

**2019 State Government Finance Omnibus
Comparison of Senate and House Bills**

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Rx-A1		Article 1			Article 1	
R1	Appropriations	1-37	Appropriations, with riders, for various agencies		1-35	Appropriations and riders for various agencies
R26	Senate appropriation in FY 2019	38	Amends 2018 law to increase the appropriation to the Senate in fiscal year 2019			
R26	Unfilled positions	39	Requires MMB to reduce agency appropriations for positions unfilled 180 days after posting			
R28	House carryforward cancellation	40, para (a)	Cancels to the general fund the House carryforward			
R28	Information and telecommunications technology systems and services account cancellation	40, para (b)	Cancels to the general fund \$7,343,000 in the information and telecommunications technology systems and services account		39	Cancels to the general fund \$330,000 information and telecommunications technology systems and services account. The account allows state agencies to save funds to be used for future large IT projects. The cancellation is from funds left over from previously completed projects.
R28	Veterans Journey Home cancellation	40, para (c)	Cancels certain funds related to the Veterans Journey Home program that were appropriated to that program in 2017.	Same	Art. 7, sec. 5	Cancels certain funds related to the Veterans Journey Home program that were appropriated to that program in 2017.
R26	Secretary of state attorney fees award				36	Appropriates money in FY 2019 to the secretary of state to pay the attorney fees awarded against the state resulting from the case <i>Minnesota Voters Alliance v.</i>

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						<i>Mansky</i> . This is the case challenging the state law regulating campaign apparel in polling places; the law was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2018.
F26	Professional/technical services contracts				37	Requires a reduction in professional and technical services contracts across all state agencies by at least \$890,000 in the FY 2020-21 biennium. Certain exceptions are provided.
R27	HAVA election security appropriations				38	Appropriates federal money allocated to Minnesota under the Help America Vote Act to the secretary of state for specific purposes allowed under federal law (improving the administration and security of elections). This section also recognizes certain funds already spent by the state as qualifying for the state match required under HAVA. The appropriation is available immediately.
Article 2- State Government Operations						
Rx-A2		Article 2- State Government Operations			Article 2 – State Government Operations	
R1	Legislative approval of collective bargaining agreements	1	Eliminates interim approval of collective bargaining agreements by failure to disapprove (3.855)			

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R2	Supplemental information with contract submission	2	MMB required to provide information to LCC when submitting collective bargaining agreements (3.855)			
R2	Legislative Commission on Data Practices				2	Extends the Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy to June 30, 2026. (3.8843)
R2	Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability	3, 24	Creates a legislative commission on affordable housing (3.8845)			
R3	Legislative Water Commission				3	Extends the Legislative Water Commission to July 1, 2025. (3.886)
R3, R4, R50	Topics for OLA review	4, 29	Eliminates the current requirement for the OLA to evaluate one economic incentive each year; instead, adds the following topics to those that may be considered for evaluation each year: grants, tax incentives, and development inducements for economic development (3.97)	Same	4, 6, 89	Eliminates the current requirement for the OLA to evaluate one economic incentive each year; instead, adds the following topics to those that may be considered for evaluation each year: grants, tax incentives, and development inducements for economic development (3.97)
R4	Notice to OLA for data breach	5	Broadens requirements for agencies to notify the Legislative Auditor of a data breach (3.971)	Same	5	Broadens requirements for agencies to notify the Legislative Auditor of a data breach (3.971)
R5	Poet Laureate				7	Transfers responsibility for recommending potential nominees for state Poet Laureate from the Minnesota Humanities Center to the Minnesota Center for the Book.
R5	Secretary of state businesses addresses				8	Provides a mechanism to omit a business’ address from the secretary of state’s public website if the business

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						entity has a single shareholder, member, manager, or owner and the business address is that person’s residential address. These changes only omit the address from public display online; the classification of the information under the Government Data Practices Act is unchanged. (5.42)
R6	Notice of executive orders	6	Requires the Secretary of State to provide notice to a list serve when executive orders are issued (5.50)			
R6	Private audits for joint powers of counties	7	Permits a special district comprised of counties under a joint powers agreement to commission audits from private CPA firms, instead of having audits performed by the State Auditor (6.481)			
R6	State auditor review of private audits	8	Establishes a process for the State Auditor’s review of private audits (6.481)			
R7	Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month	9	Designates May as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month (10.584)			
R7	Applications for grants from State Arts Board public	10	Makes applications for arts board grants public when the application is considered at a public review meeting (13.599)			

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R7	Rules impacting residential construction or remodeling	11	Requires agency to notify legislature when a proposed rule will increase the cost of residential construction by \$1,000 per unit. If a legislative committee objects, the rule cannot go into effect until approved in law. (14.1275)			
R8	Administrative law judge salaries	12	Conforms the salary of the assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors to equal that of a district court judge. (15A.083)	Same	9	Conforms the salary of the assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors to equal that of a district court judge. (15A.083)
R9	Gifts via website				10	Requires the commissioner of management and budget to maintain a website that allows interested persons to make gifts of money to the state online. Historical data on giving must be included on the website.(16A.013)
R9	Zero-based budgeting	13, 14, 15	Requires some agencies in each biennium to use zero-based budgeting. The forecast for those agencies’ budgets for the biennium will be zero. The base for the agency’s budget for the biennium will be zero. Agencies are on a ten-year rotation. (16A.111)			
R12	State employee pay in event of state shutdown				11	Provides a statutory appropriation for state employee salary and benefits in the event of a state government shutdown, unless expressly superseded by a later-enacted law. A reimbursement payment for lost salary and benefits would be made upon the employee’s return to work. Employees in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches are included. (16A.1335)

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R13	Gainsharing				12	Amends the state employee gainsharing program requirements. An employee would be entitled to an award only upon a suggestion that is implemented and results in a reduction in the costs of operating state government. The requirements of an existing biannual legislative report are reduced, and the report is converted to an annual report. If sufficient funding is not available to fund the entire program, a pilot program is required. (16A.90)
R14	Capitol flag program				13, 86	Establishes a program to provide a U.S. and Minnesota state flag flown over the State Capitol building to families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty, and families of members of the military who died while in active service. The program is administered by the Department of Administration. A July 1, 2020 effective date is provided. (16B.276; uncoded)
R16	Renewable energy in state building projects				14, 15	Modifies standards for the inclusion of renewable energy, including solar energy systems, in state building projects. (16B.32)
R17	Office of Enterprise Sustainability				16	Establishes an Office of Enterprise Sustainability as a statutory entity within the Department of Administration. The office is required to engage in a number of activities to track and reduce the impacts of state government on the environment. The current office established for this purpose exists by executive order. (16B.372)

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R17	Local government website accessibility				17	Establishes a grant program and advisory council, administered by the Department of Administration, to award grants to local governments to improve website accessibility. (16B.90)
R18	State contracts with sponsors of terrorism				18	Requires state vendors to certify they do not engage in business with countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism or groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations. The commissioners of administration and management and budget must implement measures to meet the objective of this section and take steps necessary to ensure that vendors provide the certification required. (16C.0531)
R18	Bartering agreements involving state-owned optical fiber				19	In general, state contracting law prohibits agencies from entering contracts that are supported by a barter arrangement, with a few exceptions. This section adds contracts for state-owned optical fiber to the list of exceptions. In a barter arrangement, goods, services, or other non-monetary consideration is directly exchanged between the contracting parties; there is no monetary exchange. (16C.055)
R19	Conflict-free minerals				20	Establishes a presumption that a vendor is in compliance with required federal disclosures related to conflict minerals when entering a state contract. Exemptions are provided, including for contracts with a value of less than \$100,000 or if compliance is not practicable or in the best interest of the state. Notice of this standard must

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						<p>be included solicitation for supplies or services. (16C.067)</p> <p>A “conflict mineral” is defined in the bill, and means a mineral or mineral derivative that finances human conflict, as determined by federal law. Examples of these types of minerals include coltan, cassiterite, gold, and wolframite.</p>
R19	Design and construction contracts in an emergency				21	<p>Authorizes the commissioner of administration to authorize expedited design and construction for publicly-owned structures in the event of an emergency. (16C.10)</p> <p>Current law allows expedited repair, rehabilitation, and improvements to state-owned structures in an emergency, but does not allow for design or construction of new structures. (16C.10)</p>
R19	Small business certification				22	<p>Authorizes the commissioner of administration to allow small businesses to be certified by a nationally recognized certifying organization in order to participate in the state’s small business and small targeted group business programs. (16C.19)</p>
R21	Best and final offer				23	<p>Clarifies that the best and final offer solicitation process may be used for building and construction contracts under the best value process, but not for competitively bid contracts. (16C.251)</p>

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R21	Agency hiring practices	16	Requires a fair and open hiring process in state agencies, without altering job requirements for a particular candidate and without identifying a particular candidate as a future holder of a position prior to hiring (43A.10)	Similiar	28	Requires a fair and open hiring process in state agencies, without altering job requirements for a particular candidate and without identifying a particular candidate as a future holder of a position prior to hiring. Jobs must be posted for at least 21 days, unless that requirement is waived by the commissioner of management and budget. (43A.10)
R21	On-the-job demonstration of qualifications	17	Modifies a program in state agency employment that allows people with certain disabilities to demonstrate job qualifications through paid on-the-job experience. Change the qualifications to participate (43A.14)			
R22	Affirmative action plans	18	Adds information to be included in an agency’s affirmative action plan for making reasonable accommodations; modifies the role of the Council on Disability in preparing an affirmative action plan (43A.191)			
R23	Nonaffirmative action hiring	19	Eliminates the caps on the percentage of appointments for state employment in which an agency fails to justify a nonaffirmative action hire. Requires, instead, that criteria established by MMB for an agency to justify nonaffirmative action hires includes specific items, including the number of applicants hired through on-the-job work experience, the number of applicants who receive authorization for a probationary period, and the number of applicants who are offered appointment. Requires MMB to publish summary data. (43A.191)			

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R24	State Historic Preservation Office				29-36	Provides a number of statutory updates to fully implement the required transfer of the State Historic Preservation Office from the Minnesota Historical Society to the Department of Administration. The transfer of the office was first enacted in 2017. (138.081-763)
R27, R50	Hair braiding				37, 38, 89	Exempts hair braiders from registration and other oversight by the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners. (155A.25)
R29	Constraints on collective bargaining agreements and compensation plans	20	Limits the amount that MMB can contract to pay in compensation and benefits to the amount in an approved spending plan (179A.20)			
R29	Public Ice Arenas (Mighty Ducks grants)	21	<p>Increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities. (240A.09)</p> <p>The Mighty Ducks program provides grants to support improvements to public ice arenas, and to support increased access to ice arenas for women and girls. The law requires prioritization of rehabilitation and renovation projects that improve indoor air quality and eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant.</p>	Same	58	<p>Increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities. (240A.09)</p> <p>The Mighty Ducks program provides grants to support improvements to public ice arenas, and to support increased access to ice arenas for women and girls. The law requires prioritization of rehabilitation and renovation projects that improve indoor air quality and eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant.</p>

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R31	Private Cemeteries Act				59	Modifies standards for protecting American Indian cemeteries and burial features from inadvertent discovery or unearthing of human remains. (307.08)
R36, R37, R50	Employer and state contributions to PERA for MERF	22, 29	Increases the required contributions for employers’ to PERA plan for MERF by \$6 million per year; repeals the state contribution of \$6 million per year to PERA for MERF. Employers include the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation, the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and the Met Council (353.27; repeal of 353.505)	Substantial differences	68, 69	Provides statutory direction that increases the state’s payment to the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) to \$16 million. Current law requires a \$6 million contribution to the fund in 2019 and thereafter. (353.27; 353.505)
R38, R39	Appointment of county officers				70, 72-76	Provides in general law the process to change the county offices of auditor, treasurer, auditor-treasurer, and recorder appointed positions, subject to reverse referendum (similar to the process provided in the special laws enacted over time). Under current general law, a referendum is required.. (375.08-382.02)
R38	County commissioner temporary appointments				71	Authorizes counties to temporarily appoint a qualified person to fill a vacant county commissioner position, until the position is filled by special election. Public testimony regarding the qualifications of the prospective appointee is required.
R43	Hennepin County job order contracting				77	Extends the authority of Hennepin County to enter job order contracts until December 31, 2024. “Job order contracting” is a project delivery method that requests a limited number of bids from a list of qualified

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R43	Duluth Port Authority				78	Authorizes the Duluth Port Authority to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means, consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meetings Law. (469.074)
R43	Local government salary cap				78, 89	Eliminates an existing cap on the salary of political subdivision employees. With some exceptions, the collective salary and benefits of a political subdivision employee may not be more than 110% of the governor’s salary (the governor’s current salary is \$127,629). (473.606; repealer)
R43	Access to multiunit residential facilities by Census workers				80	Authorizes U.S. Census workers to access multiunit housing facilities (apartments, dormitories, nursing homes, and the like) for purposes of conducting official work during each decennial census. (504B.279)
R44	Daylight Saving Time	23	Moves to Daylight Saving Time year-round when permitted to do so under federal law (645.071)			
R45	Working Group on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities	25	Establishes a working group on state employment and retention of employees with disabilities (Uncoded)			

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R45	Full-time Equivalent Freeze	26	Precludes use of appropriations for fiscal years 2020 and 201 to pay salary or benefits for positions beyond the number of full-time equivalents employed as of June 30, 2019 (Uncoded)			
R46	Unfilled positions	27	Reduces appropriations by the amount of salary and benefits for positions posted and unfilled for 180 days (Uncoded)			
R46	Board of Cosmetologist Examiners rules	28	Delays adoption of new rules developed by the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners under after the 2020 regular legislative session adjourns (Uncoded)			
R46	City of Austin; Fire state aid				81	Modifies standards for the allocation of fire state aid in the City of Austin
R47	Minnesota Census 2020 mobilization				82	Requires the commissioner of administration to implement a Census 2020 Mobilization program. A component of the program is awarding grants to local governments and nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations engaged in census mobilization activities. A list of priority outreach and mobilization activities is included. (Uncoded)
R49	Legislative Budget Office				84, 89	Eliminates the Legislative Budget Office effective July 1, 2019. Existing employees must be offered reasonable opportunities for comparable employment in other offices of the legislature, to the extent practical. (Uncoded; repealer)

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R49	Maintenance and upkeep of State Office Building				87	Requires the commissioner of administration to enter a contract with the house of representatives for the maintenance and upkeep of the State Office Building, no later than January 1, 2020. (Uncoded)
R50	Minnesota Law Enforcement Association labor agreement				88	Ratifies the state’s labor contract with the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association for the contract period ending June 30, 2019. (Uncoded)
Rx-A3						
		Article 3 – Information Technology			Information Technology Provisions from Article 2	
R1, R7, R11	Accessibility in the Legislature’s Information technology	1, 10, 17	Requires the legislature to comply with information technology accessibility standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services, and establishes a legislative employee working group to assist the legislature in identifying accessibility needs related to its IT services. (3.199;16E.03; uncoded)	Same	Art. 2, secs 1, 26, 83	Requires the legislature to comply with information technology accessibility standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services, and establishes a legislative employee working group to assist the legislature in identifying accessibility needs related to its IT services. (3.199;16E.03; uncoded)
R1, R12	Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity	2, 18	Creates a legislative commission on cybersecurity (3.888; uncoded)			
R2	Legislative Commission on Information Technology	3, 20	Creates a legislative commission on information technology (3.889; uncoded))			
R3	IT user acceptance testing	4	Requires state agencies implementing new IT business software applications or functionalities to offer primary users an opportunity for user acceptance testing. The commissioner may determine that the testing is not	Similar	Art. 2, sec. 27	Requires state agencies implementing new IT business software applications or functionalities to offer primary users an opportunity for user acceptance testing. The commissioner may determine that the testing is not

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			feasible or necessary, in consultation with representatives of the primary users. (15.996)			feasible or necessary, in consultation with representatives of the primary users.
R4, R6, R10, R14	MN.IT duties tailored	5, 8, 14, 21	Responsive to specific items raised in OLA report to remove overly broad duties from the MN.IT statutes (16E.01; 16E.03; 16E.05; uncoded)			
R4, R10	Agency choice for IT	6, 13	Allow agencies to use sources other than MN.IT for certain IT products and services (16E.016)			
R5, R7	Cloud computing	7, 9	Requires the Office of MN.IT Services to consider cloud computing options when evaluating technology projects proposed by state agencies. (16E.03)	Similar	Art. 2, secs. 24, 25	Requires the Office of MN.IT Services to consider cloud computing options when evaluating technology projects proposed by state agencies.
R8	Risk assessment	11	Requires the Office of MN.IT Services to prepare an inventory of state IT infrastructure and to conduct risk assessment of systems and services in the inventory (16E.035)			
R9	Project management	12	Creates steps for an agency to follow in a project management process for IT projects. For projects performed by MN.IT, the project must be certified by both the agency head and the chief information officer before deployment. For projects performed by an outside vendor, the project must be certified by the agency head before deployment. (16E.046)			
R10	Biennial MN.IT rates	15	Moves the deadline for MN.IT rates from July 1 each year to June 1 in each even-numbered year (16E.14)			

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R11	MN.IT invoices	16	Requires MN.IT invoices to agencies to include clear descriptions of services, with categories in a manner prescribed by agencies (16E.18)			
R13	MN.IT consolidation	19	Requires completion of IT consolidation, citing a study of consolidation of IT under MN.IT for the senate, the house of representatives, the State Lottery, the Statewide Radio Board, MSRS, PERA, TRA, State Board of Investment, and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Imposes a surcharge on MN.IT for IT systems that are not fully integrated. (Uncoded)			
Article 4 – Racing Commission						
Rx-A4		Article 4 – Racing Commission			Provisions relating to the Racing Commission from Article 2	
R1	Pari-mutuel horse racing	Secs. 1-15	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to pari-mutuel horse racing. (240.01-240.27)	Similar	Art. 2, sections 39-47, 51-56	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to pari-mutuel horse racing. (240.01-240.27)
R6	Racing Commission ongoing operations				Art. 2, sections 48-50	Provides a continuing appropriation from the Racing and Card Playing Regulation account in the special revenue fund to support ongoing operations of the Racing Commission, in the event funding to support the operations of the Racing Commission are not enacted

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R11	Racing Commission – statutory appropriation of card club reimbursements				Art. 2, section 57	Creates a statutory appropriation of costs reimbursed to the Racing Commission from licensees for the commission’s actual costs of regulating the card club. (240.30)
Rx-A5						
		Art. 5 – Gambling Control Board			Provisions relating to the Gambling Control Board from HF 2154	
R1	Gambling Control Board regulation	1-5	Modifies various regulation provisions related to lawful gaming under the Gambling Control Board.	Same	HF 2154, sec. 1-5	Modifies various regulation provisions related to lawful gaming under the Gambling Control Board.
Rx-A6						
		Article 6 – State Board of Accountancy			Provisions regarding the State Board of Accountancy in Article 2	
R1	Certified public accounting practices	1-8	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to the practice of certified public accounting, including the creation of a “retired” status classification.	Similar	Art. 2, secs. 60-67	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to the practice of certified public accounting, including the creation of a “retired” status classification.

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Rx-A7		Article 7 – Veterans and Military Affairs			Provisions regarding Veterans and Military Affairs in Article 8	
R1	POW and MIA Recognition Day	1	Designates the third Friday in September each year as the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Day.			
R1	Veterans Suicide Awareness Day	2	Designates the first Saturday in October as Veterans Suicide Awareness Day	Similar	Art. 8, sec. 1	Designates the first Saturday in October as Veterans Suicide Awareness Day
R1	Hmong veteran recognition day	3	Designates May 14 as Hmong Special Guerrilla Units Memorial Day	Similar	Art. 8, sec. 2	Designates May 14 as Hmong Veterans Memorial Day
R2	American Allies Day	4	Designates June 30 as American Allies Day			
R2	Veterans Affairs publicity representative				Art. 8, sec. 3	Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to use funds to pay a publicity representative.
R2	Technical (Jurisdiction of Commissioner of Veterans Affairs)	5	Makes a technical correction; updates language and adds a cross-reference.	Same	Art. 8, sec. 4	Makes a technical correction; updates language and adds a cross-reference.
R3, R5	Disabled veterans homestead exclusion				Art. 8, sec. 5, 7	Authorizes a county veterans service officer and county assessor to exchange information regarding the eligibility of a veteran currently receiving a property tax benefit under the disabled veterans homestead exclusion. These changes would allow the information exchange required to administer the new provision without obtaining a release from the beneficiary of the exclusion.

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R3	GI Bill benefits eligibility				Art. 8, sec. 6	Revises the definition of “veteran” for purposes of Minnesota GI Bill benefits eligibility. The change brings the definition of veteran in section 197.791 in line with the general statutory definition of veteran in section 197.447. The changes are technical and do not expand or restrict the category of current and former service members who are eligible for MN GI Bill benefits. (The stricken language became unnecessary when the state, in 2009, expanded eligibility to the MN GI Bill beyond just post-9/11 veterans.)
R5	Pay differential of reservist on active duty				Art. 8, sec. 8	Requires counties to pay a salary differential to employees who are mobilized as a reservist or guardsman in the U.S. Armed Forces. Certain details are provided, including the method for calculating the required differential pay.
R7	Military veterans restorative justice				Art. 8, sec. 9	Creates an alternative sentencing option for veterans with service-connected trauma, substance abuse, or mental health condition who commit certain crimes.
R11	Medal of Honor Account	6	Establishes a statutory annual appropriation to the commissioner of administration of money in the Medal of Honor Memorial Account for predesign, design, construction and maintenance of a memorial. Permits receipt of donations, gifts, and grants.	Same	Art. 1, sec. 4	Establishes a statutory annual appropriation to the commissioner of administration of money in the Medal of Honor Memorial Account for predesign, design, construction and maintenance of a memorial. Permits receipt of donations, gifts, and grants.

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R12	World War I plaque	7	Requires a replacement plaque to be placed on the Capitol grounds to recognize all Minnesotans who served, at home and abroad, in World War I.	Similar	Art. 2, sec. 85	Requires a replacement plaque to be placed on the Capitol grounds to recognize all Minnesotans who served, at home and abroad, in World War I.
R12	USS Minneapolis-St. Paul	8	Establishes a statutory appropriation to the commissioner of military affairs for the commissioning and preservation of the USS Minneapolis-St. Paul. Permits receipt of gifts, grants, and donations.			
Article 3 – State Payments Terminology						
R14	Terminology and procedures related to state payments				1-41	Provides a number of miscellaneous and technical changes to terminology related to the process for making payments to individuals, local governments, creditors, and other entities owed money from state accounts. Among these changes are allowances for the commissioner of management and budget to void an unpaid claim if the commissioner determines it is invalid (section 9), a requirement that the commissioner, along with the attorney general, establish internal guidelines for the collection of debt owed to the state (section 12), and new standards for legislative reporting of certain uncollectible debts (section 13).

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					Article 4 – Elections and Voting Rights	
R11, R17	Automatic voter registration				1, 10	Establishes an “opt out” voter registration process for applicants for a Minnesota driver’s license, state identification card, or instruction permit. All applicants who do not decline would be registered by the secretary of state following a review to determine the applicant’s eligibility to vote. Applicants who are already registered would have their registrations updated.
R11	School board vacancies				2	Allows members appointed to a school board in order to fill a vacancy to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Existing law that directs a special election to be conducted in most circumstances is eliminated.
R12	School board levy referendum notices				3	Extends the period during which a school board may deliver a notice to each taxpayer of an upcoming levy referendum. Under current law, the notice may not be sent more than 30 days before the referendum. This section allows the notice to be sent up to 45 days before the referendum, to better reflect the absentee voting period provided in law.

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R14, R32, R54	Transit service on election day				4, 38, 74	Directs certain public transit providers to provide fixed-route public transit service free of charge on the day of the state general election.
R14	Restoration of voting rights				5, 7, 11, 39, 73, 75	Restores voting rights to individuals convicted of a felony once they have completed any term of incarceration resulting from the conviction. An exception is provided for individual convicted of a felony related to elections, voting, or the conduct of campaigns. Informational materials must be prepared by the secretary of state, and notices must be provided by certain corrections officials to a person whose rights are restored.
R28	Early voting				5, 11-13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 6, 12-14, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-34, 61, 62, 76, 77	Establishes standards and procedures for “early voting” in Minnesota. Distinct from absentee voting, early voting permits a voter to cast a ballot at a centralized polling location during a specified period prior to election day. The bill provides for early voting in all federal, state, and county elections, from 30 days prior through the third day before the election. An existing authorization for local governments to choose to offer a version of early voting (in-person absentee voting using a ballot box) is repealed.

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R20	Permanent absentee voters				15, 18, 19, 23	Authorizes voters to request that an absentee ballot be delivered automatically prior to an election. Under current law, a voter may request that an absentee ballot application be delivered automatically, but the voter must still complete and return the application before being provided the absentee ballot itself.
R16, R48, R49	Presidential nomination primary				8, 9, 26, 67, 68, 70	Restricts access to a voter’s political party choice at the presidential nomination primary to only the party designated by the voter – the information would not be publicly accessible by others. These sections also limit participation in the presidential nomination primary to only those parties that participate in a national convention.
R21, R31	Electronic transmission of absentee voting materials				16, 37	Authorizes voters with a temporary or permanent disability to request that absentee ballots, instructions, and related materials be transmitted to the voter electronically. The voter would still be required to return a paper ballot, in a sealed envelope. A postage-paid envelope would be mailed to the voter for that purpose.
R23	In-person absentee voting locations				20	Authorizes designated in-person absentee voting locations to be opened for fewer than the 46 days prior to an election, if notice is provided on the jurisdiction’s website and to the secretary of state. A voter must still be able to submit an absentee ballot at the office of the county auditor during the full 46-day absentee voting period.

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R30, R33, R42-R43, R45	Electronic voting systems				35, 41, 58, 59, 63	Expands the types of electronic voting systems that may be certified for use in Minnesota to include systems that produced a marked paper ballot using a touch screen or other electronic device. Additional details on the functionality of the system, and a process to provide for voter anonymity in the event of a recount of the ballots in a precinct using multiple types of voting system, are included.
R30	Elections by mail				36	Authorizes the option of mail balloting for all towns, and all cities with fewer than 400 registered voters, regardless of their geographic location in the state. Under current law, these towns and cities are only eligible if they are located outside of a metropolitan-area county.
R33	Assisting voters in a polling place				40	Eliminates the existing three-person cap on the number of voters a person may provide assistance to in a polling place.
R34	Special election timeline				42-46	Extends the period for conducting a special election to fill a vacant legislative seat by two weeks, in cases where an expedited process is required in order to allow the person elected to be seated quickly for a legislative session. Special primaries and special elections are prohibited during the four days before or after a holiday. A process for reimbursing local governments for the cost of conducting special elections to fill vacant state and federal offices is also included.

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R36	Ranked-choice voting				47-57, 60, 62, 64, 65	Authorizes all local governments the option to elect local officials using ranked-choice voting, and establishes uniform procedures and requirements for the conduct of these elections.
R47	Election security and administration grants				66	Establishes a grant program for distribution of \$1 million in grants to political subdivisions for purposes of election security and administration. Specific authorized uses of the grant, an application process, and legislative reporting are required.
R49	Tax return disclosure for certain candidates				69	Requires candidates for president, and candidates for constitutional office to file or publicly-release copies of the candidates federal income tax returns from the previous five taxable years. A procedure for posting and disclosure of these documents by the secretary of state is provided. Candidates who do not comply with this requirement are prohibited from appearing on the ballot at a primary or general election.
R51	National Popular Vote Interstate Compact				72	Adopts an interstate compact related to election of the President: if a sufficient number of other states also ratify, this compact would require Minnesota (and other participating states) to obligate their electoral college votes to the winner of the national popular vote for president, rather than allocating those votes based on the vote totals from the state.

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					Article 5 – Campaign Finance	
R55	Hennepin County elections				1-9, 11-14, 16-21, 26, 27	Transfers oversight of certain campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates and committees associated with certain elected offices and ballot questions in (1) Hennepin County, (2) any city located wholly within Hennepin County that has a population of 75,000 or more, and (3) the Minneapolis school district. Under current law, the Hennepin County elections administrator receives campaign finance-related reports. This bill instead places those responsibilities under the jurisdiction of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.
R57	“Expressly advocating”				6	Expands the definition of “expressly advocating” to include certain types of communications that are susceptible of no reasonable interpretation except as a campaign-related communication, even if the communication doesn’t use the “magic words” of a campaign, such as a “vote for” or “vote against...” This definition is used to determine when the expenditures supporting a communication are subject to reporting and oversight by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.
R58	Noncampaign disbursement for security-related expenses				10	Authorizes a campaign to make an expenditure for specified security-related expenses for a candidate and any immediate family members of the candidate who live in

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						the same household and report it as a “noncampaign disbursement.”
R66	Electioneering communications				15, 20, 22-25	Establishes a campaign finance reporting structure for “electioneering communications.” An electioneering communication is one that refers to a clearly-identified candidate, within a short time before an election (30 days before a primary or 60 days before a general election), that is targeted to the relevant electorate, and which is made without the authorization or participation of the candidate or the candidate’s committee.
Article 6 - Redistricting						
R76	Redistricting Advisory Commission				1	Establishes a Redistricting Advisory Commission that includes five retired judges and 12 members of the public selected through an extensive application process to ensure political balance. The commission is responsible for drawing and recommending new congressional and legislative district boundaries after each decennial census. A number of details related to the commission’s structure and workflow are provided.
R81	Districting principles				2	Establishes a series of principles to guide the drawing of congressional and legislative district boundaries.

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R83	LCC duties related to redistricting				3	Establishes a series of technical details regarding the role of the Legislative Coordinating Commission related to the process of redistricting, including designation of the population database to be used.
R84	Redistricting of local governments				4	Establishes standards and procedures, including the requirement of a commission, for redistricting in certain large counties and cities.