of absentee polling places on their respective websites. Notices must be posted as soon as practicable and no later than five business days after designation or receiving the notice. The notices must include the polling place’s address and the dates and times the polling place will be open for voting. This section is effective September 1, 2025.</p> <p>House only: Similar to Senate but notices must be posted within five business days. If a designation applies to both a primary and general election, a separate notice must be provided for each election.</p>	Accept Senate section 33
7.	R27	Opening of absentee ballot envelopes	36	Similar	14	<p>Amends the handling of absentee ballot signature envelopes. This requires counting, cross-checking, and accounting for empty signature and ballot envelopes at various steps in the process. Discrepancies in the count must be noted in the ballot board incident log and reported to the official responsible for the ballot board.</p> <p>Senate only: All envelopes must be retained for the duration of the contest period.</p> <p>House only: Ballot board must not dispose of or destroy ballot envelopes until 30 days after the deadline for bringing an election contest expires or if a contest is filed, 30 days after completion of the contest and any related appeals, whichever is later.</p>	Accept House section 14 with changes: on 64.3 change “combination” to “combined” and 64.13 and 64.14 change “30 days” to “48 hours”

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8.	R29	Retention of UOCAVA ballots	39	Senate only		Specifies that if a county and municipality agree that the county’s ballot board retains responsibility for UOVACA ballots, the county ballot board will open, count, and retain the ballots.	Accept Senate section 39
9.	R31 <i>(corrected page number)</i>	Affidavit of candidacy	44	Senate only		Requires an affidavit of candidacy to include a phonetic spelling or pronunciation of the candidate’s name or a certification that the candidate will use the applicable technology’s default pronunciation.	Accept Senate section 44
10.	R32, R34, R38, R39, R47, R49, R53, R64	Misc. election admin. – minor differences	45, 47, 48* (lines 180.12- 180.24), 52, 54, 63* (except lines 194.10- 194.11), 68* (except 196.30), 69, 92	Similar	19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 32, 33, 34, 48	<p>Senate 45 and House 19 specifies that candidates for judicial office, county attorney, and county sheriff are not required to include the candidate’s address of residence on the affidavit of candidacy. Candidates for these offices must include a phone number and email address. If a bill is used as proof of residence for office, the bill must be recent. Difference: Senate has an immediate effective date.</p> <p>Senate 47 and 48 and House 20 and 21 requires a candidate who is absent during the filing period to include proof of residence with the affidavit of candidacy. Requires proof of residence filed with affidavits of candidacy be filed during the filing period. Copies of proof of residence are private data. Difference: Senate sections are effective the day following final enactment. Senate specifies that the copies are private data on individuals and includes a cross-reference to the data practices act.</p> <p>Senate 52 and House 23 requires a notice to be posted in a conspicuous place if a polling place is changed. The notice must be posted at the closed polling place and must include the location of the</p>	Accept Senate sections 45, 47, 48 (lines 180.12-180.24), and 52, 54, 63(except lines 194.10-194.11), 68 (except 196.30), 69, 92

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						<p>new polling place. If a precinct is required to provide election materials in languages other than English, the sign must also be in the additional languages. The notice must be posted at each election until the next general presidential election or until redistricting has occurred. The secretary of state must prepare a sample notice. Differences: line 184.29/71.32 reference to subdivision versus paragraph and use of practical versus practicable.</p> <p>Senate 54 and House 25 require the county auditor to develop a county elections chain of custody plan for elections in the county. The plan must account for both physical and cyber security of elections-related materials. This section is effective the day following final enactment and county auditors must file a plan with the secretary of state by June 1, 2026. Differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Senate requires the local clerks to either use the county plan or create their own plan; House allows local clerks to create a plan.- Senate requires a local plan to also be filed with the county auditor.- Senate requires the first plan to be completed by June 1, 2026. House requires first plan to be completed by September 1, 2025. <p>Senate 63 and House 32 requires jurisdictions that conduct elections by mail to send ballots no later than 28 days before any election, rather than the current 14 days. Difference: Senate effective date of November 15, 2025, for elections held on or after January 1, 2026.</p>	

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						<p>Senate 68 and House 33 strikes a reference to a prohibition on a candidate from assisting voters. Difference: Senate includes an immediate effective date.</p> <p>Senate 69 and House 34 strike the requirement that election judges initial the backs of ballots. Differences: Senate strikes “all” on 198.2 and includes an immediate effective date.</p> <p>Senate 92 and House 48 require the election of municipal officers held after incorporation or consolidation to be held on a uniform election date. Requires ballots to follow the ballot formatting laws. Requires candidates to file affidavits of candidacy in the same manner as other municipal candidates. Difference: Senate includes a June 1, 2025, effective date.</p>	
11.	R33	Presidential electors; petition	46	Senate only		Specifies that the section, as opposed to the subdivision, does not apply to candidates for presidential elector nominated by major political parties. Requires each nominated candidate to submit a petition and a signed, notarize affidavit of candidacy for president or vice president that includes information about the candidate and a declaration that the candidate will follow applicable election and campaign finance laws	Accept Senate section 46
12.	R34, R56, R58	Changes to names on ballots	48*(lines 180.25-180.30), 78, 81	Senate only		Requires the official receiving the filings to notify the official responsible for preparing ballots of the names of the candidates placed on the ballots, any changes to candidates, or any other information necessary to prepare the ballot. This section is effective the day following final enactment.	Accept Senate sections 48 (lines 180.25-180.30), 78, 81

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13.	R35	Write-in candidates	49	Senate only		Requires a candidate for county, state, or federal office who wants write-in votes to be counted to file a request not more than 84 days before the primary and no later than the 19th day before the general election; current law sets the deadline at the 7th day before the general election. For cities that adopt a resolution requiring candidates to request to have write-in votes counted, the request must be filed no later than the 19th day before the election; current law sets the deadline at the 7th day before the election. This section is effective on January 1, 2026.	Accept Senate section 49
14.	R38	Municipal boundary adjustments	51	Senate only		Changes the deadline for when a municipal boundary adjustment will take effect for an election from 21 days before an election to 46 days before an election. This prevents the change from taking place in the middle of the absentee voting period.	Accept Senate section 51
15.	R38	Cannabis prohibited in polling place locations		House only	24	Prohibits a polling place from being located in any place or adjoining room to a place where cannabis products are served or sold.	SCS 3045A101
16.	R39	Notice of polling place change; emergency	53	Senate only		Amends the statute related to notices that must be posted when a polling-place changes on election day due to an emergency. If a precinct is required to provide election materials in languages other than English, the sign must also be in the additional languages.	Accept Senate section 53
17.	R43	Election judge oath	58	Similar	28	Expands the election judge oath.	Accept Senate section 58 with changes: on 189.23 delete “In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section

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						<p>Senate only: adds a cross reference to the statute on intimidation and interference with the voting process. Includes a June 1, 2025, effective date.</p> <p>House only: Uses more general terminology referencing an election judge’s performance of duties as an election judge.</p>	211B.075,” and add January 1, 2026, effective date
18.	R43	Election judge training		House only	29	Requires county-administered training programs offered to election judges to be consistent with the training programs required to be established by the secretary of state.	Accept House section 29
19.	R44	Number of election judges	59	Policy difference	49	<p>Senate only: removes an exception that allows untrained election judges to serve in precincts where less than 100 individuals voted in the last state general election.</p> <p>House only: repeals the subdivision, which in effect requires all election judges to be trained regardless of precinct size.</p>	Accept House section 49
20.	R45	Election supplies	61	Senate only		Allows municipal clerks to secure certain election supplies from the county auditor until the day before the election, as opposed to four days before the election in current law. This section is effective the day following final enactment.	Accept Senate section 61
21.	R46	Errors and Omissions	62	Policy differences	31	Amends the errors and omissions process. Allows for service by email. Provides a process for parties to agree on a remedy to correct an error, omission, or wrongful act without a court order. An official may correct an official ballot without a court order if the ballot is not in compliance with laws and rules on ballot format.	Accept Senate section 62 with House line 76.16

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						Senate only: provides for a candidate who does not prevail in a court proceeding to pay the costs and disbursements for the prevailing party in certain circumstances. June 1, 2025, effective date.	
22.	R51	Polling place roster	70	Senate only		Adds a reference to the location of residence in the polling place roster statement. This section is effective September 1, 2025.	Accept Senate section 70
23.	R55, R56	Legislative vacancies; special elections		House only	37, 38, 39	Requires the filing period for a special election called to fill a vacancy in a legislative office to be a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days in length, excluding holidays. This section also allows special elections to be held within 40 days, rather than within 35 days, after issuance of a writ, if the elected person will be able to be seated immediately and participate in a legislative session.	Accept House sections 37 and 39
24.	R58, R59	School district elections	82, 85	Senate only		Section 82 changes the filing period for school district elections to be no more than 112 days or less than 98 days before the school general election held in November. The timeline in current law is no more than 98 days or less than 84 days. This section is effective January 1, 2026. Section 85 provides that if a municipality conducts elections by mail, the school board may designate a polling place not used by the municipality.	Accept Senate sections 82 and 85
25.	R60	Testing voting systems	86	Senate only		Requires public notice of the time and place of the testing of voting systems to be given at least five days in advance, instead of the two days required by current law. Strikes a reference to “punched” ballots.	Accept Senate section 86

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						Specifies that it applies to each question in the contest. This section is effective on September 1, 2025.	
26.	R60	Prohibited connections; passwords in polling place		House only	41	Requires that any password used by the election judges to access ballot recording or tabulating equipment to be kept in a safe and secure place in the precinct so that it is not accessible to or visible by the public.	Accept House section 41
27.	R63	Town ballots	90	Senate only		Strikes obsolete references to separate ballots and separate ballot boxes.	Accept Senate section 90
28.	R65	Hospital boards	93	Senate only		Changes the filing period for hospital board elections to be no more than 112 days or less than 98 days before the general election held in November. The timeline in current law is no more than 98 days or less than 84 days. Provides that a hospital district board must act as a canvassing board and between the 3rd and 14th day after an election, canvass the returns and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for hospital district office and the results of any ballot questions. The changes related to the filing period are effective January 1, 2026.	Accept Senate section 93
29.	R67	Voting equipment grant account (see also appropriations article)	96*	Senate only		Repeals 206.95, which is the voting equipment grant account.	Accept Senate section 96 (repeal of 206.95)

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* A section that has been included on multiple lines.