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ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY

51.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 2.92, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

51.29 (2) in the case of a nursing home or an assisted living facility licensed under chapter
51.30 144G, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

52.1 (3) limiting visits to a reasonable number of census employees or reasonable hours,
52.2 provided that access must be permitted during the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.
52.3 on any day, at a minimum;

52.4 (4) requiring a prior appointment 24 hours prior notice to gain access to the facility; or

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

52.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 2.92, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

52.8 Subd. 2a. **Notice to residents.** The owner, manager, or operator of a multiple unit
52.9 dwelling is encouraged to notify residents of the days on which a census worker has provided
52.10 notice of an intent to be present.

SECTION 3 APPEARS IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SIDE-BY-SIDE

53.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 200.031, is amended to read:

200.031 DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCE.

53.3 Residence shall be determined in accordance with the following principles, so far as
53.4 they may be applicable to the facts of the case:

53.5 (1) The residence of an individual is in the precinct where the individual's home is
53.6 located, from which the individual has no present intention of moving, and to which,
53.7 whenever the individual is absent, the individual intends to return.

53.8 (2) An individual does not lose residence if the individual leaves home to live temporarily
53.9 in another state or precinct.

53.10 (3) An individual does not acquire a residence in any precinct of this state if the individual
53.11 is living there only temporarily, without the intention of making that precinct home.

53.12 (4) If an individual goes into another state or precinct with the intention of making it
53.13 home or files an affidavit of residence there for election purposes, the individual loses
53.14 residence in the former precinct.

- 53.15 (5) If an individual moves to another state with the intention of living there for an
 53.16 indefinite period, the individual loses residence in this state, notwithstanding any intention
 53.17 to return at some indefinite future time.
- 53.18 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual's residence is located in
 53.19 the precinct where the individual's family lives, unless the individual's family is living in
 53.20 that precinct only temporarily.
- 53.21 (7) If an individual's family lives in one precinct and the individual lives or does business
 53.22 in another, the individual's residence is located in the precinct where the individual's family
 53.23 lives, unless the individual establishes a home in the other precinct and intends to remain
 53.24 there, with or without the individual's family.
- 53.25 (8) The residence of a single individual is in the precinct where the individual lives and
 53.26 usually sleeps.
- 53.27 (9) The mere intention to acquire a new residence, is not sufficient to acquire a new
 53.28 residence, unless the individual moves to that location; moving to a new location is not
 53.29 sufficient to acquire a new residence unless the individual intends to remain there.
- 53.30 (10) The residence of an individual who is working temporarily in any precinct of this
 53.31 state is in the precinct where the individual's permanent home is located.
- 54.1 (11) The residence of an individual who is living permanently in a soldiers' home or
 54.2 nursing home is in the precinct where the home is located.
- 54.3 (12) If an individual's home lies in more than one precinct or political subdivision, the
 54.4 residence of the individual is in the precinct in which a majority of the room in which the
 54.5 individual usually sleeps is located.
- 54.6 (13) If an individual's home is destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by fire or natural
 54.7 disaster, the individual does not lose residence in the precinct where the home is located if
 54.8 the individual intends to return to the home when it is reconstructed or made habitable.
- 54.9 (14) The residence of a person committed to a secure treatment facility as a sexual
 54.10 psychopathic personality or as a sexually dangerous person under chapter 253D is the
 54.11 person's last known residential address prior to issuance of the committal order.

144.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.054, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

144.4 Subdivision 1. **Registration.** (a) An individual may register to vote or update a voter
 144.5 registration:

144.6 (1) at any time before the 20th day preceding any election as provided in section 201.061,
 144.7 subdivision 1;

144.8 (2) on the day of an election as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3; or

144.9 (3) when submitting an absentee ballot, by enclosing a completed registration application
144.10 as provided in section 203B.04, subdivision 4.

144.11 (b) An individual who is under the age of 18, but who is at least 16 years of age and
144.12 otherwise eligible, may submit a voter registration application as provided in section 201.061,
144.13 subdivisions 1 and 1b.

144.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.054, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

144.15 Subd. 2. **Prohibitions; penalty.** ~~No~~ An individual ~~shall~~ must not intentionally:

144.16 (1) cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered in any precinct if the
144.17 individual is not eligible to vote, except as permitted by section 201.061, subdivision 1b;

144.18 (2) cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered for the purpose of
144.19 voting in more than one precinct;

144.20 (3) misrepresent the individual's identity when attempting to register to vote or to update
144.21 a registration; or

144.22 (4) aid, abet, counsel, or procure any other individual to violate this subdivision.

144.23 A violation of this subdivision is a felony.

144.24 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.056, is amended to read:

144.25 **201.056 SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER; MARKS ALLOWED.**

144.26 An individual who is unable to write the individual's name ~~shall be required to~~ must
144.27 sign a registration application in the manner provided by section 645.44, subdivision 14. If
144.28 the individual registers in person and signs by making a mark, the clerk or election judge
144.29 accepting the registration ~~shall~~ or update must certify the mark by signing the individual's
144.30 name. If the individual registers or updates a registration by mail and signs by making a
145.1 mark, the mark ~~shall~~ must be certified by having a voter registered in the individual's precinct
145.2 sign the individual's name and the voter's own name and give the voter's own address.

145.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

145.4 Subdivision 1. **Prior to election day.** (a) At any time except during the 20 days
145.5 immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election, an eligible voter or any individual
145.6 who will be an eligible voter at the time of the next election may register or update a
145.7 registration to vote in the precinct in which the voter maintains residence by completing a
145.8 voter registration application as described in section 201.071, subdivision 1. A completed
145.9 application may be submitted:

145.10 (1) in person or by mail to the county auditor of that county or to the Secretary of State's
145.11 Office; or

145.12 (2) electronically through a secure website that ~~shall~~ must be maintained by the secretary
145.13 of state for this purpose, if the applicant has an email address and provides the applicant's

145.14 verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number,
145.15 or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

145.16 (b) A registration or update to a registration that is received in person or by mail no later
145.17 than 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day preceding any election, or a registration or update to a
145.18 registration received electronically through the secretary of state's secure website no later
145.19 than 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day preceding any election, shall must be accepted. An
145.20 improperly addressed or delivered registration application shall must be forwarded within
145.21 two working days after receipt to the county auditor of the county where the voter maintains
145.22 residence. A state or local agency or an individual that accepts completed voter registration
145.23 applications from a voter must submit the completed applications to the secretary of state
145.24 or the appropriate county auditor within ten calendar days after the applications are dated
145.25 by the voter.

145.26 (c) An application submitted electronically under paragraph (a), clause (2), may only
145.27 be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
145.28 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
145.29 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
145.30 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable voter registration applications
145.31 submitted electronically for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such
145.32 application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

146.1 (d) An individual may not electronically submit a voter registration application on behalf
146.2 of any other individual, except that the secretary of state may provide features on the secure
146.3 website established under paragraph (a), clause (2), that allow third parties to connect
146.4 application programming interfaces that facilitate an individual's submission of voter
146.5 registration information while interacting with the third party.

146.6 (e) For purposes of this section, mail registration is defined as a voter registration
146.7 application delivered to the secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk by the
146.8 United States Postal Service or a commercial carrier.

146.9 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

146.10 Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register
146.11 or update a registration on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the
146.12 precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application,
146.13 making an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of
146.14 residence. An individual may prove residence for purposes of registering or updating a
146.15 registration by:

146.16 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to
146.17 section 171.07;

146.18 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;

54.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

54.13 Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register
54.14 on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the
54.15 individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application, making an oath in
54.16 the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence. An individual
54.17 may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

54.18 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to
54.19 section 171.07;

54.20 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;

146.19 (3) presenting a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address
 146.20 in the precinct together with a picture identification card; or

146.21 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee who provides
 146.22 proof that they are employed by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and
 146.23 vouching for a resident in the facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge
 146.24 vouching that the voter or employee personally knows that the individual is a resident of
 146.25 the precinct. A voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of
 146.26 residence oath vouching for any other individual on that election day. A voter who is
 146.27 registered to vote in the precinct may sign up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any
 146.28 election day. This limitation does not apply to an employee of a residential facility described
 146.29 in this clause. The secretary of state shall provide a form for election judges to use in
 146.30 recording the number of individuals for whom a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on
 146.31 election day. The form must include space for the maximum number of individuals for
 146.32 whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For each proof-of-residence oath, the form
 146.33 must include a statement that the individual: (i) is registered to vote in the precinct or is an
 147.1 employee of a residential facility in the precinct, (ii) personally knows that the voter is a
 147.2 resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the statement on oath. The form must include a
 147.3 space for the voter's printed name, signature, telephone number, and address.

147.4 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must be
 147.5 attached to the voter registration application.

147.6 ~~(b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees~~
 147.7 ~~currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The~~
 147.8 ~~operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than~~
 147.9 ~~20 days before each election for use in election day registration.~~

147.10 ~~(b)~~ (b) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256K.48,
 147.11 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under
 147.12 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision
 147.13 5; an assisted living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a
 147.14 veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under
 147.15 chapter 198; a residence licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a
 147.16 residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for
 147.17 persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services
 147.18 under section 252.28; setting authorized to provide housing support as defined in section
 147.19 256I.03, subdivision 10a; a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37,
 147.20 subdivision 4; a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to
 147.21 provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless; a facility where a provider
 147.22 operates a residential treatment program as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or

54.21 (3) presenting a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address
 54.22 in the precinct together with a picture identification card; or

54.23 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee who provides
 54.24 proof that they are employed by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and
 54.25 vouching for a resident in the facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge
 54.26 vouching that the voter or employee personally knows that the individual is a resident of
 54.27 the precinct. A voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of
 54.28 residence oath vouching for any other individual on that election day. An election judge
 54.29 may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any individual who appears in the
 54.30 precinct where the election judge is working. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct
 54.31 may sign up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not
 54.32 apply to an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state
 54.33 shall provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for
 55.1 whom a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space
 55.2 for the maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence
 55.3 oaths. For each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual:
 55.4 (i) is registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the
 55.5 precinct, (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making
 55.6 the statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature,
 55.7 telephone number, and address.

55.8 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must be
 55.9 attached to the voter registration application.

55.10 ~~(b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees~~
 55.11 ~~currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The~~
 55.12 ~~operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than~~
 55.13 ~~20 days before each election for use in election day registration. The secretary of state must~~
 55.14 ~~publish guidance for residential facilities and residential facility employees on the vouching~~
 55.15 ~~process and the requirements of this subdivision.~~

55.16 (c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256K.48,
 55.17 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under
 55.18 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision
 55.19 5; an assisted living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a
 55.20 veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under
 55.21 chapter 198; a residence licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a
 55.22 residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for
 55.23 persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services
 55.24 under section 252.28; setting authorized to provide housing support as defined in section
 55.25 256I.03, subdivision 10a; a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37,
 55.26 subdivision 4; a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to
 55.27 provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless; a facility where a provider
 55.28 operates a residential treatment program as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or

147.23 a facility where a provider operates an adult foster care program as defined in section
 147.24 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

147.25 ~~(c)~~(c) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of
 147.26 registering or updating a registration by:

147.27 (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
 147.28 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
 147.29 name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or

147.30 (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
 147.31 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
 147.32 name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the documents
 147.33 listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

148.1 ~~(d)~~(d) A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge
 148.2 responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration application.

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

148.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

148.5 Subd. 3a. **Additional proofs of residence permitted for students.** (a) If an eligible
 148.6 voter's name; student identification number, if available; and address within the precinct
 148.7 appear on a current residential housing list under section 135A.17 certified to the county
 148.8 auditor by the postsecondary educational institution, the voter may prove residence by
 148.9 presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a postsecondary educational
 148.10 institution in Minnesota; identification authorized in subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause
 148.11 (1) or (2); or identification authorized in subdivision 3, paragraph ~~(c)~~(c), clause (1) or (2).

148.12 (b) This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the
 148.13 postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days
 148.14 prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will
 148.15 certify for use at the election accurate updated residential housing lists under section 135A.17.
 148.16 A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that
 148.17 calendar year, including the November general election.

148.18 (c) The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for
 148.19 voters who reside in housing meeting the requirements of section 135A.17, if the residential
 148.20 housing lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements
 148.21 of this subdivision.

148.22 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no later
 148.23 than ~~20~~ 35 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the
 148.24 chief officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the
 148.25 list is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing in the institution's
 148.26 housing and, for students who do not live in the institution's housing, that it reflects the
 148.27 institution's records as of the date of the certification.

55.29 a facility where a provider operates an adult foster care program as defined in section
 55.30 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

55.31 (d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of
 55.32 registering by:

56.1 (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
 56.2 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
 56.3 name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or

56.4 (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
 56.5 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
 56.6 name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the documents
 56.7 listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

56.8 (e) A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge
 56.9 responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration application.

56.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

56.11 Subd. 3a. **Additional proofs of residence permitted for students.** (a) If an eligible
 56.12 voter's name; student identification number, if available; and address within the precinct
 56.13 appear on a current residential housing list under section 135A.17 certified to the county
 56.14 auditor by the postsecondary educational institution, the voter may prove residence by
 56.15 presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a postsecondary educational
 56.16 institution in Minnesota; identification authorized in subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause
 56.17 (1) or (2); or identification authorized in subdivision 3, paragraph (d), clause (1) or (2).

56.18 (b) This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the
 56.19 postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days
 56.20 prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will
 56.21 certify for use at the election accurate updated residential housing lists under section 135A.17.
 56.22 A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that
 56.23 calendar year, including the November general election.

56.24 (c) The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for
 56.25 voters who reside in housing meeting the requirements of section 135A.17, if the residential
 56.26 housing lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements
 56.27 of this subdivision.

56.28 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no later
 56.29 than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief
 56.30 officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list
 56.31 is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing in the institution's
 56.32 housing and, for students who do not live in the institution's housing, that it reflects the
 56.33 institution's records as of the date of the certification.

148.28 (e) This additional proof of residence for students must be allowed during the 18 days
 148.29 before an election and on election day. The county auditor shall instruct the election judges
 148.30 of the precinct in procedures for use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The
 148.31 auditor shall supply a list to the election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

148.32 (f) The county auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county
 148.33 of the provisions of this subdivision.

149.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, and applies to elections
 149.2 held on or after February 6, 2026.

149.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

149.4 Subd. 4. **Registration by election judges; procedures.** Registration and updates to
 149.5 registrations at the polling place on election day shall must be conducted by the election
 149.6 judges. Before registering an individual to vote or updating an individual's registration at
 149.7 the polling place, the election judge must review any list of voters who registered or updated
 149.8 a registration with an absentee election day registrants ballot provided by the county auditor
 149.9 or municipal clerk to see if the person individual has already voted by absentee ballot. If
 149.10 the person's individual's name appears on the list, the election judge must not allow the
 149.11 individual to register, to update the individual's registration, or to vote in the polling place.
 149.12 The election judge who registers an individual or updates an individual's registration at the
 149.13 polling place on election day shall must not handle that voter's ballots at any time prior to
 149.14 the opening of the ballot box after the voting ends. Registration applications and forms for
 149.15 oaths shall must be available at each polling place. If an individual who registers or updates
 149.16 a registration on election day proves residence by oath of a registered voter, the form
 149.17 containing the oath shall must be attached to the individual's registration application.
 149.18 Registration applications completed on election day shall must be forwarded to the county
 149.19 auditor who shall must add the name of each voter to the registration system or update the
 149.20 voter's registration unless the information forwarded is substantially deficient. A county
 149.21 auditor who finds an election day registration or update substantially deficient shall must
 149.22 give written notice to the individual whose registration is found deficient. An election day
 149.23 registration shall or update must not be found deficient solely because the individual who
 149.24 provided proof of residence was ineligible to do so.

149.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

149.26 Subd. 5. **Unregistered voters; penalty.** No election judge in any precinct in which
 149.27 registration is required may receive the vote at any election of any individual whose name
 149.28 is not registered in a manner specified in section 201.054, subdivision 1 or not recorded
 149.29 under section 203B.19. A violation of this subdivision is a felony.

149.30 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

149.31 Subd. 7. **Record of attempted registrations.** The election judge responsible for election
 149.32 day registration shall must attempt to keep a record of the number of individuals who attempt
 149.33 to register or update a registration on election day but who cannot provide proof of residence

57.1 (e) This additional proof of residence for students must be allowed during the 18 days
 57.2 before an election and on election day. The county auditor shall instruct the election judges
 57.3 of the precinct in procedures for use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The
 57.4 auditor shall supply a list to the election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

57.5 (f) The county auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county
 57.6 of the provisions of this subdivision.

150.1 as required by this section. The record shall be forwarded to the county auditor with
150.2 the election returns for that precinct.

150.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

150.4 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
150.5 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
150.6 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
150.7 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
150.8 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
150.9 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
150.10 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
150.11 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
150.12 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; a box to indicate a voter's preference
150.13 to join the permanent absentee voter list; and voter's signature. The paper registration
150.14 application must provide a space for a voter to provide a physical description of the location
150.15 of their residence, if the voter resides in an area lacking a specific physical address. The
150.16 description must be sufficient for the county auditor to identify the correct precinct for the
150.17 voter. The description may include the closest cross street or the nearest address to the
150.18 described location that is identified on a precinct map, and directions from that cross street
150.19 or address to the described location, including but not limited to the cardinal direction and
150.20 approximate distance to the location. The paper registration application may include the
150.21 voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic voter registration application
150.22 must include the voter's email address. The registration application may include the voter's
150.23 interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by the voter. The application must also
150.24 contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

150.25 "I certify that I:

150.26 (1) am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old to be
150.27 eligible to vote;

150.28 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

150.29 (3) will have maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding
150.30 election day;

150.31 (4) maintain residence at the address or location given on the registration form;

150.32 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
150.33 to vote;

151.1 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

151.2 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

57.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.8 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
57.9 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
57.10 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
57.11 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
57.12 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
57.13 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
57.14 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
57.15 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
57.16 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; a box to indicate a voter's preference
57.17 to join the permanent absentee voter list; and voter's signature. The paper registration
57.18 application must provide a space for a voter to provide a physical description of the location
57.19 of their residence, if the voter resides in an area lacking a specific physical address. The
57.20 description must be sufficient for the county auditor to identify the correct precinct for the
57.21 voter. The description may include the closest cross street or the nearest address to the
57.22 described location that is identified on a precinct map, and directions from that cross street
57.23 or address to the described location, including but not limited to the cardinal direction and
57.24 approximate distance to the location. The paper registration application may include the
57.25 voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic voter registration application
57.26 must include the voter's email address. The registration application may include the voter's
57.27 interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by the voter. The application must also
57.28 contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

57.29 "I certify that I:

57.30 (1) am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old to be
57.31 eligible to vote;

57.32 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

58.1 (3) will have maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding
58.2 election day;

58.3 (4) maintain residence at the address or location given on the registration form;

58.4 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
58.5 to vote;

58.6 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

58.7 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

151.3 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
 151.4 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
 151.5 \$10,000, or both."

151.6 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

151.7 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

151.8 "(2) Are you at least 16 years old and will you be at least 18 years old on or before the
 151.9 day of the election in which you intend to vote?"

151.10 And the instruction:

151.11 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

151.12 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
 151.13 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
 151.14 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
 151.15 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
 151.16 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

151.17 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
 151.18 Minnesota or to change update information on an existing registration.

151.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025, except that this section is
 151.20 effective January 1, 2026, for the secretary of state's online voter registration application.

151.21 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.071, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

151.22 Subd. 4. Change of registration. A county auditor who receives a registration application
 151.23 indicating that an individual was previously registered in a different county in Minnesota
 151.24 shall must update the voter's record electronically through the statewide registration system
 151.25 in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. A county auditor who receives a
 151.26 registration application or notification requiring a change an update of registration records
 151.27 under this subdivision as a result of an a voter updating the voter's registration on election
 151.28 day registration shall must also check the statewide registration system to determine whether
 151.29 the individual voted in more than one precinct in the most recent election.

152.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.091, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

152.2 Subd. 5. Copy of list to registered voter. The county auditors and the secretary of state
 152.3 shall must provide copies of the public information lists in electronic or other media to any
 152.4 voter registered in Minnesota within ten five business days of receiving a complete written
 152.5 or electronic request accompanied by payment of the cost of reproduction. The county
 152.6 auditors and the secretary of state shall must make a copy of the list available for public
 152.7 inspection without cost. An individual who inspects or acquires a copy of a public information
 152.8 list may must not use any information contained in it for purposes unrelated to elections,
 152.9 political activities, or law enforcement.

58.8 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
 58.9 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
 58.10 \$10,000, or both."

58.11 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

58.12 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

58.13 "(2) Are you at least 16 years old and will you be at least 18 years old on or before the
 58.14 day of the election in which you intend to vote?"

58.15 And the instruction:

58.16 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

58.17 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
 58.18 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
 58.19 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
 58.20 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
 58.21 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

58.22 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
 58.23 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

- 152.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 152.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.091, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 152.12 Subd. 8. **Registration places.** (a) Each county auditor shall must designate a number of
 152.13 public buildings in those political subdivisions of the county where preregistration of voters
 152.14 is allowed as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 1, where eligible voters may register
 152.15 to vote or update the voter's registration as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 1.
- 152.16 (b) An adequate supply of registration applications and instructions must be maintained
 152.17 at each designated location, and a designated individual must be available there to accept
 152.18 registration applications and transmit them to the county auditor.
- 152.19 (c) A person who, because of disability, needs assistance in order to determine eligibility
 152.20 or, to register must, or to update a voter registration may be assisted by a designated
 152.21 individual. Assistance includes but is not limited to reading the registration form and
 152.22 instructions and filling out the registration form as directed by the eligible voter.
- 152.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 152.24 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
 152.25 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
 152.26 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall must enter or update the information contained
 152.27 on it into the statewide registration system. Voter registration applications completed before
 152.28 election day must be entered into the statewide registration system within ten days after
 152.29 they have been submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed
 152.30 on election day must be entered into the statewide registration system within 42 days after
 152.31 the election, unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the deadline has
 152.32 expired that the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this paragraph,
 153.1 the secretary of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an additional 28
 153.2 days. The secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this paragraph if, on
 153.3 good cause shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to comply.
- 153.4 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
 153.5 the secretary of state's website including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
 153.6 or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.
- 153.7 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state may
 153.8 electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county auditor
 153.9 as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into or update in the
 153.10 statewide registration system. The secretary of state may mail the voter registration
 153.11 application to the county auditor.
- 153.12 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered or updated information from a
 153.13 voter registration application into in the statewide registration system, the secretary of state
 153.14 shall must compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state

153.15 identification number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number with the same
 153.16 information contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

153.17 (d) The secretary of state shall must provide a report to the county auditor on a weekly
 153.18 basis that includes a list of voters whose name, date of birth, or identification number have
 153.19 been compared with the same information in the Department of Public Safety database and
 153.20 cannot be verified as provided in this subdivision. The report must list separately those
 153.21 voters who have submitted a voter registration application by mail and have not voted in a
 153.22 federal election in this state.

153.23 (e) The county auditor shall must compile a list of voters for whom the county auditor
 153.24 and the secretary of state are unable to conclude that information on the voter registration
 153.25 application and the corresponding information in the Department of Public Safety database
 153.26 relate to the same person.

153.27 (f) The county auditor shall must send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter
 153.28 whose name appears on the list and change the voter's status to "challenged." A voter who
 153.29 receives a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide the
 153.30 information required to clear the challenge at least 21 days before the next election or at
 153.31 the polling place on election day.

154.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

154.2 Subd. 3. **Postelection sampling.** (a) Within ten days after an election, the county auditor
 154.3 shall must send the notice required by subdivision 2 to a random sampling of the individuals
 154.4 who registered or updated voter registration information on election day. The random
 154.5 sampling shall must be determined in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state.
 154.6 As soon as practicable after the election, the county auditor shall must mail the notice
 154.7 required by subdivision 2 to all other individuals who registered or updated voter registration
 154.8 information on election day. If a notice is returned as not deliverable, the county auditor
 154.9 shall must attempt to determine the reason for the return. A county auditor who does not
 154.10 receive or obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote shall must
 154.11 immediately notify the county attorney of all of the relevant information. By February 15
 154.12 of each year, the county auditor must notify the secretary of state of the following information
 154.13 for each election held in the previous year by each precinct:

154.14 (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;

154.15 (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that the county auditor was able to
 154.16 determine the reason for the return along with the reason for each return; and

154.17 (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or
 154.18 obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

154.19 (b) By March 1 of every year, the secretary of state shall must report to the chair and
 154.20 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections the

154.21 following information for each election held in the previous year by each precinct and each
154.22 county:

154.23 (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;

154.24 (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that a county auditor was able to determine
154.25 the reason for the return along with the reason for each return; and

154.26 (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or
154.27 obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

154.28 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

154.29 Subd. 3. **Use of change of address system.** (a) At least once each month the secretary
154.30 of state ~~shall~~ must obtain a list of individuals registered to vote in this state who have filed
154.31 with the United States Postal Service a change of their permanent address. The secretary
154.32 of state may also periodically obtain a list of individuals with driver's licenses or state
155.1 identification cards to identify those who are registered to vote who have applied to the
155.2 Department of Public Safety for a replacement driver's license or state identification card
155.3 with a different address, and a list of individuals for whom the Department of Public Safety
155.4 received notification of a driver's license or state identification card cancellation due to a
155.5 change of residency out of state. However, the secretary of state ~~shall~~ must not load data
155.6 derived from these lists into the statewide voter registration system within the 47 days before
155.7 the state primary or 47 days before a November general election.

155.8 (b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state ~~shall~~
155.9 must locate the precinct in which the voter maintains residence, if possible. If the secretary
155.10 of state is able to locate the precinct in which the voter maintains residence, the secretary
155.11 must transmit the information about the changed address by electronic means to the county
155.12 auditor of the county in which the new address is located. For addresses for which the
155.13 secretary of state is unable to determine the precinct, the secretary may forward information
155.14 to the appropriate county auditors for individual review. If the voter has not voted or
155.15 submitted a voter registration application since the address change, upon receipt of the
155.16 information, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must update the voter's address in the statewide voter
155.17 registration system. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must mail to the voter a notice stating the
155.18 voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place, unless the voter's record is challenged
155.19 due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's
155.20 revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, in which case the auditor
155.21 must not mail the notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting address
155.22 has been ~~changed~~ updated and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days
155.23 if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must
155.24 be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named address.

155.25 (c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary
155.26 of state ~~shall~~ must notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter
155.27 formerly maintained residence that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has

155.28 not voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, the county
 155.29 auditor ~~shall~~ must promptly mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising
 155.30 the voter that the voter's status in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to
 155.31 "inactive" unless the voter notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining
 155.32 the former address as the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is
 155.33 challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a
 155.34 court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not
 156.1 mail the notice. If the notice is not received by the deadline, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must
 156.2 change the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

156.3 (d) If, in order to maintain voter registration records, the secretary of state enters an
 156.4 agreement to share information or data with an organization governed exclusively by a
 156.5 group of states, the secretary must first determine that the data security protocols are sufficient
 156.6 to safeguard the information or data shared. If required by such an agreement, the secretary
 156.7 of state may share the following data from the statewide voter registration system and data
 156.8 released to the secretary of state under section 171.12, subdivision 7a:

156.9 (1) name;

156.10 (2) date of birth;

156.11 (3) address;

156.12 (4) driver's license or state identification card number;

156.13 (5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and

156.14 (6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.

156.15 If the secretary of state enters into such an agreement, the secretary and county auditors
 156.16 must process ~~changes~~ updates to voter records based upon that data in accordance with this
 156.17 section. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, when data is shared with the
 156.18 secretary of state by another state, the secretary of state must maintain the same data
 156.19 classification that the data had while it was in the possession of the state providing the data.

156.20 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.14, is amended to read:

156.21 **201.14 COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF DISTRICT COURT; REPORT CHANGES**
 156.22 **OF NAMES.**

156.23 The state court administrator ~~shall~~ must regularly report by electronic means to the
 156.24 secretary of state the name, address, and, if available, driver's license or state identification
 156.25 card number of each individual, 18 years of age or over, whose name was changed since
 156.26 the last report, by marriage, divorce, or any order or decree of the court. The secretary of
 156.27 state ~~shall~~ must determine if any of the ~~persons~~ individuals in the report are registered to
 156.28 vote under their previous name and ~~shall~~ must prepare a list of those registrants for each
 156.29 county auditor. Upon receipt of the list, the county auditor ~~shall make the change in~~ must
 156.30 update the voter's record with this information and mail to the voter the notice of registration

156.31 required by section 201.121, subdivision 2. A notice must not be mailed if the voter's record
 157.1 is challenged due to a felony conviction, lack of United States citizenship, legal
 157.2 incompetence, or court-ordered revocation of voting rights of persons under guardianship.

157.3 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.161, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

157.4 Subd. 4. **Department of Human Services.** (a) If permitted by the federal government,
 157.5 the commissioner of human services, in consultation with the secretary of state, must ensure
 157.6 the applications described in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), also serve as voter
 157.7 registration applications for applicants 18 years of age or older whose United States
 157.8 citizenship has been verified as part of the application. The commissioner must transmit
 157.9 information required to register to vote, as prescribed by the secretary of state, daily by
 157.10 electronic means to the secretary of state for an individual whose United States citizenship
 157.11 has been verified. The commissioner must submit data to the secretary of state identifying
 157.12 the total number of individuals who completed qualifying transactions under this section
 157.13 and the total number of individuals whose records were ultimately transferred for registration
 157.14 or updates to registrations. At a minimum, the commissioner must submit the data to the
 157.15 secretary of state on the same day each month.

157.16 (b) No applicant may be registered to vote or have a registration updated under this
 157.17 subdivision until (1) the commissioner of human services has certified that the department's
 157.18 systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and accurately exclude
 157.19 from transmission data on individuals who have not provided documentary evidence of
 157.20 United States citizenship, and (2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for
 157.21 automatic registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly
 157.22 determining whether an applicant is eligible to vote. The department's systems must be
 157.23 tested and accurately provide the necessary data no later than September 30 of the year
 157.24 following the year in which federal approval or permission is given, contingent on
 157.25 appropriations being available for this purpose.

157.26 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.161, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

157.27 Subd. 5. **Other agencies and units of government.** (a) The commissioner of management
 157.28 and budget must, in consultation with the secretary of state, identify any other state agency
 157.29 that is eligible to implement automatic voter registration. The commissioner must consider
 157.30 a state agency eligible if the agency collects, processes, or stores the following information
 157.31 as part of providing assistance or services: name, residential address, date of birth, and
 157.32 citizenship verification. An eligible agency must submit a report to the governor and secretary
 157.33 of state no later than December 1, 2024, describing steps needed to implement automatic
 158.1 voter registration, barriers to implementation and ways to mitigate them, and applicable
 158.2 federal and state privacy protections for the data under consideration. By June 1, 2025, the
 158.3 governor, at the governor's sole discretion, must make final decisions, as to which agencies
 158.4 will implement automatic voter registration by December 31, 2025, and which agencies
 158.5 could implement automatic voter registration if provided with additional resources or if the
 158.6 legislature changed the law to allow data to be used for automatic voter registration. The
 158.7 governor must notify the commissioner of management and budget of the governor's

158.8 decisions related to automatic voter registration. By October 1, 2025, the commissioner of
 158.9 management and budget must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 158.10 legislative committees with jurisdiction over election policy and finance. The report must
 158.11 include:

158.12 (1) the agencies that will implement automatic voter registration by December 31, 2025;

158.13 (2) the agencies which could implement automatic voter registration if provided with
 158.14 additional resources and recommendations on the necessary additional resources; and

158.15 (3) the agencies that could implement automatic voter registration if the legislature
 158.16 changed the law to allow data to be used for voter registration and recommendations on
 158.17 how the law could be changed to allow the use of the data for this purpose.

158.18 (b) An agency may not begin verifying citizenship as part of an agency transaction for
 158.19 the sole purpose of providing automatic voter registration. Once an agency has implemented
 158.20 automatic voter registration, it must continue to provide automatic voter registration unless
 158.21 otherwise expressly required by law. For each individual whose United States citizenship
 158.22 has been verified, the commissioner or agency head must transmit information required to
 158.23 register to vote, as prescribed by the secretary of state, to the secretary of state by electronic
 158.24 means. The governor must determine the frequency of the transmissions for each agency.

158.25 (c) No applicant may be registered to vote or have a registration updated under this
 158.26 subdivision until (1) the agency's commissioner or agency head has certified that the
 158.27 necessary systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and
 158.28 accurately exclude from transmission data on individuals whose United States citizenship
 158.29 has not been verified, and (2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic
 158.30 registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining
 158.31 whether an applicant is eligible to vote.

159.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.161, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

159.2 Subd. 8. **Effective date of registration.** Unless the applicant declines registration, the
 159.3 effective date for the voter registration or update to a voter registration is the date that the
 159.4 county auditor processes the application. This subdivision does not limit the ability of a
 159.5 person to register to vote or update their registration on election day as provided in section
 159.6 201.061, subdivision 3. Any person who submits a qualifying application under subdivision
 159.7 1 that is dated during the 20 days before an election must be provided, at the time of
 159.8 application, with a notice advising the applicant of the procedures to register to vote or
 159.9 update a voter registration on election day.

159.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.162, is amended to read:

159.11 **201.162 DUTIES OF STATE AGENCIES.**

159.12 The commissioner or chief administrative officer of each state agency or
 159.13 community-based public agency or nonprofit corporation that contracts with the state agency
 159.14 to carry out obligations of the state agency shall must provide voter registration services

159.15 for employees and the public, including, as applicable, automatic voter registration or
159.16 information on voter eligibility and, registration procedures, and updating registrations as
159.17 required under section 201.161. ~~A person~~ An individual may complete a voter registration
159.18 application or apply to ~~change~~ update a voter registration name or address if the ~~person~~
159.19 individual has the proper qualifications on the date of application. Nonpartisan voter
159.20 registration assistance, including routinely asking members of the public served by the
159.21 agency whether they would like to register to vote or update a voter registration and, if
159.22 necessary, assisting them in preparing the registration forms must be part of the job of
159.23 appropriate agency employees.

159.24 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

159.25 Subd. 2. **Technology requirements.** An electronic roster must:

159.26 (1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file
159.27 format prescribed by the secretary of state;

159.28 (2) allow for data to be exported in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

159.29 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license or
159.30 identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that
159.31 would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application
159.32 can be a printed form, a label printed with voter information to be affixed to a preprinted
160.1 form, a combination of a form and label, or an electronic record that the voter signs
160.2 electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

160.3 (4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's
160.4 license or identification card;

160.5 (5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned
160.6 driver's license or identification card that is otherwise required to be collected from the voter
160.7 or an election judge;

160.8 (6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates
160.9 that the voter is not eligible to vote;

160.10 (7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has
160.11 already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the
160.12 voter maintains residence in a different precinct;

160.13 (8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when
160.14 a voter's record is challenged;

160.15 (9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address
160.16 of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10,
160.17 and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be
160.18 a printed form, a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath, or an

- 160.19 ~~electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion~~
 160.20 ~~at the polling place;~~
- 160.21 ~~(10) contain only preregistered registered voters within the precinct, and not contain~~
 160.22 ~~preregistered registered voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct, unless being~~
 160.23 ~~utilized for a combined polling place pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 2, absentee~~
 160.24 ~~or early voting under chapter 203B or for mail balloting on election day pursuant to section~~
 160.25 ~~204B.45, subdivision 2a;~~
- 160.26 ~~(11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose~~
 160.27 ~~of updating absentee ballot records;~~
- 160.28 ~~(12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the~~
 160.29 ~~Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information~~
 160.30 ~~Technology Services;~~
- 160.31 ~~(13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and~~
- 161.1 ~~(14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration~~
 161.2 ~~of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.~~
- 161.3 ~~Electronic rosters used only for election day registration registering voters and updating~~
 161.4 ~~voters' registration do not need to comply with clauses (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters~~
 161.5 ~~used only for preregistered voter processing voters who are registered and do not need to~~
 161.6 ~~update a registration do not need to comply with clauses (4) and (5).~~
- 161.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** ~~This section is effective on June 1, 2025.~~
- 161.8 ~~Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.225, subdivision 5, is amended to read:~~
- 161.9 ~~Subd. 5. **Election day.** (a) Precincts may use electronic rosters for registering voters~~
 161.10 ~~and updating registrations on election day registration, to process preregistered registered~~
 161.11 ~~voters, or both. The printed election day registration applications must be reviewed when~~
 161.12 ~~electronic records are processed in the statewide voter registration system. The election~~
 161.13 ~~judges shall must determine the number of ballots to be counted by counting the number~~
 161.14 ~~of original voter signature certificates or the number of voter receipts.~~
- 161.15 ~~(b) Each precinct using electronic rosters shall must have a paper backup system approved~~
 161.16 ~~by the secretary of state present at the polling place to use in the event that the election~~
 161.17 ~~judges are unable to use the electronic roster.~~
- 161.18 ~~Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.275, is amended to read:~~
- 161.19 **201.275 INVESTIGATIONS; PROSECUTIONS.**
- 161.20 ~~(a) A law enforcement agency that is notified by affidavit of an alleged violation of this~~
 161.21 ~~chapter shall must promptly investigate. Upon receiving an affidavit alleging a violation of~~
 161.22 ~~this chapter, a county attorney shall must promptly forward it to a law enforcement agency~~
 161.23 ~~with jurisdiction for investigation. If there is probable cause for instituting a prosecution,~~

161.24 the county attorney shall must proceed according to the generally applicable standards
 161.25 regarding the prosecutorial functions and duties of a county attorney, provided that the
 161.26 county attorney is not required to proceed with the prosecution if the complainant withdraws
 161.27 the allegation. A county attorney who refuses or intentionally fails to faithfully perform this
 161.28 or any other duty imposed by this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
 161.29 shall must forfeit office.

161.30 (b) Willful violation of this chapter by any public employee constitutes just cause for
 161.31 suspension without pay or dismissal of the public employee.

162.1 (c) Where the matter relates to a voter registration application submitted electronically
 162.2 through the secure website established in section 201.061, subdivision 1, alleged violations
 162.3 of this chapter may be investigated and prosecuted in the county in which the individual
 162.4 registered, updated a voter registration, or attempted to register.

162.5 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

162.6 Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision
 162.7 2 or by section 203B.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (4); 203B.11, subdivision 4;
 162.8 or 203B.29, an application for absentee ballots for any election;

162.9 (1) may be submitted in person at any time not later than the day before the election; or

162.10 (2) must be received by electronic facsimile device, by email, by mail, or by an individual
 162.11 delivering an application on behalf of another voter at any time not less than ~~one day~~ five
 162.12 days before the day of that election.

162.13 The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided
 162.14 by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of
 162.15 each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available
 162.16 to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
 162.17 shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile
 162.18 device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

162.19 (1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

162.20 (2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the
 162.21 applicant maintains residence.

162.22 (b) An absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically through
 162.23 a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose. After
 162.24 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to a primary, general, or special election, the secretary of state
 162.25 must replace the electronic application with information detailing the available options to
 162.26 vote before and on the upcoming election day. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the secretary
 162.27 of state must require applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address
 162.28 and the applicant's:

58.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.25 Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision
 58.26 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, or 203B.29, an application for absentee ballots for
 58.27 any election;

58.28 (1) may be submitted in person at any time not later than the day before the election; or

58.29 (2) if not submitted in person as provided in clause (1), must be received at any time not
 58.30 less than ~~one day~~ seven days before the day of that election.

59.1 (b) The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format
 59.2 provided by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January
 59.3 1 of each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available
 59.4 to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
 59.5 shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile
 59.6 device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

59.7 (1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

59.8 (2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the
 59.9 applicant maintains residence.

59.10 ~~(b)~~ (c) An absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically
 59.11 through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose.
 59.12 After 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to an election, the secretary of state must replace the
 59.13 electronic application with information detailing the available options to vote before and
 59.14 on the upcoming election day. Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e), the secretary of state must
 59.15 require applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and the
 59.16 applicant's:

- 162.29 (1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number; or Minnesota state identification card
 162.30 number; ~~or~~; and
- 162.31 (2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.
- 163.1 If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the
 163.2 number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not
 163.3 possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election
 163.4 held in March.
- 163.5 (c) An application submitted electronically under ~~this~~ paragraph (b) may only be
 163.6 transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
 163.7 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
 163.8 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
 163.9 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of
 163.10 suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement
 163.11 agency for investigation.
- 163.12 (d) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the
 163.13 applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth,
 163.14 and at least one of the following:
- 163.15 (1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;
- 163.16 (2) Minnesota state identification card number;
- 163.17 (3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or
- 163.18 (4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.
- 163.19 The county auditor or the municipal clerk or school district clerk, if applicable, must retain
 163.20 all applications. For an application received after the deadline in paragraph (a), the official
 163.21 in charge of the ballot board must, within one day of receipt of the application, attempt to
 163.22 contact the applicant by telephone or email to notify the applicant of opportunities to vote
 163.23 in the election. The official must document the attempts made to contact the applicant.
- 163.24 (e) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained
 163.25 on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and
 163.26 that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.
- 163.27 (f) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
 163.28 number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made
 163.29 available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or
 163.30 municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in
 163.31 person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than
 163.32 the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or

- 59.17 (1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number; or Minnesota state identification card
 59.18 number; ~~or~~; and
- 59.19 (2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.
- 59.20 If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the
 59.21 number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not
 59.22 possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election
 59.23 held in March.
- 59.24 ~~(c)~~ (d) An application submitted electronically under ~~this~~ paragraph (c) may only be
 59.25 transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
 59.26 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
 59.27 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
 59.28 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of
 59.29 suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement
 59.30 agency for investigation.
- 59.31 ~~(d)~~ (e) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the
 59.32 applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth,
 59.33 and at least one of the following:
- 60.1 (1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;
- 60.2 (2) Minnesota state identification card number;
- 60.3 (3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or
- 60.4 (4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.
- 60.5 All applications must be retained by the county auditor or the municipal clerk or school
 60.6 district clerk, if applicable. If an application is received after 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to
 60.7 the election, the official in charge of the ballot board must, within one day of receipt of the
 60.8 application, attempt to contact the applicant by telephone or email to notify the applicant
 60.9 of opportunities to vote in the election. The official must document the attempts made to
 60.10 contact the applicant.
- 60.11 ~~(f)~~ (f) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained
 60.12 on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and
 60.13 that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.
- 60.14 ~~(g)~~ (g) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
 60.15 number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made
 60.16 available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or
 60.17 municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in
 60.18 person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than
 60.19 the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or

- 164.1 municipal clerk within ~~ten~~ seven days after it has been dated by the voter and the application
 164.2 must be received no later than ~~six days before the election~~ the deadline in paragraph (a).
- 164.3 (g) An application under this subdivision ~~may~~ must contain ~~an application under~~
 164.4 ~~subdivision 5~~ a space to apply to automatically receive an absentee ballot under subdivision
 164.5 5.
- 164.6 (h) For purposes of this section, "mail" means an absentee ballot application delivered
 164.7 to the secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk by the United States Postal
 164.8 Service or a commercial carrier.
- 164.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (g) is effective on January 1, 2026, as it applies to the
 164.10 secretary of state's online absentee ballot website. Paragraph (g) is effective July 1, 2025.
 164.11 as it applies to all other absentee ballot applications. The remainder of this section is effective
 164.12 July 1, 2025.
- 164.13 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 164.14 Subd. 4. **Registration at time of application; updating registration.** An eligible voter
 164.15 who is not registered to vote or needs to update the voter's registration but who is otherwise
 164.16 eligible to vote by absentee ballot may register or update a registration by including a
 164.17 completed voter registration application with the absentee ballot. The individual ~~shall~~ must
 164.18 present proof of residence as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3, to the individual
 164.19 who witnesses the marking of the absentee ballots. A military voter, as defined in section
 164.20 203B.01, may register in this manner if voting pursuant to sections 203B.04 to 203B.15, or
 164.21 may register pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27.
- 164.22 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 164.23 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
 164.24 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:
- 164.25 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or
- 164.26 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
 164.27 them.
- 164.28 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
 164.29 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121 and whether the
 164.30 municipality's office will be designated an absentee voting location pursuant to section
 164.31 203B.081, subdivision 1, or only for early voting pursuant to section 203B.081, subdivision
 164.32 1a, or the alternative procedure pursuant to section 203B.081, subdivision 3.
- 165.1 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
 165.2 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
 165.3 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
 165.4 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections

- 60.20 municipal clerk within ~~ten~~ seven days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than
 60.21 ~~six~~ seven days before the election.
- 60.22 (g) (h) An application under this subdivision ~~may~~ contain an application under subdivision
 60.23 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot.
- 60.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 60.25 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
 60.26 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:
- 60.27 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them and the
 60.28 clerk accepts that responsibility; or
- 60.29 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
 60.30 them.
- 60.31 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
 60.32 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121 and whether the
 61.1 municipality's office will be designated an absentee voting location pursuant to section
 61.2 203B.081, subdivision 1, or only for early voting pursuant to section 203B.081, subdivision
 61.3 1a.
- 61.4 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
 61.5 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
 61.6 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
 61.7 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections

165.5 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide
 165.6 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
 165.7 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites
 165.8 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter
 165.9 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the
 165.10 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may
 165.11 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required
 165.12 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who
 165.13 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will
 165.14 administer.

165.15 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

165.16 Subd. 4. **Registration check.** Upon receipt of an application for ballots, the county
 165.17 auditor, municipal clerk, or election judge acting pursuant to section 203B.11, who receives
 165.18 the application shall must determine whether the applicant is a registered voter. If the
 165.19 applicant is not registered to vote or needs to update the voter's registration, the county
 165.20 auditor, municipal clerk, or election judge shall must include a voter registration application
 165.21 among the election materials provided to the applicant.

165.22 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

165.23 Subdivision 1. **Delivery of envelopes, directions.** The county auditor or the municipal
 165.24 clerk shall must prepare, print, and transmit a return envelope, a signature envelope, a ballot
 165.25 envelope, and a copy of the directions for casting an absentee ballot to each applicant whose
 165.26 application for absentee ballots is accepted pursuant to section 203B.04. The county auditor
 165.27 or municipal clerk shall must provide first class postage for the return envelope. The
 165.28 directions for casting an absentee ballot shall must be printed in at least 14-point bold type
 165.29 with heavy leading and may be printed on the ballot envelope. When a person requests the
 165.30 directions in Braille or on audio file, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall must provide
 165.31 them in the form requested. The secretary of state shall must prepare Braille and audio file
 165.32 copies and make them available.

166.1 When a voter registration application is sent to the applicant as provided in section
 166.2 203B.06, subdivision 4, the directions or registration application shall must include
 166.3 instructions for registering to vote or updating a voter's registration.

166.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

166.5 Subd. 3. **Eligibility certificate.** A certificate of eligibility to vote by absentee ballot
 166.6 shall must be printed on the back of the signature envelope. The certificate shall must contain
 166.7 space for the voter's Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the
 166.8 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, or to indicate that the voter does not

61.8 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide
 61.9 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
 61.10 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites
 61.11 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter
 61.12 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the
 61.13 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may
 61.14 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required
 61.15 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who
 61.16 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will
 61.17 administer.

61.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 61.19 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 61.20 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

166.9 have one of these numbers. The space must be designed to ensure that the voter provides
 166.10 the same type of identification as provided on the voter's absentee ballot application for
 166.11 purposes of comparison. The certificate must also contain a statement to be signed and
 166.12 sworn by the voter indicating that the voter meets all of the requirements established by law
 166.13 for voting by absentee ballot and space for a statement signed by a person who is at least
 166.14 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States or by
 166.15 a notary public or other individual authorized to administer oaths stating that:

166.16 (1) the ballots were displayed to that individual unmarked;

166.17 (2) the voter marked the ballots in that individual's presence without showing how they
 166.18 were marked, or, if the voter was physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed
 166.19 another individual to mark them; and

166.20 (3) if the voter was not previously registered or needed to update the voter's registration,
 166.21 the voter has provided proof of residence as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3.

166.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2026.

166.23 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

166.24 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
 166.25 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
 166.26 for casting the absentee ballots. The ~~return~~ signature envelope containing marked ballots
 166.27 may be mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left
 166.28 with the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter,
 166.29 or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the
 166.30 ~~return~~ signature envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by
 166.31 ~~8:00~~ 3:00 p.m. on election day.

167.1 (b) After 3:00 p.m. on election day, the county auditor and municipal clerk must post a
 167.2 notice at each location where absentee ballots may be returned in person. The notice must
 167.3 include the following information on how a voter may vote on election day:

167.4 (1) when the polls close for that election;

167.5 (2) how to access the secretary of state's online polling place finder; and

167.6 (3) where, at the location, the voter may access either the online polling place finder or
 167.7 a physical copy of a list of polling places.

167.8 The county auditor and municipal clerk must make available a means for the voter to access
 167.9 the online polling place finder or a physical copy of a list of the polling places in that county
 167.10 or municipality. The notice must be in large print and in a conspicuous location. The notice
 167.11 must be in all languages required under section 204B.295 for that precinct. The secretary
 167.12 of state shall prepare a sample of this notice.

61.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.22 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
 61.23 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
 61.24 for casting the absentee ballots. The ~~return~~ signature envelope containing marked ballots
 61.25 may be mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left
 61.26 with the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter,
 61.27 or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the
 61.28 ~~return~~ signature envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by
 61.29 ~~8:00 p.m.~~ 5:00 p.m. on election day.

167.13 ~~(b)~~ (c) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed ~~absentee ballot~~
 167.14 ~~return signature~~ envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the ~~return~~
 167.15 ~~signature~~ envelope in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the ~~return signature~~ envelopes
 167.16 of not more than three voters in any election. Any person designated as an agent who tampers
 167.17 with either the ~~return signature~~ envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail
 167.18 or deliver the ~~return signature~~ envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty
 167.19 of a misdemeanor.

167.20 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

167.21 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
 167.22 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the ~~return~~
 167.23 ~~signature~~ envelope and place it in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked
 167.24 space with other ~~return signature~~ envelopes received by that office. Within five days after
 167.25 receipt, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ~~ballots~~
 167.26 ~~signature envelopes~~ received, except that during the 14 days immediately preceding an
 167.27 election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver all ~~ballots~~ signature envelopes
 167.28 received to the ballot board within three days. ~~Ballots~~ Signature envelopes received on
 167.29 election day after 8:00 p.m. shall be marked as received late by the county auditor or
 167.30 municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

168.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.081, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

168.2 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** (a) A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under
 168.3 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling
 168.4 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085. A designation
 168.5 authorized by this subdivision must be made at least 47 days before the election. As soon
 168.6 as practicable and no later than five business days after designating an additional polling
 168.7 place under this subdivision, the county auditor or municipal clerk must post on the county's
 168.8 or municipality's website the address of the polling place and the dates and times the polling
 168.9 place will be available for voting. The county auditor or municipal clerk must provide notice
 168.10 to the secretary of state at the time that the designations are made. As soon as practicable
 168.11 and no later than five business days after receiving the notice, the secretary of state must
 168.12 post on the secretary of state's website the address of the polling place and the dates and
 168.13 times the polling place will be available for voting.

168.14 (b) At the request of a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a reservation or
 168.15 off-reservation Tribal lands in the county, the county auditor must establish an additional
 168.16 polling place for at least one day on the Indian reservation or off-reservation Tribal lands
 168.17 on a site agreed upon by the Tribe and the county auditor that is accessible to the county
 168.18 auditor by a public road.

168.19 (c) At the request of a postsecondary institution or the student government organization
 168.20 of a postsecondary institution in the county or municipality, the county auditor or a municipal
 168.21 clerk authorized to administer absentee voting under section 203B.05 must establish an
 168.22 additional temporary polling place for the state general election or the odd-year city general

61.30 (b) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed ~~absentee ballot~~
 61.31 ~~return signature~~ envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the ~~return~~
 61.32 ~~signature~~ envelope in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the ~~return signature~~ envelopes
 61.33 of not more than three voters in any election. Any person designated as an agent who tampers
 61.34 with either the ~~return signature~~ envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail
 62.1 or deliver the ~~return signature~~ envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty
 62.2 of a misdemeanor.

62.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

62.4 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
 62.5 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the ~~return~~
 62.6 ~~signature~~ envelope and place it in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked
 62.7 space with other ~~return signature~~ envelopes received by that office. Within five days after
 62.8 receipt, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ~~ballots~~
 62.9 ~~signature envelopes~~ received, except that during the 14 days immediately preceding an
 62.10 election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver all ~~ballots~~ signature envelopes
 62.11 received to the ballot board within three days. ~~Ballots~~ Signature envelopes received on
 62.12 election day after 8:00 p.m. shall be marked as received late by the county auditor or
 62.13 municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

62.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.081, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

62.15 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** (a) A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under
 62.16 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling
 62.17 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085. A designation
 62.18 authorized by this subdivision must be made at least 47 days before the election. The county
 62.19 auditor or municipal clerk must provide notice to the secretary of state at the time that the
 62.20 designations are made.

62.21 (b) At the request of a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a reservation or
 62.22 off-reservation Tribal Lands in the county, the county auditor must establish an additional
 62.23 polling place for at least one day on the Indian reservation or off-reservation Tribal Lands
 62.24 on a site agreed upon by the Tribe and the county auditor that is accessible to the county
 62.25 auditor by a public road.

62.26 (c) At the request of a postsecondary institution or the student government organization
 62.27 of a postsecondary institution in the county or municipality, the county auditor or a municipal
 62.28 clerk authorized to administer absentee voting under section 203B.05 must establish an
 62.29 additional temporary polling place for the state general election or the odd-year city general

168.23 election for at least one day at a location agreed upon by the institution and the county
 168.24 auditor or municipal clerk that:

168.25 (1) is accessible to the public;

168.26 (2) satisfies the requirements of state and federal law; and

168.27 (3) is on the institution's campus or is within one-half mile of the institution's campus
 168.28 and is reasonably accessible to the institution's students.

168.29 A request must be made no later than May 31 before an election and the request is valid
 168.30 only for that election. This paragraph only applies to a postsecondary institution that provides
 168.31 on-campus student housing to 100 or more students. Nothing in this paragraph prevents the
 168.32 county auditor or municipal clerk from engaging in a dialogue with the entity that made the
 168.33 request regarding potential alternative locations for a temporary polling place that does not
 169.1 meet the requirements of clause (3). An entity that made a request for a temporary polling
 169.2 place may withdraw its request by notifying the county auditor or municipal clerk.

169.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2025.

169.4 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.5 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) Each full-time municipal clerk or school district clerk
 169.6 who has authority under section 203B.05 to administer absentee voting laws must designate
 169.7 election judges to deliver absentee ballots in accordance with this section. The county auditor
 169.8 must also designate election judges to perform the duties in this section. A ballot may be
 169.9 delivered only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident or patient in
 169.10 one of the following facilities located in the municipality in which the voter maintains
 169.11 residence: a health care facility, hospital, or veterans home operated by the board of directors
 169.12 of the Minnesota veterans homes under chapter 198. The ballots must be delivered by two
 169.13 election judges, each of whom is affiliated with a different major political party. When the
 169.14 election judges deliver or return ballots as provided in this section, they must travel together
 169.15 in the same vehicle. Both election judges must be present when an applicant completes the
 169.16 certificate of eligibility and marks the absentee ballots, and may assist an applicant as
 169.17 provided in section 204C.15. The election judges must deposit the return envelopes containing
 169.18 the marked absentee ballots in a sealed container and return them to the clerk on the same
 169.19 day that they are delivered and marked.

62.30 election for at least one day at a location agreed upon by the institution and the county
 62.31 auditor or municipal clerk that:

62.32 (1) is accessible to the public;

63.1 (2) satisfies the requirements of state and federal law; and

63.2 (3) is on the institution's campus or is within one-half mile of the institution's campus
 63.3 and is reasonably accessible to the institution's students.

63.4 A request must be made no later than May 31 before an election and the request is valid
 63.5 only for that election. This paragraph only applies to a postsecondary institution that provides
 63.6 on-campus student housing to 100 or more students. Nothing in this paragraph prevents the
 63.7 county auditor or municipal clerk from engaging in a dialogue with the entity that made the
 63.8 request regarding potential alternative locations for a temporary polling place that does not
 63.9 meet the requirements of clause (3). An entity that made a request for a temporary polling
 63.10 place may withdraw its request by notifying the county auditor or municipal clerk.

63.11 (d) Within five business days of designating an additional polling place under this
 63.12 subdivision, the county auditor or municipal clerk must post on the county's or municipality's
 63.13 website the address of the polling place and the dates and times the polling place will be
 63.14 available for voting. Within five business days of receiving the notice described in paragraph
 63.15 (a), the secretary of state must post on the secretary of state's website the address of the
 63.16 polling place and the dates and times the polling place will be available for voting. If a
 63.17 designation applies to both a primary and general election, a separate notice must be provided
 63.18 for each election, and the notice for the general election may not be posted until after the
 63.19 date of the primary election.

169.20 (b) If a health care professional at the facility or hospital determines it is necessary to
 169.21 ensure the health and safety of election judges, the voter, or others at the facility or hospital,
 169.22 two employees of the facility or hospital may receive a ballot from the election judges and
 169.23 deliver the ballot to an individual voter in place of election judges, notwithstanding other
 169.24 requirements of this section. The employees must not in any manner request, persuade,
 169.25 induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to vote for any particular political party
 169.26 or candidate. Both employees must be present when an applicant completes the certificate
 169.27 of eligibility and marks the absentee ballots, and may assist an applicant as provided in
 169.28 section 204C.15. The employees must return the ballot to the election judges immediately
 169.29 after the voter has finished voting.

169.30 ~~(b)~~ (c) At the discretion of a full-time municipal clerk, school district clerk, or county
 169.31 auditor, absentee ballots may be delivered in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph
 169.32 (a) to a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4, or to an
 169.33 assisted living facility licensed under chapter 144G.

169.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2025.

170.1 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

170.2 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
 170.3 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
 170.4 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
 170.5 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall
 170.6 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges
 170.7 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they
 170.8 are exempt from that requirement under section 204B.21, subdivision 2a; section 205.07,
 170.9 subdivision 4; section 205.075, subdivision 4; or section 205A.10, subdivision 2.

170.10 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and
 170.11 initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members
 170.12 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

170.13 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information
 170.14 provided on the absentee ballot application or voter record;

170.15 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

63.20 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.12, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

63.21 Subd. 10. **Names of persons; absentee ballot applications.** The names of voters who
 63.22 have submitted an absentee ballot application to the county auditor or municipal clerk, the
 63.23 date on which the application was signed, the date on which the application was accepted,
 63.24 and the method of submission must be available to the public in the same manner as public
 63.25 information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

170.16 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four
 170.17 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee
 170.18 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must
 170.19 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were
 170.20 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

170.21 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly
 170.22 completed voter registration application in the signature envelope;

170.23 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an
 170.24 absentee ballot; and

170.25 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the
 170.26 close of business on the 19th day before the election, as provided by section 203B.081.

170.27 The signature envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the
 170.28 county auditor.

170.29 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a signature envelope
 170.30 find that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph
 170.31 (b), they shall mark the signature envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word
 170.32 "Rejected," list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county
 170.33 auditor. There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by
 171.1 this section. Failure to place the ballot within the ballot envelope before placing it in the
 171.2 outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

171.3 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope
 171.4 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with
 171.5 a replacement absentee ballot and signature envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

171.6 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
 171.7 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter to
 171.8 notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected by the method or methods of
 171.9 communication provided by the voter on the voter's application for an absentee ballot or
 171.10 voter registration. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

171.11 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice
 171.12 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official
 171.13 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.
 171.14 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the
 171.15 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of
 171.16 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

171.17 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after
 171.18 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

171.19 (2) the reason for rejection; and

171.20 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further
171.21 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

171.22 (e) An absentee ballot signature envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or
171.23 subject to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

171.24 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

171.25 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** (a) After the close of business on the 19th day before
171.26 the election, the ballots from ~~secrecy~~ ballot envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
171.27 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
171.28 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
171.29 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must
171.30 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and
171.31 may not be counted.

172.1 (b) Accepted signature envelopes must be segregated by precinct and processed in
172.2 accordance with this subdivision on a precinct-by-precinct basis. Precincts within a combined
172.3 polling place established in section 205A.11, subdivision 2, may be processed together. At
172.4 each step, members of the ballot board must notify the official responsible for the ballot
172.5 board if there is a discrepancy in any count required by paragraphs (c) to (e) and note it in
172.6 the ballot board incident log.

172.7 (c) Before opening accepted signature envelopes, two members of the ballot board must
172.8 count and record the number of envelopes and ensure that the count matches either the
172.9 number of accepted signature envelopes provided by the official responsible for the ballot
172.10 board or the number of signature envelopes accepted by the ballot board that day.

172.11 (d) Two members of the ballot board must remove the ballots from the ballot envelopes.
172.12 The governing body responsible for the ballot board must retain all ballot envelopes through
172.13 the contest period of that election.

172.14 (e) After ballots have been removed from the ballot envelopes, two members of the
172.15 ballot board must count and record the number of ballots to ensure the count matches the
172.16 number of accepted signature envelopes, accounting for any empty envelopes or spoiled
172.17 ballots, which must be noted on the ballot board incident log.

172.18 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

172.19 Subd. 5. **Storage and counting of absentee ballots.** (a) On a day on which absentee
172.20 ballots are inserted into a ballot box, two members of the ballot board must:

172.21 (1) remove the ballots from the ballot box at the end of the day;

63.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

63.27 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** (a) After the close of business on the 19th day before
63.28 the election, the ballots from ~~secrecy~~ ballot envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
63.29 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
63.30 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
63.31 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must
63.32 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and
63.33 may not be counted.

64.1 (b) Accepted signature envelopes must be segregated by precinct and processed in
64.2 accordance with this subdivision on a precinct-by-precinct basis. Precincts within a
64.3 combination polling place established in section 205A.11, subdivision 2, may be processed
64.4 together. At each step, members of the ballot board must notify the official responsible for
64.5 the ballot board if there is a discrepancy in any count required by paragraphs (c) to (e) and
64.6 note it in the ballot board incident log.

64.7 (c) Before opening accepted signature envelopes, two members of the ballot board must
64.8 count and record the number of envelopes and ensure that the count matches either the
64.9 number of accepted signature envelopes provided by the official responsible for the ballot
64.10 board or the number of signature envelopes accepted by the ballot board that day.

64.11 (d) Two members of the ballot board must remove the ballots from the ballot envelopes.
64.12 The governing body responsible for the ballot board must not dispose of or destroy any
64.13 ballot envelopes until 30 days after the deadline for bringing an election contest expires or,
64.14 if a contest is filed, 30 days after completion of the contest and any related appeals, whichever
64.15 is later.

64.16 (e) After ballots have been removed from the ballot envelopes, two members of the
64.17 ballot board must count and record the number of ballots to ensure the count matches the
64.18 number of accepted signature envelopes, accounting for any empty envelopes or spoiled
64.19 ballots, which must be noted on the ballot board incident log.

64.20 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

64.21 Subd. 5. **Storage and counting of absentee ballots.** (a) On a day on which absentee
64.22 ballots are inserted into a ballot box, two members of the ballot board must:

64.23 (1) remove the ballots from the ballot box at the end of the day;

172.22 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
 172.23 ballot box is equal to the number of voters whose absentee ballots were accepted from the
 172.24 tally in subdivision 4 that were to be inserted into the ballot box that day; and

172.25 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of
 172.26 the day.

172.27 (b) After the polls have closed on election day, two members of the ballot board must
 172.28 count the ballots, tabulating the vote in a manner that indicates each vote of the voter and
 172.29 the total votes cast for each candidate or question. In state primary and state general elections,
 172.30 the results must indicate the total votes cast for each candidate or question in each precinct
 172.31 and report the vote totals tabulated for each precinct. The count must be recorded on a
 172.32 summary statement in substantially the same format as provided in section 204C.26. The
 172.33 ballot board shall must submit at least one completed summary statement to the county
 173.1 auditor or municipal clerk. The county auditor or municipal clerk may require the ballot
 173.2 board to submit a sufficient number of completed summary statements to comply with the
 173.3 provisions of section 204C.27, or the county auditor or municipal clerk may certify reports
 173.4 containing the details of the ballot board summary statement to the recipients of the summary
 173.5 statements designated in section 204C.27.

173.6 ~~In state primary and state general elections, These vote totals shall must be added to the~~
 173.7 ~~vote totals on the summary statements of the returns for the appropriate precinct. In other~~
 173.8 ~~elections, these vote totals may be added to the vote totals on the summary statement of~~
 173.9 ~~returns for the appropriate precinct or may be reported as a separate total.~~

173.10 The count shall must be public. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before
 173.11 the close of voting on election day.

173.12 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), if the task has not been
 173.13 completed previously, the members of the ballot board must verify as soon as possible, but
 173.14 no later than 24 hours after the end of the hours for voting, that voters whose absentee ballots
 173.15 arrived after the rosters were marked or supplemental reports were generated and whose
 173.16 ballots were accepted did not vote in person on election day. An absentee ballot submitted
 173.17 by a voter who has voted in person on election day must be rejected. All other accepted
 173.18 absentee ballots must be opened in accordance with the procedures outlined in subdivision
 173.19 4, except for the absentee ballots cast using the alternative procedure in section 203B.081,
 173.20 subdivision 3, duplicated if necessary, and counted by members of the ballot board. The
 173.21 vote totals from these ballots must be incorporated into the totals with the other absentee
 173.22 ballots and handled according to paragraph (b).

173.23 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.17, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

173.24 Subd. 3. **Website security.** (a) The secretary of state shall maintain a log of each Internet
 173.25 Protocol address used to submit an absentee ballot application electronically under this
 173.26 section, and must monitor the log, volume of website use, and other appropriate indicators
 173.27 for suspicious activity. Evidence of suspicious activity that cannot be resolved by the

64.24 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
 64.25 ballot box is equal to the number of voters whose absentee ballots were accepted from the
 64.26 tally in subdivision 4 that were to be inserted into the ballot box that day; and

64.27 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of
 64.28 the day.

64.29 (b) After the polls have closed on election day, two members of the ballot board must
 64.30 count the ballots, tabulating the vote in a manner that indicates each vote of the voter and
 64.31 the total votes cast for each candidate or question. In state primary and state general elections,
 64.32 the results must indicate the total votes cast for each candidate or question in each precinct
 64.33 and report the vote totals tabulated for each precinct. The count must be recorded on a
 65.1 summary statement in substantially the same format as provided in section 204C.26. The
 65.2 ballot board shall must submit at least one completed summary statement to the county
 65.3 auditor or municipal clerk. The county auditor or municipal clerk may require the ballot
 65.4 board to submit a sufficient number of completed summary statements to comply with the
 65.5 provisions of section 204C.27, or the county auditor or municipal clerk may certify reports
 65.6 containing the details of the ballot board summary statement to the recipients of the summary
 65.7 statements designated in section 204C.27.

65.8 ~~In state primary and state general elections, These vote totals shall must be added to the~~
 65.9 ~~vote totals on the summary statements of the returns for the appropriate precinct. In other~~
 65.10 ~~elections, these vote totals may be added to the vote totals on the summary statement of~~
 65.11 ~~returns for the appropriate precinct or may be reported as a separate total.~~

65.12 The count shall must be public. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before
 65.13 the close of voting on election day.

65.14 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), if the task has not been
 65.15 completed previously, the members of the ballot board must verify as soon as possible, but
 65.16 no later than 24 hours after the end of the hours for voting, that voters whose absentee ballots
 65.17 arrived after the rosters were marked or supplemental reports were generated and whose
 65.18 ballots were accepted did not vote in person on election day. An absentee ballot submitted
 65.19 by a voter who has voted in person on election day must be rejected. All other accepted
 65.20 absentee ballots must be opened in accordance with the procedures outlined in subdivision
 65.21 4, except for the absentee ballots cast using the alternative procedure in section 203B.081,
 65.22 subdivision 3, duplicated if necessary, and counted by members of the ballot board. The
 65.23 vote totals from these ballots must be incorporated into the totals with the other absentee
 65.24 ballots and handled according to paragraph (b).

173.28 secretary of state must be forwarded to an appropriate law enforcement agency for
173.29 investigation.

173.30 (b) The electronic absentee ballot application system must be secure. The website shall
173.31 maintain the confidentiality of all users and preserve the integrity of the data submitted.
173.32 The secretary of state shall employ security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity
173.33 of absentee ballot applications submitted electronically pursuant to this section. All data
173.34 sent and received through the website must be encrypted.

174.1 (c) The secretary of state must provide ongoing testing and monitoring to ensure continued
174.2 security. The secretary of state must work with the chief information officer as defined in
174.3 section 16E.01, subdivision 1, or another security expert to annually assess the security of
174.4 the system. The security assessment must include a certification signed by the secretary of
174.5 state that states that adequate security measures are in place. The certification must also be
174.6 signed by the chief information officer or another security expert affirming that the
174.7 assessment is accurate. The secretary of state must submit the security assessment to the
174.8 legislative auditor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the
174.9 senate and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over elections by January 1
174.10 of each year, ~~except that the first annual security assessment must be submitted by September~~
174.11 ~~30, 2014, and no report is required for January 1, 2015.~~

174.12 (d) In developing the electronic absentee ballot application system, the secretary of state
174.13 must consult with the chief information officer or the chief's designee to ensure the site is
174.14 secure.

174.15 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

174.16 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The absentee ballot board must examine all returned absentee ballot
174.17 envelopes for ballots issued under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 and accept or reject the
174.18 absentee ballots in the manner provided in section 203B.24. If the certificate of voter
174.19 eligibility is not printed on the signature envelope, the certificate must be attached to the
174.20 ballot envelope.

174.21 (b) The absentee ballot board must immediately examine the signature envelopes or
174.22 certificates of voter eligibility that are attached to the ballot envelopes and mark them
174.23 "accepted" or "rejected" during the 45 days before the election. If an envelope has been
174.24 rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered
174.25 spoiled ballots and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter
174.26 with a replacement absentee ballot and envelopes in place of the spoiled ballot.

174.27 (c) If a county has delegated the responsibility for administering absentee balloting to
174.28 a municipality under section 203B.05, accepted absentee ballots must be delivered to the
174.29 appropriate municipality's absentee ballot board, ~~except as otherwise provided in this~~
174.30 ~~paragraph. If a municipality and county agree that the county's ballot board retains~~
174.31 ~~responsibility for ballots issued pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, absentee ballots~~
174.32 ~~issued pursuant to these sections that are accepted must be opened, counted, and retained~~

174.33 by the county's absentee ballot board. The absentee ballot board with the authority to open
 175.1 and count the ballots must do so in accordance with section 203B.121, subdivisions 4 and
 175.2 5.

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

175.4 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

175.5 Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is
 175.6 a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed in
 175.7 response to any state of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any
 175.8 governor of any state within the United States during the time period authorized by law for
 175.9 absentee voting or on election day may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate
 175.10 of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a properly
 175.11 completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor must
 175.12 electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee ballot application
 175.13 deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this subdivision. The county
 175.14 auditor is not required to provide return postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted
 175.15 electronically.

175.16 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

175.17 Subd. 2. **Reasonable accommodation for voter with disability.** Any eligible Minnesota
 175.18 voter with a print disability, including any voter with disabilities that interfere with the
 175.19 effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials, may request that ballots, instructions,
 175.20 and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically in an accessible
 175.21 format that meets Election Assistance Commission minimum accessibility requirements.
 175.22 Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the
 175.23 county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee
 175.24 ballot application deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this
 175.25 subdivision. The county auditor must also mail the voter materials required under section
 175.26 203B.07.

175.27 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

175.28 Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,
 175.29 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to
 175.30 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration
 175.31 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast
 175.32 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge
 176.1 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote ~~or~~ must register
 176.2 and a voter whose name or address has changed must register update the voter's registration
 176.3 in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3. A voter who has already cast a
 176.4 ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

176.5 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of
 176.6 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence

65.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

65.26 Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is
 65.27 a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed in
 65.28 response to any state of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any
 65.29 governor of any state within the United States during the time period authorized by law for
 65.30 absentee voting or on election day may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate
 65.31 of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a properly
 65.32 completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor must
 65.33 electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee ballot application
 65.34 deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this subdivision. The county
 66.1 auditor is not required to provide return postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted
 66.2 electronically.

66.3 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

66.4 Subd. 2. **Reasonable accommodation for voter with disability.** Any eligible Minnesota
 66.5 voter with a print disability, including any voter with disabilities that interfere with the
 66.6 effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials, may request that ballots, instructions,
 66.7 and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically in an accessible
 66.8 format that meets Election Assistance Commission minimum accessibility requirements.
 66.9 Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the
 66.10 county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee
 66.11 ballot application deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this
 66.12 subdivision. The county auditor must also mail the voter materials required under section
 66.13 203B.07.

176.7 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,
 176.8 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must
 176.9 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to
 176.10 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils
 176.11 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.
 176.12 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and
 176.13 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the
 176.14 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

176.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 176.16 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 176.17 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

176.18 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

176.19 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Each day when early voting occurs, the early voting
 176.20 officials must:

176.21 (1) remove and secure ballots cast during the early voting period following the procedures
 176.22 in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), noting the date, voting location, and
 176.23 number of ballots cast;

176.24 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
 176.25 ballot box is equal to the number of voter certificates that were signed by voters in subdivision
 176.26 2, paragraph (b); and

176.27 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of
 176.28 the day.

176.29 The ~~absentee~~ ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed on election
 176.30 day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

176.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 176.32 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 176.33 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

177.1 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

177.2 Subdivision 1. **Form of affidavit.** (a) An affidavit of candidacy shall state the name of
 177.3 the office sought and, except as provided in subdivision 4, shall state that the candidate:

177.4 (1) is an eligible voter;

177.5 (2) has no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office at the same primary or
 177.6 next ensuing general election, except as authorized by subdivision 9; and

177.7 (3) is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more, and will have maintained
 177.8 residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the
 177.9 general election.

66.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

66.15 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Each day when early voting occurs, the early voting
 66.16 officials must:

66.17 (1) remove and secure ballots cast during the early voting period following the procedures
 66.18 in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), noting the date, voting location, and
 66.19 number of ballots cast;

66.20 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
 66.21 ballot box is equal to the number of voter certificates that were signed by voters in subdivision
 66.22 2, paragraph (b); and

66.23 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of
 66.24 the day.

66.25 The ~~absentee~~ ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed on election
 66.26 day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

66.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 66.28 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 66.29 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

177.10 (b) An affidavit of candidacy must include a statement that the candidate's name as
 177.11 written on the affidavit for ballot designation is the candidate's true name or the name by
 177.12 which the candidate is commonly and generally known in the community; and:

177.13 (1) the phonetic spelling or an explanation for the pronunciation of the full name
 177.14 designated for the ballot; or

177.15 (2) a certification that the candidate is directing the official responsible for programming
 177.16 materials for the election to use the applicable technology's default pronunciation of the
 177.17 candidate's name.

177.18 (c) An affidavit of candidacy for partisan office shall also state the name of the candidate's
 177.19 political party or political principle, stated in three words or less.

177.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

177.21 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

177.22 Subd. 1b. **Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.** (a) An affidavit
 177.23 of candidacy must state a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted. An
 177.24 affidavit must also state the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment issued electronic
 177.25 mail address or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess
 177.26 an electronic mail address. Except for affidavits of candidacy for (1) judicial office, (2) the
 177.27 office of county attorney, or (3) county sheriff, an affidavit must also state the candidate's
 177.28 current address of residence as determined under section 200.031, or at the candidate's
 177.29 request in accordance with paragraph (c), the candidate's campaign contact address. When
 177.30 filing the affidavit, the candidate must present the filing officer with the candidate's valid
 177.31 driver's license or state identification card that contains the candidate's current address of
 177.32 residence, or documentation of proof of residence authorized for election day registration
 178.1 in section 201.061, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2); clause (3), ~~item (ii)~~; or paragraph
 178.2 (d). If an original bill is shown, the due date on the bill must be within 30 days before or
 178.3 after the beginning of the filing period or, for bills without a due date, dated within 30 days
 178.4 before the beginning of the filing period. If the address on the affidavit and the documentation
 178.5 do not match, the filing officer must not accept the affidavit. The form for the affidavit of
 178.6 candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of
 178.7 residence be classified as private data, and to provide the certification required under
 178.8 paragraph (c) for classification of that address.

178.9 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
 178.10 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
 178.11 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
 178.12 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
 178.13 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
 178.14 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that
 178.15 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
 178.16 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the

67.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

67.2 Subd. 1b. **Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.** (a) An affidavit
 67.3 of candidacy must state a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted. An
 67.4 affidavit must also state the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment issued electronic
 67.5 mail address or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess
 67.6 an electronic mail address. Except for affidavits of candidacy for (1) judicial office, (2) the
 67.7 office of county attorney, or (3) county sheriff, an affidavit must also state the candidate's
 67.8 current address of residence as determined under section 200.031, or at the candidate's
 67.9 request in accordance with paragraph (c), the candidate's campaign contact address. When
 67.10 filing the affidavit, the candidate must present the filing officer with the candidate's valid
 67.11 driver's license or state identification card that contains the candidate's current address of
 67.12 residence, or documentation of proof of residence authorized for election day registration
 67.13 in section 201.061, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2); clause (3), ~~item (ii)~~; or paragraph
 67.14 (d). If an original bill is shown, the due date on the bill must be within 30 days before or
 67.15 after the beginning of the filing period or, for bills without a due date, dated within 30 days
 67.16 before the beginning of the filing period. If the address on the affidavit and the documentation
 67.17 do not match, the filing officer must not accept the affidavit. The form for the affidavit of
 67.18 candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of
 67.19 residence be classified as private data, and to provide the certification required under
 67.20 paragraph (c) for classification of that address.

67.21 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
 67.22 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
 67.23 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
 67.24 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
 67.25 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
 67.26 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that
 67.27 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
 67.28 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the

178.17 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
 178.18 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
 178.19 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
 178.20 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the
 178.21 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
 178.22 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

178.23 (c) If the candidate requests that the candidate's address of residence be classified as
 178.24 private data, the candidate must list the candidate's address of residence on a separate form
 178.25 to be attached to the affidavit. The candidate must also certify on the affidavit that either:
 178.26 (1) a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or the
 178.27 candidate has a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's
 178.28 family; or (2) the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law. The
 178.29 address of residence provided by a candidate who makes a request for classification on the
 178.30 candidate's affidavit of candidacy and provides the certification required by this paragraph
 178.31 is classified as private data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may be reviewed
 178.32 by the filing officer as provided in this subdivision.

178.33 ~~(d) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply to affidavits of candidacy for a~~
 178.34 ~~candidate for: (1) judicial office; (2) the office of county attorney; or (3) county sheriff.~~

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

179.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

179.2 Subd. 2. **Petitions for presidential electors and alternates.** (a) This subdivision section
 179.3 does not apply to candidates for presidential elector or alternate nominated by major political
 179.4 parties. Major party candidates for presidential elector or alternate are certified under section
 179.5 208.03. Other presidential electors or alternates are nominated by petition pursuant to this
 179.6 section.

179.7 (b) On petitions nominating presidential electors or alternates, the names of the candidates
 179.8 for president and vice-president shall be added to the political party or political principle
 179.9 stated on the petition. One petition may be filed to nominate a slate of presidential electors
 179.10 equal in number to the number of electors to which the state is entitled and an alternate for
 179.11 each elector nominee.

179.12 (c) In addition to the petition, each nominated candidate must submit a signed, notarized
 179.13 affidavit of candidacy for president or vice president that includes the following information:

179.14 (1) the candidate's name in the form as it should appear on the ballot;

179.15 (2) the candidate's campaign address, website, phone number, and email address;

179.16 (3) the name of the political party or political principle stated on the petition;

179.17 (4) the office sought by the candidate; and

67.29 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
 67.30 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
 67.31 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
 67.32 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the
 67.33 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
 67.34 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

68.1 (c) If the candidate requests that the candidate's address of residence be classified as
 68.2 private data, the candidate must list the candidate's address of residence on a separate form
 68.3 to be attached to the affidavit. The candidate must also certify on the affidavit that either:
 68.4 (1) a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or the
 68.5 candidate has a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's
 68.6 family; or (2) the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law. The
 68.7 address of residence provided by a candidate who makes a request for classification on the
 68.8 candidate's affidavit of candidacy and provides the certification required by this paragraph
 68.9 is classified as private data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may be reviewed
 68.10 by the filing officer as provided in this subdivision.

68.11 ~~(d) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply to affidavits of candidacy for a~~
 68.12 ~~candidate for: (1) judicial office; (2) the office of county attorney; or (3) county sheriff.~~

179.18 (5) a declaration that the candidate is aware of and will follow all applicable election
179.19 laws and campaign finance laws.

179.20 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

179.21 Subd. 1a. **Absent candidates.** (a) A candidate for special district, county, state, or federal
179.22 office who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit a properly
179.23 executed affidavit of candidacy, the appropriate filing fee, and any necessary petitions in
179.24 person to the filing officer. The candidate shall state in writing the reason for being unable
179.25 to submit the affidavit during the filing period. The affidavit, filing fee, if any, and petitions
179.26 must be submitted to the filing officer during the seven days immediately preceding the
179.27 candidate's absence from the state. Nominating petitions may be signed during the 14 days
179.28 immediately preceding the date when the affidavit of candidacy is filed.

179.29 (b) A candidate for special district, county, state, or federal office who will be absent
179.30 from the state during the entire filing period or who must leave the state for the remainder
179.31 of the filing period and who certifies to the secretary of state that the circumstances constitute
179.32 an emergency and were unforeseen, may submit a properly executed affidavit of candidacy
180.1 by facsimile device or by transmitting electronically a scanned image of the affidavit and
180.2 proof of residence required in section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, to the secretary of state
180.3 during the filing period. The candidate shall state in writing the specific reason for being
180.4 unable to submit the affidavit by mail or by hand during the filing period or in person prior
180.5 to the start of the filing period. The affidavit of candidacy, filing fee, if any, and any necessary
180.6 petitions must be received by the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
180.7 If the candidate is filing for a special district or county office, the secretary of state shall
180.8 forward the affidavit of candidacy, filing fee, if any, and any necessary petitions to the
180.9 appropriate filing officer. Copies of a proof of residence submitted under this subdivision
180.10 are private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

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

180.12 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

180.13 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** (a) Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for city,
180.14 town or other elective offices shall be filed during the time and with the official specified
180.15 in chapter 205 or other applicable law or charter, except as provided for a special district
180.16 candidate under subdivision 1a. Affidavits of candidacy and applications filed on behalf of
180.17 eligible voters for school board office shall be filed during the time and with the official
180.18 specified in chapter 205A or other applicable law. Affidavits of candidacy, including proof
180.19 of residence required in section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, and nominating petitions filed
180.20 under this subdivision must be submitted by mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L,
180.21 or any other law to the contrary, and must be received by the appropriate official within the
180.22 specified time for the filing of affidavits and petitions for the office. Copies of a proof of
180.23 residence submitted by mail are private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02,
180.24 subdivision 12.

68.13 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

68.14 Subd. 1a. **Absent candidates.** (a) A candidate for special district, county, state, or federal
68.15 office who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit a properly
68.16 executed affidavit of candidacy, the appropriate filing fee, and any necessary petitions in
68.17 person to the filing officer. The candidate shall state in writing the reason for being unable
68.18 to submit the affidavit during the filing period. The affidavit, filing fee, if any, and petitions
68.19 must be submitted to the filing officer during the seven days immediately preceding the
68.20 candidate's absence from the state. Nominating petitions may be signed during the 14 days
68.21 immediately preceding the date when the affidavit of candidacy is filed.

68.22 (b) A candidate for special district, county, state, or federal office who will be absent
68.23 from the state during the entire filing period or who must leave the state for the remainder
68.24 of the filing period and who certifies to the secretary of state that the circumstances constitute
68.25 an emergency and were unforeseen, may submit a properly executed affidavit of candidacy
68.26 by facsimile device or by transmitting electronically a scanned image of the affidavit and
68.27 proof of residence required in section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, to the secretary of state
68.28 during the filing period. The candidate shall state in writing the specific reason for being
68.29 unable to submit the affidavit by mail or by hand during the filing period or in person prior
68.30 to the start of the filing period. The affidavit of candidacy, filing fee, if any, and any necessary
68.31 petitions must be received by the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
68.32 If the candidate is filing for a special district or county office, the secretary of state shall
68.33 forward the affidavit of candidacy, filing fee, if any, and any necessary petitions to the
69.1 appropriate filing officer. Copies of a proof of residence submitted under this subdivision
69.2 are private data.

69.3 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

69.4 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for city,
69.5 town or other elective offices shall be filed during the time and with the official specified
69.6 in chapter 205 or other applicable law or charter, except as provided for a special district
69.7 candidate under subdivision 1a. Affidavits of candidacy and applications filed on behalf of
69.8 eligible voters for school board office shall be filed during the time and with the official
69.9 specified in chapter 205A or other applicable law. Affidavits of candidacy, including proof
69.10 of residence required in section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, and nominating petitions filed
69.11 under this subdivision must be submitted by mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L,
69.12 or any other law to the contrary, and must be received by the appropriate official within the
69.13 specified time for the filing of affidavits and petitions for the office. Copies of a proof of
69.14 residence submitted by mail are private data.

180.25 (b) The official receiving the filing shall notify the official responsible for preparing the
 180.26 ballot of the names of the candidates placed on the ballot, any changes to candidates, or
 180.27 other information necessary to prepare the ballot. The notification must be made within one
 180.28 business day of receiving the filing or change or immediately following the close of the
 180.29 filing period, whichever is sooner, unless the clerk and official agree to an alternative
 180.30 notification timeline.

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

181.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

181.2 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who
 181.3 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the
 181.4 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later
 181.5 than the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies
 181.6 of the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later
 181.7 than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

181.8 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution
 181.9 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

181.10 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official no later
 181.11 than the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the city election if the candidate wants to have the
 181.12 candidate's write-in votes individually recorded; or

181.13 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded
 181.14 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest
 181.15 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

181.16 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized
 181.17 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted and the city clerk must notify the county
 181.18 auditor before the first day of filing for office. A resolution adopted under this paragraph
 181.19 remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the
 181.20 governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city.

181.21 (c) The governing body of a township, school district, hospital district, park district, soil
 181.22 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the
 181.23 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in
 181.24 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in
 181.25 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for
 181.26 a ballot candidate. If a governing body adopts a resolution authorized by this paragraph,
 181.27 the resolution must be adopted and the clerk must notify the county auditor before the first
 181.28 day of filing for office. A resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a
 181.29 subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the governing body.

181.30 (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this
 181.31 subdivision must include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States.

181.32 The request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector.
 181.33 The total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not
 181.34 exceed the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

182.1 (e) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
 182.2 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor. A
 182.3 candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
 182.4 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

182.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on January 1, 2026.

182.6 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

182.7 Subd. 2. **Separate precincts; combined polling place.** (a) The following shall constitute
 182.8 at least one election precinct:

182.9 (1) each city ward; and

182.10 (2) each town and each statutory city.

182.11 (b) A single, accessible, combined polling place may be established no later than
 182.12 November 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the following
 182.13 year or May 1 of any other year:

182.14 (1) for any city of the third or fourth class, any town, or any city having territory in more
 182.15 than one county, in which all the voters of the city or town shall cast their ballots;

182.16 (2) for contiguous precincts in the same municipality;

182.17 (3) for up to four contiguous municipalities located entirely outside the metropolitan
 182.18 area, as defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, that are contained in the same county;
 182.19 or

182.20 (4) for noncontiguous precincts located in one or more counties.

182.21 Subject to the requirements of paragraph (c), a single, accessible, combined polling place
 182.22 may be established after May 1 of any year in the event of an emergency.

182.23 A copy of the ordinance or resolution establishing a combined polling place must be
 182.24 filed with the county auditor within 30 days after approval by the governing body, and the
 182.25 county auditor must provide notice within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner
 182.26 and including information prescribed by the secretary of state. A polling place combined
 182.27 under clause (3) must be approved by the governing body of each participating municipality.
 182.28 A polling place combined under clause (4) must be approved by the governing body of each
 182.29 participating municipality and the secretary of state and may be located outside any of the
 182.30 noncontiguous precincts. A municipality withdrawing from participation in a combined
 182.31 polling place must do so by filing a resolution of withdrawal with the county auditor no
 182.32 later than October 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the
 183.1 following year or April 1 of any other year, and the county auditor must provide notice

69.15 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

69.16 Subd. 2. **Separate precincts; combined polling place.** (a) The following shall constitute
 69.17 at least one election precinct:

69.18 (1) each city ward; and

69.19 (2) each town and each statutory city.

69.20 (b) A single, accessible, combined polling place may be established no later than
 69.21 November 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the following
 69.22 year or May 1 of any other year:

69.23 (1) for any city of the third or fourth class, any town, or any city having territory in more
 69.24 than one county, in which all the voters of the city or town shall cast their ballots;

69.25 (2) for contiguous precincts in the same municipality;

69.26 (3) for up to four contiguous municipalities located entirely outside the metropolitan
 69.27 area, as defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, that are contained in the same county;
 69.28 or

69.29 (4) for noncontiguous precincts located in one or more counties.

69.30 Subject to the requirements of paragraph (c), a single, accessible, combined polling place
 69.31 may be established after May 1 of any year in the event of an emergency.

70.1 A copy of the ordinance or resolution establishing a combined polling place must be
 70.2 filed with the county auditor within 30 days after approval by the governing body, and the
 70.3 county auditor must provide notice within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner
 70.4 and including information prescribed by the secretary of state. A polling place combined
 70.5 under clause (3) must be approved by the governing body of each participating municipality.
 70.6 A polling place combined under clause (4) must be approved by the governing body of each
 70.7 participating municipality and the secretary of state and may be located outside any of the
 70.8 noncontiguous precincts. A municipality withdrawing from participation in a combined
 70.9 polling place must do so by filing a resolution of withdrawal with the county auditor no
 70.10 later than October 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the
 70.11 following year or April 1 of any other year, and the county auditor must provide notice

183.2 within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner and including information prescribed
 183.3 by the secretary of state.

183.4 The secretary of state shall provide a separate polling place roster for each precinct
 183.5 served by the combined polling place, ~~except that~~. In a precinct that uses electronic rosters,
 183.6 the secretary of state shall provide separate data files for each precinct and the election
 183.7 official responsible for the electronic rosters may combine the files as necessary to be loaded
 183.8 onto one or more electronic rosters, provided that the requirements under section 201.225,
 183.9 subdivision 2, are met. A single set of election judges may be appointed to serve at a
 183.10 combined polling place. The number of election judges required must be based on the total
 183.11 number of persons voting at the last similar election in all precincts to be voting at the
 183.12 combined polling place. Separate ballot boxes must be provided for the ballots from each
 183.13 precinct. The results of the election must be reported separately for each precinct served by
 183.14 the combined polling place, except in a polling place established under clause (2) where
 183.15 one of the precincts has fewer than ten registered voters, in which case the results of that
 183.16 precinct must be reported in the manner specified by the secretary of state.

183.17 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the
 183.18 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,
 183.19 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant
 183.20 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the
 183.21 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

183.22 (1) polling places may be combined after May 1 and until the polls close on election
 183.23 day;

183.24 (2) any city or town, regardless of size or location, may establish a combined polling
 183.25 place under this paragraph;

183.26 (3) the governing body is not required to adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish
 183.27 the combined polling place;

183.28 (4) a polling place combined under paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), must be approved
 183.29 by the local election official of each participating municipality;

183.30 (5) the local elections official must immediately notify the county auditor and the
 183.31 secretary of state of the combination, including the reason for the emergency combination
 183.32 and the location of the combined polling place. As soon as possible, the local elections
 183.33 official must also post a notice stating the reason for the combination and the location of
 183.34 the combined polling place. The notice must also be posted on the governing board's website,
 184.1 if one exists. The local elections official must also notify the election judges and request
 184.2 that local media outlets publicly announce the reason for the combination and the location
 184.3 of the combined polling place; and

70.12 within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner and including information prescribed
 70.13 by the secretary of state.

70.14 The secretary of state shall provide a separate polling place roster for each precinct
 70.15 served by the combined polling place, ~~except that in~~ a precinct that uses electronic rosters
 70.16 the secretary of state shall provide separate data files for each precinct. The secretary of
 70.17 state and county auditor must provide guidance to the election judges serving in a combined
 70.18 polling place on the procedures to be used to ensure each voter is provided the correct ballot
 70.19 for that voter's precinct. A single set of election judges may be appointed to serve at a
 70.20 combined polling place. The number of election judges required must be based on the total
 70.21 number of persons voting at the last similar election in all precincts to be voting at the
 70.22 combined polling place. Separate ballot boxes must be provided for the ballots from each
 70.23 precinct. The results of the election must be reported separately for each precinct served by
 70.24 the combined polling place, except in a polling place established under clause (2) where
 70.25 one of the precincts has fewer than ten registered voters, in which case the results of that
 70.26 precinct must be reported in the manner specified by the secretary of state. In addition to
 70.27 other required informational material and notices, a map showing the precincts served by
 70.28 the combined polling place, along with a notice that multiple ballot styles are in use, must
 70.29 be prominently displayed near the entrance to the combined polling place.

70.30 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the
 70.31 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,
 70.32 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant
 70.33 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the
 70.34 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

71.1 (1) polling places may be combined after May 1 and until the polls close on election
 71.2 day;

71.3 (2) any city or town, regardless of size or location, may establish a combined polling
 71.4 place under this paragraph;

71.5 (3) the governing body is not required to adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish
 71.6 the combined polling place;

71.7 (4) a polling place combined under paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), must be approved
 71.8 by the local election official of each participating municipality;

71.9 (5) the local elections official must immediately notify the county auditor and the
 71.10 secretary of state of the combination, including the reason for the emergency combination
 71.11 and the location of the combined polling place. As soon as possible, the local elections
 71.12 official must also post a notice stating the reason for the combination and the location of
 71.13 the combined polling place. The notice must also be posted on the governing board's website,
 71.14 if one exists. The local elections official must also notify the election judges and request
 71.15 that local media outlets publicly announce the reason for the combination and the location
 71.16 of the combined polling place; and

184.4 (6) on election day, the local elections official must post a notice in large print in a
 184.5 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating
 184.6 the location of the combined polling place. The local election official must also post the
 184.7 notice, if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as
 184.8 provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to
 184.9 section 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph
 184.10 must include a statement that the polling place hours at the combined polling place will be
 184.11 extended until the specified time.

184.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

184.13 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.14, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

184.14 Subd. 4a. **Municipal boundary adjustment procedure.** A change in the boundary of
 184.15 an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a municipal boundary adjustment made
 184.16 under chapter 414 that is effective more than ~~21~~ 46 days before a regularly scheduled election
 184.17 takes effect at the scheduled election.

184.18 A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a
 184.19 municipal boundary adjustment made under chapter 414 that is effective ~~less than 21~~ 46 or
 184.20 fewer days before a regularly scheduled election takes effect the day after the scheduled
 184.21 election.

184.22 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.16, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

184.23 Subd. 1a. **Notice to voters.** (a) If the location of a polling place has been changed, the
 184.24 governing body establishing the polling place shall send to every affected household with
 184.25 at least one registered voter in the precinct a nonforwardable mailed notice stating the
 184.26 location of the new polling place at least 25 days before the next election. The secretary of
 184.27 state shall prepare a sample of this notice. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must
 184.28 be forwarded immediately to the county auditor. This **subdivision** does not apply to a polling
 184.29 place location that is changed on election day under section 204B.175.

184.30 (b) If the location of a polling place has been changed, the local official for the governing
 184.31 body establishing the polling place must post a notice in large print and in a conspicuous
 184.32 place at the closed polling place, if **practical**, stating the location of the new polling place.
 185.1 The local election official must also post the notice, if **practical**, in a location visible by
 185.2 voters who vote from their motor vehicles as provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2.
 185.3 The notice must be in all languages required under section 204B.295 for that precinct. The
 185.4 notice must be posted for each special, primary, and general election until a **November**
 185.5 presidential election or redistricting has occurred. The secretary of state shall prepare a
 185.6 sample of this notice.

71.17 (6) on election day, the local elections official must post a notice in large print in a
 71.18 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating
 71.19 the location of the combined polling place. The local election official must also post the
 71.20 notice, if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as
 71.21 provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to
 71.22 section 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph
 71.23 must include a statement that the polling place hours at the combined polling place will be
 71.24 extended until the specified time.

71.25 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.16, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

71.26 Subd. 1a. **Notice to voters.** (a) If the location of a polling place has been changed, the
 71.27 governing body establishing the polling place shall send to every affected household with
 71.28 at least one registered voter in the precinct a nonforwardable mailed notice stating the
 71.29 location of the new polling place at least 25 days before the next election. The secretary of
 71.30 state shall prepare a sample of this notice. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must
 71.31 be forwarded immediately to the county auditor. This **subdivision paragraph** does not apply
 71.32 to a polling place location that is changed on election day under section 204B.175.

72.1 (b) If the location of a polling place has been changed, the local official for the governing
 72.2 body establishing the polling place must post a notice in large print and in a conspicuous
 72.3 place at the closed polling place, if **practicable**, stating the location of the new polling place.
 72.4 The local election official must also post the notice, if **practicable**, in a location visible by
 72.5 voters who vote from their motor vehicles as provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2.
 72.6 The notice must be in all languages required under section 204B.295 for that precinct. The
 72.7 notice must be posted for each special, primary, and general election until a **general**
 72.8 presidential election or redistricting has occurred. The secretary of state shall prepare a
 72.9 sample of this notice.

72.10 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.16, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

72.11 Subd. 4. **Prohibited locations.** No polling place shall be designated in any place or in
 72.12 any adjoining room where intoxicating liquors ~~or~~; nonintoxicating malt beverages; or

185.7 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.175, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

185.8 Subd. 3. **Notice.** (a) Upon making the determination to relocate a polling place, the local
 185.9 election official must immediately notify the county auditor and the secretary of state. The
 185.10 notice must include the reason for the relocation and the reason for the location of the new
 185.11 polling place. As soon as possible, the local election official must also post a notice stating
 185.12 the reason for the relocation and the location of the new polling place. The notice must also
 185.13 be posted on the website of the public body, if there is one. The local election official must
 185.14 also notify the election judges and request that local media outlets publicly announce the
 185.15 reason for the relocation and the location of the polling place. If the relocation occurs more
 185.16 than 14 days prior to the election, the local election official must mail a notice to the impacted
 185.17 voters of the reason for the relocation and the location of the polling place.

185.18 (b) On election day, the local election official must post a notice in large print in a
 185.19 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating
 185.20 the location of the new polling place. The local election official must also post the notice,
 185.21 if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as provided
 185.22 in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to section
 185.23 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph must
 185.24 include a statement that the polling place hours at the new polling place will be extended
 185.25 until the specified time. Notices required by this paragraph must be in all languages required
 185.26 under section 204B.295 for that precinct.

185.27 Sec. 54. **[204B.182] CHAIN OF CUSTODY PLANS.**

185.28 (a) The county auditor must develop a county elections chain of custody plan to be used
 185.29 in all state, county, municipal, school district, and special district elections held in that
 185.30 county. If any of the political subdivisions cross county lines, the affected counties must
 185.31 make efforts to ensure that the elections chain of custody procedures affecting the local
 185.32 jurisdiction are uniform throughout the jurisdiction. County auditors must file the elections
 185.33 chain of custody plans with the secretary of state.

186.1 (b) The chain of custody plan must account for both the physical and cyber security of
 186.2 elections-related materials. The plan must include sample chain of custody documentation.

186.3 (c) The secretary of state may provide additional guidance to counties on elections chain
 186.4 of custody best practices and planning.

186.5 (d) A municipal clerk, school district clerk, or special district clerk must utilize either
 186.6 the county chain of custody plan or create a local chain of custody plan for use in local
 186.7 elections not held in conjunction with federal, state, or county elections that meets or exceeds

72.13 cannabis products, as defined in section 342.01, subdivision 20, are served or in any adjoining
 72.14 room sold. No polling place shall be designated in any place in which substantial compliance
 72.15 with the requirements of this chapter cannot be attained.

72.16 Sec. 25. **[204B.182] CHAIN OF CUSTODY PLANS.**

72.17 (a) The county auditor must develop a county elections chain of custody plan to be used
 72.18 in all state, county, municipal, school district, and special district elections held in that
 72.19 county. If any of the political subdivisions cross county lines, the affected counties must
 72.20 make efforts to ensure that the elections chain of custody procedures affecting the local
 72.21 jurisdiction are uniform throughout the jurisdiction. County auditors must file the elections
 72.22 chain of custody plans with the secretary of state.

72.23 (b) The chain of custody plan must account for both the physical and cyber security of
 72.24 elections-related materials. The plan must include sample chain of custody documentation.

72.25 (c) The secretary of state may provide additional guidance to counties on elections chain
 72.26 of custody best practices and planning.

72.27 (d) A municipal clerk, school district clerk, or special district clerk may create a local
 72.28 chain of custody plan for use in local elections not held in conjunction with federal, state,
 72.29 or county elections that meets or exceeds the requirements of the county elections chain of

186.8 the requirements of the county elections chain of custody plan. Any plan adopted under this
 186.9 paragraph must be adopted and filed with the secretary of state and the county auditor at
 186.10 least 84 days before the first election in which it will be used.

186.11 (e) Each political subdivision clerk who develops a local elections chain of custody plan
 186.12 pursuant to paragraph (d) and each county auditor must review their respective elections
 186.13 chain of custody plan prior to each state primary election. Any revisions to the elections
 186.14 chain of custody plan must be completed and filed with the secretary of state by June 1 prior
 186.15 to the state primary election.

186.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 186.17 county auditors must file an elections chain of custody plan with the secretary of state by
 186.18 June 1, 2026.

186.19 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

186.20 Subdivision 1. **Appointment lists; duties of political parties and secretary of state.** (a)
 186.21 On ~~May~~ ~~March~~ 1 in a year in which there is an election for a partisan political office, each
 186.22 major political party ~~shall~~ must prepare a list of eligible voters who have indicated within
 186.23 the last ~~24~~ months they are willing to act as election judges in each election precinct. The
 186.24 list provided by the party must indicate:

186.25 (1) which eligible voters are willing to travel to a precinct outside of their home
 186.26 jurisdiction to act as an election judge, and the jurisdictions to which each eligible voter is
 186.27 willing to travel for that purpose;

186.28 (2) which eligible voters are willing to serve on a ballot board; and

186.29 (3) each eligible voter's residential address, telephone number, and email address, along
 186.30 with the date the eligible voter indicated their willingness to act as an election judge.

186.31 (b) The political parties ~~shall~~ must furnish the lists electronically to the secretary of state,
 186.32 in a format specified by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must combine the data
 187.1 received from each political party under this subdivision and must process the data to locate
 187.2 the precinct in which the address provided for each potential election judge is located. If
 187.3 the data submitted by a political party is insufficient for the secretary of state to locate the

72.30 custody plan. Any plan adopted under this paragraph must be adopted and filed with the
 72.31 secretary of state at least 84 days before the first election in which it will be used.

73.1 (e) Each political subdivision clerk who develops a local elections chain of custody plan
 73.2 pursuant to paragraph (d) and each county auditor must review their respective elections
 73.3 chain of custody plan prior to each state primary election. Any revisions to the elections
 73.4 chain of custody plan must be completed and filed with the secretary of state by June 1 prior
 73.5 to the state primary election.

73.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, and
 73.7 county auditors must file an elections chain of custody plan with the secretary of state by
 73.8 September 1, 2025.

73.9 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.19, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

73.10 Subd. 5. **Party balance requirement.** No more than half of the election judges in a
 73.11 precinct, or at any location where ballots are being counted, recounted, or reviewed, may
 73.12 be members of the same major political party unless the election board consists of an odd
 73.13 number of election judges, in which case the number of election judges who are members
 73.14 of the same major political party may be one more than half the number of election judges
 73.15 in that precinct. Each major political party must be represented by at least one election judge
 73.16 in each precinct.

73.17 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.18 Subdivision 1. **Appointment lists; duties of political parties and secretary of state.** (a)
 73.19 On ~~May~~ ~~April~~ 1 in a year in which there is an election for a partisan political office, each
 73.20 major political party ~~shall~~ must prepare a list of eligible voters who have indicated within
 73.21 the last ~~24~~ months they are willing to act as election judges in each election precinct. The
 73.22 list may also designate certain eligible voters as available to serve as alternates that may be
 73.23 appointed in the event of unexpected vacancies or if all positions representing that party
 73.24 affiliation are not able to be filled. The list provided by the party must indicate:

73.25 (1) which eligible voters are willing to travel to a precinct outside of their home
 73.26 jurisdiction to act as an election judge, and the jurisdictions to which each eligible voter is
 73.27 willing to travel for that purpose;

73.28 (2) which eligible voters are willing to serve on an absentee ballot board; and

73.29 (3) each eligible voter's residential address, telephone number, and email address, along
 73.30 with the date the eligible voter indicated their willingness to act as an election judge.

73.31 (b) The political parties ~~shall~~ must furnish the lists electronically to the secretary of state,
 73.32 in a format specified by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must combine the data
 74.1 received from each political party under this subdivision and must process the data to locate
 74.2 the precinct in which the address provided for each potential election judge is located. If
 74.3 the data submitted by a political party is insufficient for the secretary of state to locate the

187.4 proper precinct or does not include the eligible voter's telephone number, email address,
 187.5 and date the eligible voter indicated their willingness to act as an election judge, the
 187.6 associated name must not appear in any list forwarded to an appointing authority under this
 187.7 subdivision. The secretary of state shall must notify political parties of any proposed election
 187.8 judges with addresses that could not be located in a precinct.

187.9 (c) By May March 15, the secretary of state shall must furnish electronically to the
 187.10 county auditor a list of the appropriate names for each election precinct and ballot board in
 187.11 the jurisdiction of the appointing authority, and a list of the names of individuals residing
 187.12 outside of the jurisdiction who indicated a willingness to travel to that jurisdiction to act as
 187.13 an election judge, noting the political party affiliation of each individual on the list. The
 187.14 county auditor must promptly forward the appropriate names to the appropriate municipal
 187.15 clerk within seven days of receipt.

187.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

187.17 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

187.18 Subd. 2. **Appointing authority; powers and duties.** (a) Election judges for precincts
 187.19 in a municipality shall and for a municipality's ballot board must be appointed by the
 187.20 governing body of the municipality. Election judges for a county ballot board, for precincts
 187.21 in unorganized territory, and for performing other election-related duties assigned by the
 187.22 county auditor shall must be appointed by the county board. Election judges for a precinct
 187.23 composed of two or more municipalities must be appointed by the governing body of the
 187.24 municipality or municipalities responsible for appointing election judges as provided in the
 187.25 agreement to combine for election purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
 187.26 appointments shall be made from the list of voters who maintain residence in each precinct,
 187.27 furnished pursuant to subdivision 1, subject to the eligibility requirements and other
 187.28 qualifications established or authorized under section 204B.19. At least two election judges
 187.29 in each precinct must be affiliated with different major political parties. If no lists have been
 187.30 furnished or if additional election judges are required after all listed names in that
 187.31 municipality have been exhausted, the appointing authority may appoint other individuals
 187.32 who meet the qualifications to serve as an election judge, including persons on the list
 187.33 furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 who indicated a willingness to travel to the municipality,
 187.34 and persons who are not affiliated with a major political party. Election judges must meet
 188.1 all eligibility requirements and other qualifications established or authorized under section
 188.2 204B.19.

74.4 proper precinct or does not include the eligible voter's telephone number, email address,
 74.5 and date the eligible voter indicated their willingness to act as an election judge, the
 74.6 associated name must not appear in any list forwarded to an appointing authority under this
 74.7 subdivision. The secretary of state shall must notify political parties of any proposed election
 74.8 judges with addresses that could not be located in a precinct.

74.9 (c) By May April 15, the secretary of state shall must furnish electronically to the county
 74.10 auditor a list of the appropriate names for each election precinct and absentee ballot board
 74.11 in the jurisdiction of the appointing authority, and a list of the names of individuals residing
 74.12 outside of the jurisdiction who indicated a willingness to travel to that jurisdiction to act as
 74.13 an election judge, noting the political party affiliation of each individual on the list. The
 74.14 county auditor must promptly forward the appropriate names to the appropriate municipal
 74.15 clerk within seven days of receipt. If necessary, the county auditor or municipal clerk must
 74.16 notify the designated representatives of that party and request that the party provide further
 74.17 names, to the extent practicable.

74.18 (d) The secretary of state must provide a form that may be used by a political party to
 74.19 recruit individuals willing to serve as election judges. The form must allow an interested
 74.20 individual to indicate a willingness to travel to a precinct outside of the individual's home
 74.21 jurisdiction or to serve as a member of an absentee ballot board.

- 188.3 (b) At least two election judges in each precinct and serving on the ballot board must
 188.4 be affiliated with different major political parties.
- 188.5 (c) Within 30 days of receipt of the list furnished pursuant to this section, the appointing
 188.6 authority must contact each voter who maintains residence in the jurisdiction about their
 188.7 interest in serving as an election judge in the next 24 months. The communication must:
- 188.8 (1) identify the opportunities available for the person to serve as an election judge;
 188.9 (2) include the qualifications necessary to serve as an election judge, information about
 188.10 the required training, and the dates and times at which the person must be available to
 188.11 perform those duties; and
- 188.12 (3) explain how the person may apply for appointment as an election judge.
- 188.13 Any person on the list furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 who does not respond to the
 188.14 appointing authority within 14 days or does not apply to become an election judge and
 188.15 complete election judge training before the next state general election is deemed to have
 188.16 waived their interest in appointment to any election judge position.
- 188.17 (d) Prior to each election, when appointing election judges, an appointing authority must
 188.18 first exhaust the list of individuals who responded to the communication in paragraph (c)
 188.19 who maintain residence in each precinct or, for appointment to a ballot board, who maintain
 188.20 residence in a jurisdiction covered by the ballot board. An appointing authority may exhaust
 188.21 the list furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 by contacting each person once who appears on
 188.22 the list. This communication must include the specific dates, times, and locations at which
 188.23 the person must be available to perform the various duties. Any individual from the list who
 188.24 does not respond within seven days to express an availability to serve is deemed to have
 188.25 waived interest in serving for that election. For legislative special elections, this period is
 188.26 shortened to three days.
- 188.27 (e) If no lists have been furnished, or when lists have been furnished, after the processes
 188.28 in paragraphs (c) and (d) are complete, an appointing authority may appoint other individuals
 188.29 who meet the qualifications to serve as an election judge.
- 188.30 (f) An individual who is appointed from a source other than the list furnished pursuant
 188.31 to subdivision 1 must provide to the appointing authority the individual's major political
 188.32 party affiliation or a statement that the individual does not affiliate with any major political
 188.33 party. An individual who refuses to provide the individual's major political party affiliation
 189.1 or a statement that the individual does not affiliate with a major political party must not be
 189.2 appointed as an election judge.
- 189.3 (g) The appointments shall must be made at least 25 days before the election at which
 189.4 the election judges will serve, except that the appointing authority may pass a resolution
 189.5 authorizing the appointment of additional election judges within the 25 days before the
 189.6 election if the appointing authority determines that additional election judges will be required.

189.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

189.8 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, is amended by adding a subdivision

189.9 to read:

189.10 Subd. 2a. **Election judges; party balance.** The provisions of sections 204B.19,

189.11 subdivision 5; 204B.21, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f); 204C.15; 204C.19; 206.83;

189.12 and 206.86, subdivision 2, relating to party balance in the appointment of judges and to

189.13 duties to be performed by judges of different major political parties do not apply to a county

189.14 election not held in conjunction with a state or federal election.

189.15 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.24, is amended to read:

189.16 **204B.24 ELECTION JUDGES; OATH.**

189.17 Each election judge shall sign the following oath before assuming the duties of the office:

189.18 "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that:

189.19 (1) I will perform the duties of election judge according to law and the best of my ability

189.20 and will diligently endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting this election.

189.21 (2) I will perform my duties in a fair and impartial manner and not attempt to create an

189.22 advantage for my party or for any candidate.

189.23 (3) In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.075, I will not share information

189.24 about voting that I know to be materially false and will not intentionally hinder, interfere

189.25 with, or prevent a person from voting, registering to vote, or aiding another person in casting

189.26 a ballot or registering to vote, except as specifically required by law."

189.27 The oath shall be attached to the summary statement of the election returns of that

189.28 precinct. If there is no individual present who is authorized to administer oaths, the election

189.29 judges may administer the oath to each other.

189.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

74.22 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.24, is amended to read:

74.23 **204B.24 ELECTION JUDGES; OATH.**

74.24 Each election judge shall sign the following oath before assuming the duties of the office:

74.25 "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that:

74.26 (1) I will perform the duties of election judge according to law and the best of my ability

74.27 and will diligently endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting this election.

74.28 (2) I will perform my duties in a fair and impartial manner and not attempt to create an

74.29 advantage for my party or for any candidate.

74.30 (3) In the performance of my duties as an election judge, I will not share information

74.31 about voting that I know to be materially false and will not intentionally hinder, interfere

74.32 with, or prevent a person from voting, registering to vote, or aiding another person in casting

74.33 a ballot or registering to vote, except as specifically required by law."

75.1 The oath shall be attached to the summary statement of the election returns of that

75.2 precinct. If there is no individual present who is authorized to administer oaths, the election

75.3 judges may administer the oath to each other.

75.4 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.25, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.5 Subdivision 1. **Duties of county auditor.** Each county auditor shall provide training for

75.6 all election judges who are appointed to serve at any election to be held in the county. The

75.7 county auditor shall also provide a procedure for emergency training of election judges

75.8 elected to fill vacancies. The county auditor may delegate to a municipal election official

75.9 the duty to provide training of election judges in that municipality or school district. The

75.10 training must be consistent with the training programs established by the secretary of state

75.11 under subdivision 2.

- 190.1 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.25, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 190.2 Subd. 3. **Trained election judges; number required.** Each election precinct in which
- 190.3 less than 100 individuals voted at the last state general election shall have at least two
- 190.4 election judges who are members of different major political parties who have received
- 190.5 training as required in this section. ~~In every other election precinct,~~ No individual may serve
- 190.6 as an election judge who has not received training as required by subdivision 1.
- 190.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 190.8 Sec. 60. **[204B.275] ELECTION REPORTING SYSTEM.**
- 190.9 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Election reporting system" means the computerized central
- 190.10 statewide database for offices, candidates, ballot questions, and unofficial results developed
- 190.11 and maintained by the secretary of state. The system facilitates the collection, aggregation,
- 190.12 reporting, and secure sharing of unofficial election results to the public.
- 190.13 Subd. 2. **Authority.** The secretary of state must maintain an election reporting system
- 190.14 as provided in this section.
- 190.15 Subd. 3. **Entry of names.** (a) For federal and state elections, the county auditor must
- 190.16 enter in the election reporting system the names of all candidates who have filed for office
- 190.17 with the county auditor no later than one day after the filing is received. Within one day of
- 190.18 receiving notification and no later than one day after the withdrawal period closes, the
- 190.19 county auditor must enter in the election reporting system the names of candidates for city,
- 190.20 town, school district, or other elective office for which the county auditor has been notified.
- 190.21 For any candidate who files by nominating petition or a petition in place of filing fee, the
- 190.22 county auditor must enter in the election reporting system the name of the candidate within
- 190.23 one day after the petition has been reviewed and determined to meet all legal requirements.
- 190.24 (b) The secretary of state must enter in the election reporting system the names of all
- 190.25 candidates who have filed for office with the secretary of state no later than one day after
- 190.26 the filing is received. For any candidate who files by nominating petition or a petition in
- 190.27 place of filing fee, the secretary of state must enter in the election reporting system the name
- 190.28 of the candidate within one day after the petition has been reviewed and determined to meet
- 190.29 all legal requirements.

- 85.21 Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**
- 85.22 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.25, subdivision 3, is repealed.
- 75.12 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.27, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 75.13 to read:
- 75.14 Subd. 8a. **Election judge advice telephone line.** The secretary of state must provide a
- 75.15 dedicated telephone line for use by election judges on each state election day. The line must
- 75.16 be available for election judges to clarify procedures in the event the municipal clerk and
- 75.17 county auditor's offices cannot be reached.

190.30 Subd. 4. **Results reporting testing.** At least seven days prior to any federal or state
190.31 primary, general, or special election, the county auditor must test the results reporting
190.32 functions in the election reporting system maintained by the secretary of state. The test must
190.33 include the entry of vote totals for all candidates or ballot question responses within each
191.1 contest or ballot question, and the county auditor must verify that the predetermined test
191.2 results are displayed. The county auditor must report to the secretary of state that the test
191.3 has been conducted, and no errors are apparent. If errors occur during the test, the county
191.4 auditor must work with the secretary of state to resolve all issues and retest until resolved.

191.5 Subd. 5. **Reporting results.** For federal and state elections, as soon as practicable after
191.6 delivery of the returns, the county auditor must report all unofficial election results in the
191.7 elections reporting system.

191.8 Subd. 6. **Unofficial results.** Results reported to the election reporting system are unofficial
191.9 results. Election results are not official until after the canvassing board certifies the result
191.10 of the election.

191.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on June 1, 2025.

191.12 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

191.13 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as
191.14 otherwise provided in this section and for absentee ballots in section 204B.35, subdivision
191.15 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the
191.16 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.
191.17 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later
191.18 than ~~four days~~ the day before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county
191.19 auditor:

191.20 (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

191.21 (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

191.22 (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

191.23 (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot
191.24 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with
191.25 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election
191.26 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts
191.27 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

191.28 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early
191.29 voting to municipal clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 on
191.30 or before the 19th day before the election.

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

192.1 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.44, is amended to read:

192.2 **204B.44 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; REMEDY.**

192.3 (a) Any individual may file a petition in the manner provided in this section for the
192.4 correction of any of the following errors, omissions, or wrongful acts which have occurred
192.5 or are about to occur:

192.6 (1) an error or omission in the placement or printing of the name or description of any
192.7 candidate or any question on any official ballot, including the placement of a candidate on
192.8 the official ballot who is not eligible to hold the office for which the candidate has filed;

192.9 (2) any other error in preparing or printing any official ballot;

192.10 (3) failure of the chair or secretary of the proper committee of a major political party to
192.11 execute or file a certificate of nomination;

192.12 (4) any wrongful act, omission, or error of any election judge, municipal clerk, county
192.13 auditor, canvassing board or any of its members, the secretary of state, or any other individual
192.14 charged with any duty concerning an election.

192.15 (b) The petition shall describe the error, omission, or wrongful act and the correction
192.16 sought by the petitioner. The petition shall be filed with any judge of the supreme court in
192.17 the case of an election for state or federal office or any judge of the district court in that
192.18 county in the case of an election for county, municipal, or school district office. The petitioner
192.19 shall serve a copy of the petition on the officer, board or individual charged with the error,
192.20 omission, or wrongful act, on all candidates for the office in the case of an election for state,
192.21 federal, county, municipal, or school district office, and on any other party as required by
192.22 the court. Upon receipt of the petition the court shall immediately set a time for a hearing
192.23 on the matter and order the officer, board or individual charged with the error, omission or
192.24 wrongful act to correct the error or wrongful act or perform the duty or show cause for not
192.25 doing so. In the case of a review of a candidate's eligibility to hold office, the court may
192.26 order the candidate to appear and present sufficient evidence of the candidate's eligibility.
192.27 The court shall issue its findings and a final order for appropriate relief as soon as possible
192.28 after the hearing. Failure to obey the order is contempt of court.

192.29 (c) Any service required by this section on a candidate may be accomplished by electronic
192.30 mail sent to the address the candidate provided on their affidavit of candidacy pursuant to
192.31 section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, or by any other means permitted by law.

192.32 (d) If all candidates for an office and the officer, board, or individual charged with the
192.33 error, omission, or wrongful act unanimously agree in writing:

193.1 (1) that an error, omission, or wrongful act occurred; and

193.2 (2) on the appropriate correction for the error, omission, or wrongful act;

75.18 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.44, is amended to read:

75.19 **204B.44 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; REMEDY.**

75.20 (a) Any individual may file a petition in the manner provided in this section for the
75.21 correction of any of the following errors, omissions, or wrongful acts which have occurred
75.22 or are about to occur:

75.23 (1) an error or omission in the placement or printing of the name or description of any
75.24 candidate or any question on any official ballot, including the placement of a candidate on
75.25 the official ballot who is not eligible to hold the office for which the candidate has filed;

75.26 (2) any other error in preparing or printing any official ballot;

75.27 (3) failure of the chair or secretary of the proper committee of a major political party to
75.28 execute or file a certificate of nomination;

75.29 (4) any wrongful act, omission, or error of any election judge, municipal clerk, county
75.30 auditor, canvassing board or any of its members, the secretary of state, or any other individual
75.31 charged with any duty concerning an election.

76.1 (b) The petition shall describe the error, omission, or wrongful act and the correction
76.2 sought by the petitioner. The petition shall be filed with any judge of the supreme court in
76.3 the case of an election for state or federal office or any judge of the district court in that
76.4 county in the case of an election for county, municipal, or school district office. The petitioner
76.5 shall serve a copy of the petition on the officer, board or individual charged with the error,
76.6 omission, or wrongful act, on all candidates for the office in the case of an election for state,
76.7 federal, county, municipal, or school district office, and on any other party as required by
76.8 the court. Upon receipt of the petition the court shall immediately set a time for a hearing
76.9 on the matter and order the officer, board or individual charged with the error, omission or
76.10 wrongful act to correct the error or wrongful act or perform the duty or show cause for not
76.11 doing so. In the case of a review of a candidate's eligibility to hold office, the court may
76.12 order the candidate to appear and present sufficient evidence of the candidate's eligibility.
76.13 The court shall issue its findings and a final order for appropriate relief as soon as possible
76.14 after the hearing. Failure to obey the order is contempt of court.

76.15 (c) Any service required on a candidate may be accomplished by electronic mail sent
76.16 to the address the candidate provided on the candidate's affidavit of candidacy pursuant to
76.17 section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, or by any other means permitted by law.

76.18 (d) If the candidate for an office and the officer, board, or individual charged with the
76.19 error, omission, or wrongful act unanimously agree in writing:

76.20 (1) that an error, omission, or wrongful act occurred; and

76.21 (2) on the appropriate correction for the error, omission, or wrongful act;

193.3 then the officer, board, or individual charged with the error, omission, or wrongful act must
 193.4 correct the error in the manner agreed to without an order from the court. Such agreement
 193.5 must address, at a minimum, how the correction will take place and, if the correction involves
 193.6 a change to a ballot, how voters who have received or returned an incomplete ballot will
 193.7 be notified of the change and what, if any, steps voters who have returned an incorrect ballot
 193.8 can take to receive a corrected replacement ballot.

193.9 The officer, board, or individual must notify the secretary of state in writing of the error
 193.10 and proposed correction within one business day of receiving notification of the candidate's
 193.11 written agreement and must not distribute any ballots reflecting the proposed correction for
 193.12 two business days unless the secretary of state waives this notice period. Nothing in this
 193.13 paragraph shall be construed to preclude any person from filing a petition under this section
 193.14 alleging that the written agreement constitutes an error, omission, or wrongful act that
 193.15 requires correction by the court.

193.16 (e) Any candidate for an office who does not enter into an agreement under paragraph
 193.17 (d) and who does not prevail at any subsequent proceeding involving a petition filed under
 193.18 this section must pay the costs and disbursements of the prevailing party or parties unless
 193.19 the court determines that the candidate's position was substantially justified or such costs
 193.20 and disbursements would impose undue hardship or otherwise be inequitable.

193.21 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an official may correct any
 193.22 official ballot without order from the court if the ballot is not in compliance with sections
 193.23 204B.35 to 204B.37 or any rules promulgated under sections 204B.35 to 204B.37.

193.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

193.25 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

193.26 Subd. 2. **Procedure; voting prior to election day.** Notice of the election and the special
 193.27 mail procedure must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days
 193.28 nor later than ~~14~~ 28 days before a ~~regularly scheduled~~ any election ~~and not more than 30~~
 193.29 ~~days nor later than 14 days before any other election,~~ the auditor shall mail ballots by
 193.30 nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No
 193.31 later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots
 193.32 to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before
 193.33 the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for
 194.1 ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided,
 194.2 must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or
 194.3 in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot
 194.4 board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted"
 194.5 or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day,
 194.6 or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board
 194.7 may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training
 194.8 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
 194.9 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different

76.22 then the officer, board, or individual charged with the error, omission, or wrongful act must
 76.23 correct the error in the manner agreed to without an order from the court.

76.24 The officer, board, or individual must notify the secretary of state in writing of the error
 76.25 and proposed correction within one business day of receiving notification of the candidate's
 76.26 written agreement and must not distribute any ballots reflecting the proposed correction for
 76.27 two business days unless the secretary of state waives the notice period.

76.28 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an official may correct any
 76.29 official ballot without order from the court if the ballot is not in compliance with sections
 76.30 204B.35 to 204B.37 or any rules promulgated under sections 204B.35 to 204B.37.

76.31 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.32 Subd. 2. **Procedure; voting prior to election day.** Notice of the election and the special
 76.33 mail procedure must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days
 77.1 nor later than ~~14~~ 28 days before a ~~regularly scheduled~~ any election ~~and not more than 30~~
 77.2 ~~days nor later than 14 days before any other election,~~ the auditor shall mail ballots by
 77.3 nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No
 77.4 later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots
 77.5 to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before
 77.6 the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for
 77.7 ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided,
 77.8 must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or
 77.9 in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot
 77.10 board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted"
 77.11 or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day,
 77.12 or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board
 77.13 may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training
 77.14 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
 77.15 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different

194.10 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 204B.21,
 194.11 subdivision 2a; 205.07, subdivision 4; 205.075, subdivision 4; or section 205A.10. If an
 194.12 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope
 194.13 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot
 194.14 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days
 194.15 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board
 194.16 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's
 194.17 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

194.18 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 194.19 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
 194.20 on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
 194.21 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
 194.22 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

194.23 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 194.24 and counting of ballots apply.

194.25 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 194.26 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the
 194.27 close of voting on election day.

194.28 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
 194.29 maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election must be
 194.30 counted.

194.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective November 15, 2025, for elections held
 194.32 on or after January 1, 2026.

195.1 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

195.2 Subd. 2. **Voters in line at closing.** (a) At or before the hour when voting is scheduled
 195.3 to begin, the election judges shall must agree upon the standard of time they will use to
 195.4 determine when voting will begin and end. Voting shall must not be allowed after the time
 195.5 when it is scheduled to end, unless individuals are waiting in the polling place or waiting
 195.6 in line at the door to register, to update the voter's registration, or to vote. The voting shall
 195.7 must continue until those individuals have been allowed to vote. No An individual who
 195.8 comes to the polling place or to a line outside the polling place after the time when voting
 195.9 is scheduled to end shall must not be allowed to vote.

195.10 (b) The local election official may extend polling place hours to accommodate voters
 195.11 that would have been in line at the regular polling place if the polling place had not been
 195.12 combined or moved on election day pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 2, or 204B.175.
 195.13 Polling place hours may be extended at the new polling place for one hour. The local election
 195.14 official must immediately provide notice to the county auditor, secretary of state, and election
 195.15 judges of the extension in polling place hours. The local election official must also request
 195.16 that the local media outlets publicly announce the extended polling place hours. Voters in

77.16 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
 77.17 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
 77.18 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall
 77.19 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
 77.20 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
 77.21 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
 77.22 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
 77.23 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

77.24 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 77.25 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
 77.26 on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
 77.27 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
 77.28 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

77.29 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 77.30 and counting of ballots apply.

77.31 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 77.32 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the
 77.33 close of voting on election day.

78.1 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
 78.2 maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election must be
 78.3 counted.

195.17 ~~the polling place or waiting in line at the door to register, to update the voter's registration,~~
 195.18 ~~or to vote at the end of the extended polling place hours shall~~ must be allowed to vote
 195.19 ~~pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

195.20 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

195.21 Subdivision 1. **Persons allowed near polling place.** An individual ~~shall~~ must be allowed
 195.22 ~~to go to and from the polling place for the purpose of voting without unlawful interference.~~
 195.23 ~~No one~~ Except an election official or an individual who is waiting to register, ~~to update the~~
 195.24 ~~voter's registration, or to vote or an individual who is conducting exit polling shall,~~ an
 195.25 individual must not stand within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is located.

195.26 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

195.27 Subd. 2. **Individuals allowed in polling place; identification.** (a) Representatives of
 195.28 ~~the secretary of state's office, the county auditor's office, and the municipal or school district~~
 195.29 ~~clerk's office may be present at the polling place to observe election procedures. Except for~~
 195.30 ~~these representatives, election judges, sergeants-at-arms, and challengers, an individual may~~
 195.31 ~~remain inside the polling place during voting hours only while voting or, updating the voter's~~
 195.32 ~~registration, registering to vote, providing proof of residence for an individual who is~~
 195.33 ~~registering to vote or updating a registration, or assisting a disabled voter with a disability~~
 196.1 ~~or a voter who is unable to read English. During voting hours no one except individuals~~
 196.2 ~~receiving, marking, or depositing ballots shall approach within six feet of a voting booth,~~
 196.3 ~~ballot counter, or electronic voting equipment, unless lawfully authorized to do so by an~~
 196.4 ~~election judge or the individual is an election judge monitoring the operation of the ballot~~
 196.5 ~~counter or electronic voting equipment.~~

196.6 (b) Teachers and elementary or secondary school students participating in an educational
 196.7 activity authorized by section 204B.27, subdivision 7, may be present at the polling place
 196.8 during voting hours.

196.9 (c) Each official on duty in the polling place must wear an identification badge that
 196.10 shows their role in the election process. The badge must not show their party affiliation.

196.11 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

196.12 Subd. 6. **Peace officers.** Except when summoned by an election judge to restore the
 196.13 ~~peace or when voting, updating a registration, or registering to vote, no peace officer shall~~
 196.14 ~~enter or remain in a polling place or stand within 50 feet of the entrance of a polling place.~~

196.15 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

196.16 Subd. 1d. **Voter's Bill of Rights.** The county auditor shall prepare and provide to each
 196.17 polling place sufficient copies of a poster setting forth the Voter's Bill of Rights as set forth
 196.18 in this section. Before the hours of voting are scheduled to begin, the election judges shall
 196.19 post it in a conspicuous location or locations in the polling place. The Voter's Bill of Rights
 196.20 is as follows:

78.4 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

78.5 Subd. 1d. **Voter's Bill of Rights.** The county auditor shall prepare and provide to each
 78.6 polling place sufficient copies of a poster setting forth the Voter's Bill of Rights as set forth
 78.7 in this section. Before the hours of voting are scheduled to begin, the election judges shall
 78.8 post it in a conspicuous location or locations in the polling place. The Voter's Bill of Rights
 78.9 is as follows:

196.21 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

196.22 For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

196.23 (1) You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal,
196.24 or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation
196.25 time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot,
196.26 and return to work.

196.27 (2) If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right
196.28 to vote.

196.29 (3) If you can provide the required proof of residence, you have the right to register to
196.30 vote or to update your registration and to vote on election day.

197.1 (4) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity
197.2 with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

197.3 (5) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

197.4 (6) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person
197.5 of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union ~~or a candidate~~.

197.6 (7) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the
197.7 voting booth with you.

197.8 (8) You have the right to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for conviction of a
197.9 felony offense.

197.10 (9) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order
197.11 revokes your right to vote.

197.12 (10) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence
197.13 your vote.

197.14 (11) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right
197.15 to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

197.16 (12) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are
197.17 dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

197.18 (13) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

197.19 (14) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth
197.20 with you."

197.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except
197.22 that the change in clause (3) is effective January 1, 2026.

78.10 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

78.11 For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

78.12 (1) You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal,
78.13 or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation
78.14 time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot,
78.15 and return to work.

78.16 (2) If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right
78.17 to vote.

78.18 (3) If you can provide the required proof of residence, you have the right to register to
78.19 vote and to vote on election day.

78.20 (4) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity
78.21 with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

78.22 (5) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

78.23 (6) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person
78.24 of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union ~~or a candidate~~.

78.25 (7) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the
78.26 voting booth with you.

78.27 (8) You have the right to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for conviction of a
78.28 felony offense.

78.29 (9) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order
78.30 revokes your right to vote.

79.1 (10) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence
79.2 your vote.

79.3 (11) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right
79.4 to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

79.5 (12) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are
79.6 dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

79.7 (13) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

79.8 (14) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth
79.9 with you."

197.23 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

197.24 Subdivision 1. **Counting and initialing.** (a) Before the voting begins, at least two election

197.25 judges must certify the number of ballots delivered to the precinct. Election judges may

197.26 conduct this count, presuming that the total count provided for prepackaged ballots is correct.

197.27 As each package is opened, two judges must count the ballots in the package to ensure that

197.28 the total count provided for the package is correct. Any discrepancy must be noted on the

197.29 incident log.

198.1 (b) Before the voting begins, or as soon as possible after it begins, at least two election

198.2 judges shall each initial ~~the backs of all~~ the ballots. The election judges shall not otherwise

198.3 mark the ballots.

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

198.5 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

198.6 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**

198.7 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

198.8 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature

198.9 certificate which states that the individual:

198.10 (1) is at least 18 years old;

198.11 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

198.12 (3) has maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election;

198.13 (4) maintains residence at the address or location shown;

198.14 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to

198.15 vote;

198.16 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote;

198.17 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the individual

198.18 is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

198.19 (8) is registered; and

198.20 (9) has not already voted in the election.

198.21 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information

198.22 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than

198.23 \$10,000, or both."

198.24 (b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I

198.25 am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to

198.26 vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a).

198.27 The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

79.10 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

79.11 Subdivision 1. **Counting and initialing.** (a) Before the voting begins, at least two election

79.12 judges must certify the number of ballots delivered to the precinct. Election judges may

79.13 conduct this count, presuming that the total count provided for prepackaged ballots is correct.

79.14 As each package is opened, two judges must count the ballots in the package to ensure that

79.15 the total count provided for the package is correct. Any discrepancy must be noted on the

79.16 incident log.

79.17 (b) Before the voting begins, or as soon as possible after it begins, at least two election

79.18 judges shall each initial ~~the backs of all~~ the ballots. The election judges shall not otherwise

79.19 mark the ballots.

198.28 (c) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,
 198.29 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

199.1 (d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give
 199.2 the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in
 199.3 charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to
 199.4 the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of
 199.5 filing an election contest.

199.6 (e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge
 199.7 must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than
 199.8 the voter whose status is challenged.

199.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2025.

199.10 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

199.11 Subd. 2. **Outside the polling place.** An individual who is unable to enter a polling place
 199.12 where paper ballots or an electronic voting system are used may register or update the voter's
 199.13 registration and vote without leaving a motor vehicle. Upon request of the voter, two election
 199.14 judges who are members of different major political parties shall must assist the voter to
 199.15 register or to update a registration, as applicable, and to complete a voter's certificate and
 199.16 shall must provide the necessary ballots. The voter may request additional assistance in
 199.17 marking ballots as provided in subdivision 1.

79.20 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

79.21 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for
 79.22 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may
 79.23 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties
 79.24 at any location where ballots may be cast, including early and in-person absentee voting
 79.25 locations, and in a polling place on election day. The election judges shall mark the ballots
 79.26 as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner as circumstances permit. A voter in need
 79.27 of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance of any individual the voter chooses.
 79.28 Only the following persons may not provide assistance to a voter: the voter's employer, an
 79.29 agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person who
 79.30 assists the voter shall, unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth
 79.31 and mark the ballot as directed by the voter. Before the ballots are deposited, the voter may
 79.32 show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they are marked as the voter
 80.1 directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall not in any manner
 80.2 request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to vote for any particular
 80.3 political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals who assist the voter
 80.4 shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the voter has voted or
 80.5 anything that took place while assisting the voter.

80.6 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

80.7 Subd. 2. **Outside the polling place.** An individual who is unable to enter any location
 80.8 where ballots may be cast, including early and in-person absentee voting locations, or a
 80.9 polling place where paper ballots or an electronic voting system are used may register and
 80.10 vote without leaving a motor vehicle. Two election judges who are members of different
 80.11 major political parties shall assist the voter to register and to complete a voter's certificate
 80.12 and shall provide the necessary ballots. The voter may request additional assistance in
 80.13 marking ballots as provided in subdivision 1.

- 199.18 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 199.19 Subd. 3. **Voting lines.** In all polling places, upon request of the voter, two election judges
- 199.20 shall assist a disabled voter with a disability to enter the polling place and go through
- 199.21 the registration and voting lines to register to vote or update the voter's registration,
- 199.22 as applicable, and to vote. The voter may also request the assistance of election judges or
- 199.23 any other individual in marking ballots, as provided in subdivision 1.
- 199.24 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 199.25 Subdivision 1. **Information requirements.** Precinct summary statements shall be
- 199.26 submitted by the election judges in every precinct. For all elections, the election judges
- 199.27 shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall
- 199.28 contain the following information for each kind of ballot:
- 199.29 (1) the number of ballots delivered to the precinct as adjusted by the actual count made
- 199.30 by the election judges, the number of unofficial ballots made, and the number of absentee
- 199.31 ballots delivered to the precinct;
- 200.1 (2) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on
- 200.2 each question, the number of undervotes, the number of overvotes, and the number of
- 200.3 defective ballots with respect to each office or question;
- 200.4 (3) the number of spoiled ballots, the number of duplicate ballots made, the number of
- 200.5 absentee ballots rejected, and the number of unused ballots, presuming that the total count
- 200.6 provided on each package of unopened prepackaged ballots is correct;
- 200.7 (4) the number of voted ballots indicating only a voter's choices as provided by section
- 200.8 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii), in precincts that use an assistive voting device
- 200.9 that produces this type of ballot;
- 200.10 (5) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct which must equal
- 200.11 the total number of ballots cast in the precinct, as required by sections 204C.20 and 206.86,
- 200.12 subdivision 1;
- 200.13 (6) the number of voters registering or updating registrations on election day in that
- 200.14 precinct;
- 200.15 (7) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all of the
- 200.16 ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered by the
- 200.17 election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast for each
- 200.18 candidate and for and against each question;
- 200.19 (8) the number of election judges that worked in that precinct on election day; and
- 200.20 (9) the number of voting booths used in that precinct on election day.
- 200.21 At least two copies of the summary statement must be prepared for elections not held
- 200.22 on the same day as the state elections.

200.23 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

200.24 Subdivision 1. **County canvass.** The county canvassing board ~~shall~~ must meet at the
 200.25 county auditor's office on either the second or third day following the state primary. After
 200.26 taking the oath of office, the canvassing board ~~shall~~ must publicly canvass the election
 200.27 returns delivered to the county auditor. The board ~~shall~~ must complete the canvass by the
 200.28 third day following the state primary and ~~shall~~ must promptly prepare and file with the
 200.29 county auditor a report that states:

200.30 (a) the number of individuals voting at the election in the county, and in each precinct;

201.1 (b) for each precinct, the number of individuals registering to vote or updating
 201.2 registrations on election day and the number of individuals who were registered before
 201.3 election day ~~in each precinct~~ and did not need to update the voter's registration;

201.4 (c) for each major political party, the names of the candidates running for each partisan
 201.5 office and the number of votes received by each candidate in the county and in each precinct;

201.6 (d) the names of the candidates of each major political party who are nominated; and

201.7 (e) the number of votes received by each of the candidates for nonpartisan office in each
 201.8 precinct in the county and the names of the candidates nominated for nonpartisan office.

201.9 Upon completion of the canvass, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must mail or deliver a notice
 201.10 of nomination to each nominee for county office voted for only in that county. The county
 201.11 auditor ~~shall~~ must transmit one of the certified copies of the county canvassing board report
 201.12 for state and federal offices to the secretary of state by express mail or similar service
 201.13 immediately upon conclusion of the county canvass. The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must mail
 201.14 a notice of nomination to each nominee for state or federal office.

201.15 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

201.16 Subdivision 1. **County canvass.** The county canvassing board ~~shall~~ must meet at the
 201.17 county auditor's office between the third and eighth days following the state general election.
 201.18 After taking the oath of office, the board ~~shall~~ must promptly and publicly canvass the
 201.19 general election returns delivered to the county auditor. Upon completion of the canvass,
 201.20 the board ~~shall~~ must promptly prepare and file with the county auditor a report which states:

201.21 (a) the number of individuals voting at the election in the county and in each precinct;

201.22 (b) for each precinct, the number of individuals registering to vote or updating
 201.23 registrations on election day and the number of individuals who were registered before
 201.24 election day ~~in each precinct~~ and did not need to update the voter's registration;

201.25 (c) the names of the candidates for each office and the number of votes received by each
 201.26 candidate in the county and in each precinct;

201.27 (d) the number of votes counted for and against a proposed change of county lines or
 201.28 county seat; and

201.29 (e) the number of votes counted for and against a constitutional amendment or other
 201.30 question in the county and in each precinct.

201.31 The result of write-in votes cast on the general election ballots must be compiled by the
 201.32 county auditor before the county canvass, except that write-in votes for a candidate for
 202.1 federal, state, or county office must not be counted unless the candidate has timely filed a
 202.2 request under section 204B.09, subdivision 3. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must arrange for
 202.3 each municipality to provide an adequate number of election judges to perform this duty or
 202.4 the county auditor may appoint additional election judges for this purpose. The county
 202.5 auditor may open the envelopes or containers in which the voted ballots have been sealed
 202.6 in order to count and record the write-in votes and must reseal the voted ballots at the
 202.7 conclusion of this process. The county auditor must prepare a separate report of votes
 202.8 received by precinct for write-in candidates for federal, state, and county offices who have
 202.9 requested under section 204B.09 that votes for those candidates be tallied.

202.10 Upon completion of the canvass, the county canvassing board ~~shall~~ must declare the
 202.11 candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each county and state
 202.12 office voted for only within the county. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must transmit a certified
 202.13 copy of the county canvassing board report for state and federal offices to the secretary of
 202.14 state by messenger, express mail, or similar service immediately upon conclusion of the
 202.15 county canvass.

80.14 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204D.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

80.15 Subdivision 1. **Vacancy filled at general election.** When a vacancy occurs more than
 80.16 150 days before the next state general election, and the legislature will not be in session
 80.17 before the final canvass of the state general election returns, the vacancy shall be filled at
 80.18 the next state general election. When practicable, the filing period for the vacancy must be
 80.19 concurrent with the filing period for the general election filing period provided in section
 80.20 204B.09. If not possible, the filing period for the vacancy must be a minimum of five days
 80.21 and a maximum of ten days, excluding holidays.

80.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 80.23 applies to vacancies in legislative offices that occur on or after that date.

80.24 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

80.25 Subd. 2. **Special election when legislature will be in session.** Except for vacancies in
 80.26 the legislature which occur at any time between the last day of session in an odd-numbered
 80.27 year and the ~~40th~~ 50th day prior to the opening day of session in the succeeding
 80.28 even-numbered year, when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that
 80.29 the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties
 80.30 of the office immediately upon election, the governor shall issue within five days after the
 80.31 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The filing period for the vacancy must
 80.32 be a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days, excluding holidays. The special

202.16 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 202.17 read:

202.18 Subd. 4. **Election judges; party balance.** The provisions of sections 204B.19, subdivision
 202.19 5; 204B.21, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f); 204C.15; 204C.19; 206.83; and 206.86,
 202.20 subdivision 2, relating to party balance in the appointment of judges and to duties to be
 202.21 performed by judges of different major political parties do not apply to a city election not
 202.22 held in conjunction with a state or federal election.

202.23 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.075, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

202.24 Subd. 4. **Election judges; party balance.** The provisions of sections 204B.19, subdivision
 202.25 5; 204B.21, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f); 204C.15; 204C.19; 206.83; and 206.86,
 202.26 subdivision 2, relating to party balance in the appointment of judges and to duties to be
 202.27 performed by judges of different major political parties do not apply to a town election not
 202.28 held in conjunction with a statewide state or federal election.

202.29 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

202.30 Subdivision 1. **Affidavit of candidacy.** (a) An individual who is eligible and desires to
 202.31 become a candidate for an office to be voted for at the municipal general election shall file
 202.32 an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk. Candidates for a special election to fill
 203.1 a vacancy held as provided in section 412.02, subdivision 2a, must file an affidavit of
 203.2 candidacy for the specific office to fill the unexpired portion of the term. Subject to the
 203.3 approval of the county auditor, the town clerk may authorize candidates for township offices
 203.4 to file affidavits of candidacy with the county auditor. The affidavit shall be in the same
 203.5 form as that in section 204B.06. The municipal clerk shall also accept an application signed
 203.6 by not less than five voters and filed on behalf of an eligible voter in the municipality whom

81.1 election shall be held as soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section
 81.2 204D.22, subdivision 3, but in no event more than ~~35~~ 40 days after the issuance of the writ.
 81.3 A special election must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a
 81.4 holiday as defined in section 645.44, subdivision 5.

81.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 81.6 applies to vacancies in legislative offices that occur on or after that date.

81.7 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204D.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

81.8 Subd. 3. **Special election at other times.** When a vacancy occurs at a time other than
 81.9 those described in subdivisions 1 and 2 the governor shall issue a writ, calling for a special
 81.10 election to be held so that the individual elected may take office at the opening of the next
 81.11 session of the legislature, or at the reconvening of a session of the legislature. The filing
 81.12 period for the vacancy must be a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days,
 81.13 excluding holidays.

81.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 81.15 applies to vacancies in legislative offices that occur on or after that date.

203.7 they desire to be a candidate, if service of a copy of the application has been made on the
 203.8 candidate and proof of service is endorsed on the application being filed. Upon receipt of
 203.9 the proper filing fee, the clerk shall place the name of the candidate on the official ballot
 203.10 without partisan designation.

203.11 (b) The municipal clerk shall notify the official responsible for preparing the ballot of
 203.12 the names of the candidates placed on the ballot, any changes to candidates, and other
 203.13 information necessary to prepare the ballot. The notification must be made within one
 203.14 business day of receiving the filing or change or immediately following the close of the
 203.15 filing period, whichever is sooner, unless the clerk and official agree to an alternative
 203.16 notification timeline.

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

203.18 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.13, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

203.19 Subd. 1a. **Filing period.** In a city nominating candidates at a primary, an affidavit of
 203.20 candidacy for a city office voted on in November must be filed no more than 84 days nor
 203.21 less than 70 days before the city primary. In municipalities that do not hold a primary, an
 203.22 affidavit of candidacy must be filed no more than 70 days and not less than 56 days before
 203.23 the municipal general election held in March in any year, or a special election not held in
 203.24 conjunction with another election, and no more than ~~98~~ 112 days nor less than ~~84~~ 98 days
 203.25 before the municipal general election held in November of any year. The municipal clerk's
 203.26 office must be open for filing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period.

203.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

203.28 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.185, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

203.29 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** (a) Between
 203.30 the third and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any
 203.31 election including a special municipal election, or the governing body of a town conducting
 203.32 the general election in November shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and
 203.33 declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each
 204.1 municipal office and the results of the election any ballot questions. The governing body
 204.2 of a town conducting the general election in March shall act as the canvassing board, canvass
 204.3 the returns, and shall declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number
 204.4 of votes for each town office and the results of the election any ballot question within two
 204.5 days after an election.

204.6 (b) After the time for contesting elections has passed, the municipal clerk shall issue a
 204.7 certificate of election to each successful candidate. In case of a contest, the certificate shall
 204.8 not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court.

204.9 (c) In case of a tie vote, the canvassing board having jurisdiction over the municipality
 204.10 shall determine the result by lot. The clerk of the canvassing board shall certify the results

81.16 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.13, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

81.17 Subd. 1a. **Filing period.** In a city nominating candidates at a primary, an affidavit of
 81.18 candidacy for a city office voted on in November must be filed no more than 84 days nor
 81.19 less than 70 days before the city primary. In municipalities that do not hold a primary, an
 81.20 affidavit of candidacy must be filed no more than 70 days and not less than 56 days before
 81.21 the municipal general election held in March in any year, or a special election not held in
 81.22 conjunction with another election, and no more than ~~98~~ 112 days nor less than ~~84~~ 98 days
 81.23 before the municipal general election held in November of any year. The municipal clerk's
 81.24 office must be open for filing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period.

81.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

- 204.11 of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots
 204.12 and the returns of the election.
- 204.13 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 204.14 Subdivision 1. **Affidavit of candidacy.** (a) An individual who is eligible and desires to
 204.15 become a candidate for an office to be voted on at the election must file an affidavit of
 204.16 candidacy with the school district clerk. The affidavit must be in the form prescribed by
 204.17 section 204B.06. The school district clerk shall also accept an application signed by at least
 204.18 five voters and filed on behalf of an eligible voter in the school district whom they desire
 204.19 to be a candidate, if service of a copy of the application has been made on the candidate
 204.20 and proof of service is endorsed on the application being filed. No individual shall be
 204.21 nominated by nominating petition for a school district elective office. Upon receipt of the
 204.22 proper filing fee, the clerk shall place the name of the candidate on the official ballot without
 204.23 partisan designation.
- 204.24 (b) The school district clerk shall notify the official responsible for preparing the ballot
 204.25 of the names of the candidates placed on the ballot, any changes to candidates, and other
 204.26 information necessary to prepare the ballot. The notification must be made within one
 204.27 business day of receiving the filing or change or immediately following the close of the
 204.28 filing period, whichever is sooner, unless the clerk and official agree to an alternative
 204.29 notification timeline.
- 204.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 205.1 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.06, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
- 205.2 Subd. 1a. **Filing period.** In school districts that have adopted a resolution to choose
 205.3 nominees for school board by a primary election, affidavits of candidacy must be filed with
 205.4 the school district clerk no earlier than the 84th day and no later than the 70th day before
 205.5 the second Tuesday in August in the year when the school district general election is held.
 205.6 In all other school districts, affidavits of candidacy must be filed no earlier than the ~~98th~~
 205.7 112th day and no later than the ~~84th~~ 98th day before the school district general election.
- 205.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.
- 205.9 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 205.10 Subd. 2. **Election, conduct.** A school district election must be by secret ballot and must
 205.11 be held and the returns made in the manner provided for the state general election, as far as
 205.12 practicable. The vote totals from a ballot board established pursuant to section 203B.121
 205.13 may be tabulated and reported by the school district as a whole rather than by precinct. For
 205.14 school district elections not held in conjunction with a statewide election, the school board
 205.15 shall appoint election judges as provided in section 204B.21, subdivision 2. The provisions
 205.16 of sections 204B.19, subdivision 5; 204B.21, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f); 204C.15;
 205.17 204C.19; 206.83; and 206.86, subdivision 2, relating to party balance in appointment of
 205.18 judges and to duties to be performed by judges of different major political parties do not

205.19 apply to school district elections not held in conjunction with a statewide state or federal
205.20 election.

205.21 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

205.22 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** Between the
205.23 third and tenth 14th days after a school district election other than a recount of a special
205.24 election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school board shall
205.25 canvass the returns and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number
205.26 of votes for each school district office and the results of the election any ballot question.
205.27 The recounted results of a referendum conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or
205.28 475.59, must be certified by the canvassing board. After the time for contesting elections
205.29 has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful
205.30 candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued
205.31 until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie
205.32 vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate
205.33 of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful
206.1 candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days
206.2 of the date of mailing or personal service. A person who fails to qualify prior to the time
206.3 specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but that filing may be made at any time
206.4 before action to fill the vacancy has been taken. The school district clerk shall certify the
206.5 results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the
206.6 ballots and the returns of the election.

206.7 A school district canvassing board shall perform the duties of the school board according
206.8 to the requirements of this subdivision for a recount of a special election conducted under
206.9 section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59.

206.10 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

206.11 Subd. 2. **Combined polling place.** (a) When no other election is being held in a school
206.12 district, the school board may designate combined polling places at which the voters in
206.13 those precincts may vote in the school district election.

206.14 (b) By December 31 of each year, the school board must designate, by resolution, any
206.15 changes to combined polling places. The combined polling places designated in the resolution
206.16 are the polling places, unless a change is made in accordance with this paragraph or:

206.17 (1) pursuant to section 204B.175; or

206.18 (2) because a polling place has become unavailable.

206.19 (c) If the school board designates combined polling places pursuant to this subdivision,
206.20 polling places must be designated throughout the district, taking into account both
206.21 geographical distribution and population distribution. A combined polling place must be at
206.22 a location designated for use as a polling place by a county or municipality, except as
206.23 provided in this paragraph. If the municipality conducts elections by mail balloting pursuant

206.24 to section 204B.45, the school board may designate a polling place not used by the
 206.25 municipality if the polling place satisfies the requirements in section 204B.16, subdivisions
 206.26 4 to 7.

206.27 (d) In school districts that have organized into separate board member election districts
 206.28 under section 205A.12, a combined polling place for a school general election must be
 206.29 arranged so that it does not include more than one board member election district.

207.1 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.83, is amended to read:

207.2 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

207.3 At least three days before voting equipment is used, the official in charge of elections
 207.4 shall have the voting system tested to ascertain that the system will correctly mark ballots
 207.5 using all methods supported by the system, including through assistive technology, and
 207.6 count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public notice of the time and
 207.7 place of the test must be given at least ~~two~~ five days in advance by publication once in
 207.8 official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election judges, who are not
 207.9 of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives of the political parties,
 207.10 candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by (1) processing a
 207.11 preaudited group of ballots ~~punched or~~ punched or marked to record a predetermined number of valid
 207.12 votes for each candidate and on each question in the contest, and must include for each
 207.13 office one or more ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law
 207.14 in order to test the ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to
 207.15 reject those votes; and (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the
 207.16 electronic ballot marker for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot
 207.17 display, audio ballot reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic
 207.18 ballot marker. If any error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an
 207.19 errorless count must be made before the voting system may be used in the election. After
 207.20 the completion of the test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed, retained, and
 207.21 disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

207.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2025.

207.23 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 202A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

207.24 Subd. 2. **Reporting caucus results.** If a major political party does not participate in a
 207.25 presidential nomination primary pursuant to chapter 207A and instead conducts preference
 207.26 balloting at precinct caucuses, the secretary of state shall promptly report to the public the
 207.27 results of preference balloting at the precinct caucuses.

81.26 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.27 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must
 81.28 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against
 81.29 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording

207.28 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 207A.11, is amended to read:

207.29 **207A.11 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ESTABLISHED.**

207.30 (a) A presidential nomination primary must be held each year in which a president and
207.31 vice president of the United States are to be nominated and elected, except as provided in
207.32 section 207A.17, paragraph (b).

208.1 (b) The party chairs must jointly submit to the secretary of state, no later than March 1
208.2 in a year prior to a presidential election year, the single date on which the parties have agreed
208.3 to conduct the presidential nomination primary in the next year. The date selected must not
208.4 be the date of the town general election provided in section 205.075, subdivision 1. If a date
208.5 is not jointly submitted by the deadline, the presidential nomination primary must be held
208.6 on the first Tuesday in March in the year of the presidential election. No other election may
208.7 be conducted on the date of the presidential nomination primary.

208.8 (c) The secretary of state must adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter.
208.9 The secretary of state shall consult with the party chairs throughout the rulemaking process,
208.10 including seeking advice about possible rules before issuing a notice of intent to adopt rules,
208.11 consultation before the notice of comment is published, consultation on the statement of
208.12 need and reasonableness, consultation in drafting and revising the rules, and consultation
208.13 regarding any modifications to the rule being considered.

208.14 (d) This chapter only applies to a major political party that selects delegates at the
208.15 presidential nomination primary to send to a national convention. A major political party
208.16 that does not participate in a national convention is not eligible to participate in the
208.17 presidential nomination primary.

81.30 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any
81.31 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the
81.32 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording
82.1 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No
82.2 connection by modem is permitted.

82.3 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system
82.4 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means
82.5 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording
82.6 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,
82.7 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of
82.8 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting
82.9 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of
82.10 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law. A password used to access any
82.11 ballot recording or tabulating system must be kept in a safe and secure place in the precinct
82.12 so that it is not accessible to or visible by the public.

208.18 (e) For purposes of this chapter, "political party" or "party" means a major political party
 208.19 as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, that is eligible to participate in the presidential
 208.20 nomination primary.

208.21 Sec. 89. **[207A.17] PARTY PAYMENT FOR COSTS.**

208.22 (a) No later than September 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, the
 208.23 secretary of state must notify each major political party of the estimated state and local costs
 208.24 of conducting the presidential nomination primary and invoice each party for its portion of
 208.25 the costs. Each party's portion of the costs is calculated by dividing the amount originally
 208.26 certified to the commissioner of management and budget under section 207A.15, subdivision
 208.27 1, paragraph (b), by the number of parties eligible to participate in the presidential nomination
 208.28 primary. The secretary of state must deposit payments received from parties for amounts
 208.29 billed under this paragraph in the general fund.

208.30 (b) If at least one party pays the secretary of state the amount invoiced to it under
 208.31 paragraph (a) by October 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, then a
 208.32 presidential nomination primary must be held the following year. If a party does not pay
 208.33 the amount invoiced to it under paragraph (a) by October 1 of the year preceding a
 208.34 presidential election year, then section 207A.13 does not apply to that party in the following
 209.1 year, and a presidential nomination primary ballot must not be prepared for that party. If
 209.2 no party pays the secretary of state the amount invoiced to it under paragraph (a) by October
 209.3 1 of the year preceding a presidential election year, then a presidential nomination primary
 209.4 must not be held.

SECTIONS 42 AND 43 APPEAR IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SIDE-BY-SIDE

83.14 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

83.15 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not prohibit:

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

83.18 (2) requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to admission
 83.19 to a multiple unit dwelling;

83.20 (3) in the case of a nursing home or an assisted living facility under chapter 144G, denial
 83.21 of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

83.22 (4) limiting visits by candidates or volunteers accompanied by the candidate to a
 83.23 reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours, provided that access must be permitted
 83.24 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. on any day, at a minimum;

83.25 (5) requiring a ~~prior appointment~~ 24 hours prior notice to gain access to the facility; or

83.26 (6) denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple unit dwelling for good cause.

209.5 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 368.47, is amended to read:

209.6 **368.47 TOWNS MAY BE DISSOLVED.**

209.7 (1) When the voters residing within a town have failed to elect any town officials for
209.8 more than ten years continuously;

209.9 (2) when a town has failed for a period of ten years to exercise any of the powers and
209.10 functions of a town;

209.11 (3) when the estimated market value of a town drops to less than \$165,000;

209.12 (4) when the tax delinquency of a town, exclusive of taxes that are delinquent or unpaid
209.13 because they are contested in proceedings for the enforcement of taxes, amounts to 12
209.14 percent of its market value; or

209.15 (5) when the state or federal government has acquired title to 50 percent of the real estate
209.16 of a town,

209.17 which facts, or any of them, may be found and determined by the resolution of the county
209.18 board of the county in which the town is located, according to the official records in the
209.19 office of the county auditor, the county board by resolution may declare the town, naming
209.20 it, dissolved and no longer entitled to exercise any of the powers or functions of a town.

209.21 In Cass, Itasca, and St. Louis Counties, before the dissolution is effective the voters of
209.22 the town shall express their approval or disapproval. The town clerk shall, upon a petition
209.23 signed by a majority of the registered voters of the town, filed with the clerk at least 60 84
209.24 days before a regular or special town election, give notice at the same time and in the same
209.25 manner of the election that the question of dissolution of the town will be submitted for
209.26 determination at the election. ~~At the election the question shall be voted upon by a separate~~
209.27 ~~ballot.~~ The form of the question under this chapter shall be substantially in the following
209.28 form: "Shall the town of ... be dissolved?" ~~The ballot shall be deposited in a separate ballot~~
209.29 ~~box and~~ The result of the voting canvassed, certified, and returned in the same manner and
209.30 at the same time as other facts and returns of the election. If a majority of the votes cast at
209.31 the election are for dissolution, the town shall be dissolved. If a majority of the votes cast
209.32 at the election are against dissolution, the town shall not be dissolved.

210.1 When a town is dissolved under sections 368.47 to 368.49 the county shall acquire title
210.2 to any telephone company or other business conducted by the town. The business shall be
210.3 operated by the board of county commissioners until it can be sold. The subscribers or
210.4 patrons of the business shall have the first opportunity of purchase. If the town has any

84.1 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, is amended by adding a subdivision
84.2 to read:

84.3 Subd. 3. **Notice to residents.** The owner, manager, or operator of a multiple unit dwelling
84.4 is encouraged to notify residents of the days on which a candidate has provided notice of
84.5 an intent to be present.

- 210.5 ~~outstanding indebtedness chargeable to the business, the county auditor shall levy a tax~~
 210.6 ~~against the property situated in the dissolved town to pay the indebtedness as it becomes~~
 210.7 ~~due.~~
- 210.8 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 375.20, is amended to read:
- 210.9 **375.20 BALLOT QUESTIONS.**
- 210.10 If the county board may do an act, incur a debt, appropriate money for a purpose, or
 210.11 exercise any other power or authority, only if authorized by a vote of the people, the question
 210.12 may be submitted at a special or general election, by a resolution specifying the matter or
 210.13 question to be voted upon. If the question is to authorize the appropriation of money, creation
 210.14 of a debt, or levy of a tax, it shall state the amount. Notice of the election shall be given as
 210.15 in the case of special elections. If the question submitted is adopted, the board shall pass an
 210.16 appropriate resolution to carry it into effect. In the election the form of the ballot shall be:
 210.17 "Shall (here state the substance of the resolution to be submitted)?, Yes No.....,". The
 210.18 county board may call a special county election upon a question to be held within ~~74~~ 84
 210.19 days after a resolution to that effect is adopted by the county board. Upon the adoption of
 210.20 the resolution the county auditor shall post and publish notices of the election, as required
 210.21 by section 204D.22, subdivisions 2 and 3. The election shall be conducted and the returns
 210.22 canvassed in the manner prescribed by sections 204D.20 to 204D.27, so far as practicable.
- 210.23 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 414.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 210.24 Subd. 3. **Elections of municipal officers.** (a) An order approving an incorporation or
 210.25 consolidation pursuant to this chapter, or an order requiring an election under section 414.031,
 210.26 subdivision 4a, shall set a date for an election of new municipal officers ~~not less than 45~~
 210.27 ~~days nor more than 60 days after the issuance of such order~~ in accordance with the uniform
 210.28 election dates defined in section 205.10, subdivision 3a.
- 210.29 (b) The chief administrative law judge shall appoint an acting clerk for election purposes,
 210.30 at least three election judges who shall be residents of the new municipality, and shall
 210.31 designate polling places within the new municipality.
- 210.32 (c) The acting clerk shall prepare the official election ballot pursuant to section 205.17.
- 211.1 (d) Any person eligible to hold municipal office may file an affidavit of candidacy ~~not~~
 211.2 ~~more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before the date designated in the order for~~
 211.3 ~~the election~~ pursuant to section 205.13.
- 211.4 (e) The election shall be conducted in conformity with the charter and the laws for
 211.5 conducting municipal elections insofar as applicable.
- 211.6 (f) Any person eligible to vote at a township or municipal election within the area of the
 211.7 new municipality, is eligible to vote at such election.

- 84.6 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 375.20, is amended to read:
- 84.7 **375.20 BALLOT QUESTIONS.**
- 84.8 If the county board may do an act, incur a debt, appropriate money for a purpose, or
 84.9 exercise any other power or authority, only if authorized by a vote of the people, the question
 84.10 may be submitted at a special or general election, by a resolution specifying the matter or
 84.11 question to be voted upon. If the question is to authorize the appropriation of money, creation
 84.12 of a debt, or levy of a tax, it shall state the amount. Notice of the election shall be given as
 84.13 in the case of special elections. If the question submitted is adopted, the board shall pass an
 84.14 appropriate resolution to carry it into effect. In the election the form of the ballot shall be:
 84.15 "Shall (here state the substance of the resolution to be submitted)?, Yes No.....,". The
 84.16 county board may call a special county election upon a question to be held within ~~74~~ 84
 84.17 days after a resolution to that effect is adopted by the county board. Upon the adoption of
 84.18 the resolution the county auditor shall post and publish notices of the election, as required
 84.19 by section 204D.22, subdivisions 2 and 3. The election shall be conducted and the returns
 84.20 canvassed in the manner prescribed by sections 204D.20 to 204D.27, so far as practicable.
- SECTION 47 APPEARS IN THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SIDE-BY-SIDE**
- 85.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 414.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 85.2 Subd. 3. **Elections of municipal officers.** (a) An order approving an incorporation or
 85.3 consolidation pursuant to this chapter, or an order requiring an election under section 414.031,
 85.4 subdivision 4a, shall set a date for an election of new municipal officers ~~not less than 45~~
 85.5 ~~days nor more than 60 days after the issuance of such order~~ in accordance with the uniform
 85.6 election dates defined in section 205.10, subdivision 3a.
- 85.7 (b) The chief administrative law judge shall appoint an acting clerk for election purposes,
 85.8 at least three election judges who shall be residents of the new municipality, and shall
 85.9 designate polling places within the new municipality.
- 85.10 (c) The acting clerk shall prepare the official election ballot pursuant to section 205.17.
- 85.11 (d) Any person eligible to hold municipal office may file an affidavit of candidacy ~~not~~
 85.12 ~~more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before the date designated in the order for~~
 85.13 ~~the election~~ pursuant to section 205.13.
- 85.14 (e) The election shall be conducted in conformity with the charter and the laws for
 85.15 conducting municipal elections insofar as applicable.
- 85.16 (f) Any person eligible to vote at a township or municipal election within the area of the
 85.17 new municipality, is eligible to vote at such election.

211.8 (g) Any excess in the expense of conducting the election over receipts from filing fees
 211.9 shall be a charge against the new municipality; any excess of receipts shall be deposited in
 211.10 the treasury of the new municipality.

211.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

211.12 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 447.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

211.13 Subd. 4. **Candidates; ballots; certifying election.** (a) A person who wants to be a
 211.14 candidate for the hospital board shall file an affidavit of candidacy for the election either
 211.15 as member at large or as a member representing the city or town where the candidate
 211.16 maintains residence. The affidavit of candidacy must be filed with the city or town clerk
 211.17 not more than ~~98~~ 112 days nor less than ~~84~~ 98 days before the first Tuesday after the first
 211.18 Monday in November of the year in which the general election is held. The city or town
 211.19 clerk must forward the affidavits of candidacy to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the
 211.20 first election, the clerk of the most populous city or town immediately after the last day of
 211.21 the filing period. A candidate may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of
 211.22 withdrawal with the clerk of the district no later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day
 211.23 to file affidavits of candidacy.

211.24 (b) Voting must be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district,
 211.25 necessary ballots for the election of officers. Ballots must be prepared as provided in the
 211.26 rules of the secretary of state. The ballots must be marked and initialed by at least two judges
 211.27 as official ballots and used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted on may
 211.28 be printed on the ballot provided for the election of officers. The hospital board may also
 211.29 authorize the use of voting systems subject to chapter 206. Enough election judges may be
 211.30 appointed to receive the votes at each polling place. The election judges shall act as clerks
 211.31 of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass.

212.1 (c) Between the third and 14th days after an election, the board must act as the canvassing
 212.2 board, canvass the returns, and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest
 212.3 number of votes for each hospital district office and the results of any ballot questions.

212.4 (d) After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the
 212.5 candidate who received the largest number of votes cast for each office. The clerk shall
 212.6 deliver the certificate to the person entitled to it in person or by certified mail. Each person
 212.7 certified shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days
 212.8 after the date of delivery or mailing of the certificate. The board may fill any office as
 212.9 provided in subdivision 1 if the person elected fails to qualify within 30 days, but qualification
 212.10 is effective if made before the board acts to fill the vacancy.

212.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2026.

85.18 (g) Any excess in the expense of conducting the election over receipts from filing fees
 85.19 shall be a charge against the new municipality; any excess of receipts shall be deposited in
 85.20 the treasury of the new municipality.

212.12 Sec. 94. **TRANSITION TO NEW VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS;**
212.13 **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS.**

212.14 (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 10, a completed voter registration
212.15 application submitted by a voter is not deficient for purposes of registering that voter if the
212.16 application form was printed or provided to the voter prior to July 1, 2025. On or after July
212.17 1, 2025, an election official must not print or copy a blank voter registration application
212.18 that does not include the modifications required by section 10. An election official may
212.19 distribute copies of registration applications that were printed prior to the effective date.

212.20 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 25, a completed absentee ballot
212.21 application submitted by a voter is not deficient for purposes of applying for an absentee
212.22 ballot if the application was printed or provided to the voter prior to July 1, 2025. On or
212.23 after July 1, 2025, an election official must not print, copy, or distribute a blank absentee
212.24 ballot application that does not include the modifications required by section 25.

212.25 Sec. 95. **VOTER OUTREACH; SECRETARY OF STATE.**

212.26 (a) The secretary of state must conduct voter outreach efforts across the state with the
212.27 goal of increasing voter turnout. The secretary must focus on counties with the lowest voter
212.28 turnout in the 2022 and 2024 general elections. At a minimum, these efforts must include
212.29 publicizing the methods of registering to vote or updating a voter registration, the ways to
212.30 vote on or before election day, and recent changes to laws relating to voter registration and
212.31 early voting. The secretary of state must provide these voter outreach materials in the three
212.32 most common non-English languages and any other language required for a language
212.33 minority district in a county, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.295.

213.1 (b) By January 15, 2027, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking
213.2 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over election policy and
213.3 finance on the voter outreach efforts required in paragraph (a). At a minimum, the report
213.4 must include:

213.5 (1) which counties were identified as the lowest voter turnout counties and how they
213.6 were identified;

213.7 (2) for each county, the total number of voters in each election and the percentage of
213.8 eligible voters who cast ballots for the 2022, 2024, and 2026 general elections;

213.9 (3) a description of voter outreach efforts that were conducted pursuant to paragraph
213.10 (a), including, where applicable, details of what efforts took place in each county;

213.11 (4) an itemization of expenditures made for the purposes of paragraph (a); and

213.12 (5) a listing of the non-English language materials that were provided and, where
213.13 applicable, in which counties.

213.14 If data described in clause (2) for the 2026 general election is not available for purposes
213.15 of calculating the percentage of eligible voters who cast ballots, the secretary of state must

213.16 use the most recent data available. When data from the 2026 general election becomes
213.17 available, the secretary of state must update the report with the percentages for each county
213.18 and provide the updated report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
213.19 committees with jurisdiction over election policy and finance.

213.20 Sec. 96. **REPEALER.**

213.21 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 206.57, subdivision 5b; 206.95; and 209.06, are
213.22 repealed.

213.23 Sec. 97. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

213.24 Unless otherwise provided, this article is effective July 1, 2025.