

Stephenson and Torkelson from the Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

S.F. No. 3045, A bill for an act relating to state government operations; establishing a biennial budget; appropriating money for the legislature, certain constitutional offices and state agencies, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota Humanities Center, certain retirement accounts, certain offices, departments, boards, commissions, councils, general contingent account, and tort claims; transferring money; raising fees; making changes to policy provisions for state government operations and local government policy; modifying state personnel management policies; modifying business filing and fraud policies; creating a task force; repealing provisions; modifying various laws related to election administration; modifying voting and absentee voting requirements and procedures; formalizing the election reporting system; clarifying terminology; expanding laws relating to reprisals for political activity; expanding election-related bribery and solicitation prohibitions; amending fair campaign practices laws; requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to study campaign spending limits; modifying campaign finance definitions; establishing and modifying disclaimer requirements; amending standards for coordinated and noncoordinated expenditures and disbursements; modifying laws on transition expenses; modifying campaign finance definitions; modifying statement of economic interest requirements; modifying payment for the presidential nomination primary; providing for civil causes of action and civil enforcement; providing criminal and civil penalties; authorizing rulemaking; repealing the voting equipment grant account; requiring reports and publications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.06; 3.084, subdivision 2; 3.971, subdivisions 2, 8a, 9; 10A.01, subdivisions 16a, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 26b, 35, by adding a subdivision; 10A.04, subdivisions 4, 6; 10A.06; 10A.07, subdivisions 1, 2; 10A.08, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivisions 1, 5, 5a, 6a; 10A.175, by adding a subdivision; 10A.176; 10A.177; 10A.20, by adding a subdivision; 10A.201, subdivision 6; 10A.202, subdivision 4; 10A.36; 11A.24, by adding a subdivision; 13.485, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 13D.02, subdivisions 1, 4; 14.48, subdivisions 1, 2; 14.62, subdivisions 1, 2a, by adding a subdivision; 15B.06, subdivision 1; 16A.152, subdivision 8; 16B.055, subdivision 1; 16B.335, subdivision 2; 16B.48, subdivision 4; 16B.54, subdivision 2; 16B.97, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 16B.98, subdivisions 1, 4; 16B.981, subdivision 4; 16B.991, subdivision 2; 16C.05, by adding a subdivision; 16C.137, subdivision 2; 16C.16, subdivisions 2, 6, 6a, 7; 16D.09, subdivision 1; 43A.01, subdivision 3; 43A.02, subdivision 14; 43A.04, subdivisions 1, 4, 8; 43A.05, subdivision 3; 43A.08, subdivisions 1a, 4; 43A.11, subdivision 9; 43A.121; 43A.15, subdivisions 4, 7, 12, 14; 43A.17, subdivision 5; 43A.181, subdivision 1; 43A.1815; 43A.19, subdivision 1; 43A.23, subdivisions 1, 2; 43A.231, subdivisions 3, 4, 6; 43A.24, subdivisions 1a, 2; 43A.27, subdivisions 2, 3; 43A.33, subdivision 3; 43A.346, subdivisions 2, 6; 43A.36, subdivision 1; 43A.421; 124E.03, by adding a subdivision; 155A.23, by adding a subdivision; 155A.27, subdivision 2; 155A.2705, subdivision 3; 155A.30, subdivision 2; 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2; 201.056; 201.061, subdivisions 1, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 7; 201.071, subdivisions 1, 4; 201.091, subdivisions 5, 8; 201.121, subdivisions 1, 3; 201.13, subdivision 3; 201.14; 201.161, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; 201.162; 201.225, subdivisions 2, 5; 201.275;

202A.20, subdivision 2; 203B.04, subdivisions 1, 4; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.06, subdivision 4; 203B.07, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.081, subdivision 4; 203B.11, subdivision 1; 203B.121, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 203B.17, subdivision 3; 203B.23, subdivision 2; 203B.29, subdivisions 1, 2; 203B.30, subdivisions 2, 3; 204B.06, subdivisions 1, 1b; 204B.07, subdivision 2; 204B.09, subdivisions 1a, 2, 3; 204B.14, subdivisions 2, 4a; 204B.16, subdivision 1a; 204B.175, subdivision 3; 204B.21, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 204B.24; 204B.25, subdivision 3; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 204B.44; 204B.45, subdivision 2; 204C.05, subdivision 2; 204C.06, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.09, subdivision 1; 204C.10; 204C.15, subdivisions 2, 3; 204C.24, subdivision 1; 204C.32, subdivision 1; 204C.33, subdivision 1; 205.07, by adding a subdivision; 205.075, subdivision 4; 205.13, subdivisions 1, 1a; 205.185, subdivision 3; 205A.06, subdivisions 1, 1a; 205A.10, subdivisions 2, 3; 205A.11, subdivision 2; 206.83; 207A.11; 211A.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 211B.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, by adding a subdivision; 211B.13; 211B.32, subdivisions 1, 4; 211B.35, subdivision 2; 222.37, subdivision 1; 240.131, subdivision 7; 302A.153; 303.06, by adding a subdivision; 303.21; 308A.131, subdivision 2; 308B.215, subdivision 2; 317A.151, subdivision 2; 321.0206; 322C.0201, subdivision 4; 322C.0802; 323A.0101; 326.05; 326.10, subdivisions 1, 2, 10; 326.111, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 326A.03, subdivision 6, by adding subdivisions; 326A.14; 331A.10, subdivision 2; 349A.01, by adding a subdivision; 349A.06, subdivisions 2, 4, 11; 367.36, subdivision 1; 368.47; 375.20; 383B.041, subdivision 5; 383C.035; 412.02, subdivision 3; 412.591, subdivision 3; 414.09, subdivision 3; 447.32, subdivision 4; 466.01, subdivision 1; 477A.017, subdivision 3; 609.48, subdivision 1; Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, sections 11, subdivision 2; 13; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 1; 5; 6; 8; 10A; 15; 16B; 16C; 204B; 207A; 211B; 300; 383A; 471; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.328, subdivision 2; 16B.45; 16B.98, subdivision 14; 16C.36; 43A.315; 43A.317, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12; 43A.318, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5; 206.57, subdivision 5b; 206.95; 209.06; 211B.04, subdivision 4; 211B.06; 211B.08; 383C.07; 383C.74, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 471.9998; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 17, section 2; Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 3, section 2; Minnesota Rules, parts 1105.7900, item D; 4503.2000, subpart 2; 4511.1100.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2026

2027

3.1	Sec. 2. <u>LEGISLATURE</u>			
3.2	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>114,268,000</u>	\$ <u>114,389,000</u>
3.3	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
3.4	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
3.5	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
3.6	<u>Subd. 2. Senate</u>		<u>38,953,000</u>	<u>38,953,000</u>
3.7	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$39,703,000</u>			
3.8	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year</u>			
3.9	<u>thereafter.</u>			
3.10	<u>Subd. 3. House of Representatives</u>		<u>42,375,000</u>	<u>41,162,000</u>
3.11	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$39,437,000</u>			
3.12	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and \$39,436,000 in fiscal</u>			
3.13	<u>year 2029.</u>			
3.14	<u>Subd. 4. Legislative Coordinating Commission</u>		<u>32,940,000</u>	<u>34,274,000</u>
3.15	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$34,283,000</u>			
3.16	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and \$34,284,000 in fiscal</u>			
3.17	<u>year 2029.</u>			
3.18	<u>Legislative Auditor. \$12,654,000 the first</u>			
3.19	<u>year and \$13,147,000 the second year are for</u>			
3.20	<u>the Office of the Legislative Auditor.</u>			
3.21	<u>Revisor of Statutes. \$9,388,000 the first year</u>			
3.22	<u>and \$9,769,000 the second year are for the</u>			
3.23	<u>Office of the Revisor of Statutes.</u>			
3.24	<u>Legislative Reference Library. \$2,278,000</u>			
3.25	<u>the first year and \$2,369,000 the second year</u>			
3.26	<u>are for the Legislative Reference Library.</u>			
3.27	<u>Legislative Budget Office. \$2,800,000 the</u>			
3.28	<u>first year and \$2,965,000 the second year are</u>			
3.29	<u>for the Legislative Budget Office.</u>			
3.30	Sec. 3. <u>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT</u>			
3.31	<u>GOVERNOR</u>	\$	<u>9,231,000</u>	\$ <u>9,231,000</u>

4.1 (a) \$19,000 each year is for necessary
4.2 expenses in the normal performance of the
4.3 governor's and lieutenant governor's duties for
4.4 which no other reimbursement is provided.

4.5 (b) By September 1 of each year, the
4.6 commissioner of management and budget shall
4.7 report to the chairs and ranking minority
4.8 members of the legislative committees with
4.9 jurisdiction over state government finance any
4.10 personnel costs incurred by the Offices of the
4.11 Governor and Lieutenant Governor that were
4.12 supported by appropriations to other agencies
4.13 during the previous fiscal year. The Office of
4.14 the Governor shall inform the chairs and
4.15 ranking minority members of the committees
4.16 before initiating any interagency agreements.

4.17 Sec. 4. STATE AUDITOR \$ 15,497,000 \$ 16,101,000

4.18 The base for this appropriation is \$16,034,000
4.19 in fiscal year 2028 and \$16,064,000 in fiscal
4.20 year 2029.

4.21 Sec. 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL \$ 48,854,000 \$ 48,237,000

4.22 The general fund base for this appropriation
4.23 is \$44,821,000 in fiscal year 2028 and
4.24 \$44,462,000 in fiscal year 2029.

4.25	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
4.26		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
4.27	<u>General</u>	<u>45,438,000</u>	<u>44,821,000</u>
4.28	<u>State Government</u>		
4.29	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>3,021,000</u>	<u>3,021,000</u>
4.30	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
4.31	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

4.32 Sec. 6. SECRETARY OF STATE \$ 13,120,000 \$ 13,004,000

5.1 The base for this appropriation is \$12,934,000
5.2 in fiscal year 2028 and \$13,004,000 in fiscal
5.3 year 2029.

5.4 Sec. 7. STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT \$ 139,000 \$ 139,000

5.5 Sec. 8. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS \$ 11,110,000 \$ 11,709,000

5.6	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
5.7		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
5.8	<u>General</u>	<u>705,000</u>	<u>715,000</u>
5.9	<u>Workers'</u>		
5.10	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>10,405,000</u>	<u>10,994,000</u>

5.11 Sec. 9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
5.12 SERVICES \$ 10,153,000 \$ 10,172,000

5.13 The base for this appropriation is \$10,222,000
5.14 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year
5.15 thereafter.

5.16 During the biennium ending June 30, 2027,
5.17 the Department of Information Technology
5.18 Services must not charge fees to a public
5.19 noncommercial educational television
5.20 broadcast station eligible for funding under
5.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for access
5.22 to the state broadcast infrastructure. If the
5.23 access fees not charged to public
5.24 noncommercial educational television
5.25 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000
5.26 for the biennium, the office may charge for
5.27 access fees in excess of these amounts.

5.28 Sec. 10. ADMINISTRATION

5.29 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 36,976,000 \$ 36,985,000

5.30 The amounts that may be spent for each
5.31 purpose are specified in the following
5.32 subdivisions.

5.33 Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services 17,067,000 17,075,000

6.1 The general fund base for this appropriation
 6.2 is \$17,131,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each
 6.3 fiscal year thereafter.

6.4 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
 6.5 \$222,000 each year is for the Council on
 6.6 Developmental Disabilities.

6.7 **State Agency Accommodation**
 6.8 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 each year may be
 6.9 transferred to the accommodation account
 6.10 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
 6.11 16B.4805.

6.12	<u>Subd. 3. Strategic Management Services</u>	<u>2,639,000</u>	<u>2,639,000</u>
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6.13	<u>Subd. 4. Fiscal Agent</u>	<u>17,270,000</u>	<u>17,271,000</u>
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6.14 The appropriations under this subdivision are
 6.15 to the commissioner of administration for the
 6.16 purposes specified.

6.17 **In Lieu of Rent.** \$12,566,000 the first year
 6.18 and \$12,567,000 the second year are for space
 6.19 costs of the legislature and veterans
 6.20 organizations, ceremonial space, and
 6.21 statutorily free space.

6.22 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 each year
 6.23 is for matching grants for public television.

6.24 (b) \$250,000 each year is for public television
 6.25 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 6.26 section 129D.13.

6.27 (c) \$500,000 each year is for block grants to
 6.28 public television under Minnesota Statutes,
 6.29 section 129D.13. Of this amount, up to three
 6.30 percent is for the commissioner of
 6.31 administration to administer the grants.

6.32 (d) The commissioner of administration must
 6.33 consider the recommendations of the

7.1 Minnesota Public Television Association
7.2 before allocating the amounts appropriated in
7.3 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or
7.4 matching grants.

7.5 **Public Radio.** (a) \$1,242,000 each year is for
7.6 community service grants to public
7.7 educational radio stations. This appropriation
7.8 may be used to disseminate emergency
7.9 information in foreign languages. Any
7.10 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
7.11 end of the first year and is available for the
7.12 second year. The Association of Minnesota
7.13 Public Educational Radio Stations may use up
7.14 to four percent of this appropriation to help
7.15 the organization and its member stations to
7.16 better serve Minnesota's communities.

7.17 (b) \$142,000 each year is for equipment grants
7.18 to public educational radio stations. This
7.19 appropriation may be used for the repair,
7.20 rental, purchase, and upgrade of equipment
7.21 and software, including computer software,
7.22 applications, firmware, and equipment under
7.23 \$500.

7.24 (c) \$1,020,000 each year is for equipment
7.25 grants to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc.,
7.26 including upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency
7.27 Alert and AMBER Alert Systems.

7.28 (d) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c)
7.29 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by
7.30 an institution or governing body.

7.31 (e) The commissioner of administration must
7.32 consider the recommendations of the
7.33 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
7.34 Radio Stations before awarding grants under

8.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14, using
8.2 the appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c). No
8.3 grantee is eligible for a grant unless they are
8.4 a member of the Association of Minnesota
8.5 Public Educational Radio Stations on or before
8.6 July 1, 2023.

8.7 (f) Any unencumbered balance remaining the
8.8 first year for grants to public television or
8.9 public radio stations does not cancel and is
8.10 available for the second year.

8.11	Sec. 11. CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL			
8.12	AND PLANNING BOARD	\$	<u>464,000</u>	\$ <u>472,000</u>

8.13	Sec. 12. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND			
8.14	BUDGET	\$	<u>52,181,000</u>	\$ <u>52,181,000</u>

8.15 The general fund base for this appropriation
8.16 is \$52,206,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each
8.17 fiscal year thereafter.

8.18 Sec. 13. **REVENUE**

8.19	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>216,816,000</u>	\$ <u>213,818,000</u>
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8.20	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.21		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.22	<u>General</u>	<u>212,556,000</u>	<u>209,558,000</u>
8.23	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>
8.24	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
8.25	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>
8.26	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>

8.27 The general fund base for this appropriation
8.28 is \$209,557,000 in fiscal year 2028 and
8.29 \$209,558,000 in fiscal year 2029.

8.30	Subd. 2. Tax System Management		<u>181,837,000</u>	<u>178,913,000</u>
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8.31	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.32	<u>General</u>	<u>177,577,000</u>	<u>174,653,000</u>
8.33	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>

9.1	<u>Highway User Tax</u>				
9.2	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>		<u>2,195,000</u>	
9.3	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>		<u>305,000</u>	
9.4	<u>Taxpayer Assistance and Tax Credit</u>				
9.5	<u>Outreach Grants.</u> (a) \$1,250,000 each year				
9.6	<u>is for taxpayer assistance grants under</u>				
9.7	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.21,</u>				
9.8	<u>subdivision 3. The unencumbered balance in</u>				
9.9	<u>the first year does not cancel but is available</u>				
9.10	<u>for the second year.</u>				
9.11	(b) \$1,500,000 each year is for tax credit				
9.12	<u>outreach grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>				
9.13	<u>section 270C.21, subdivision 4.</u>				
9.14	<u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u>		<u>34,979,000</u>		<u>34,905,000</u>
9.15	<u>Sec. 14. GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,334,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,334,000</u>
9.16	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>				
9.17	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>				
9.18	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
9.19	<u>Sec. 15. RACING COMMISSION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>954,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>954,000</u>
9.20	<u>These appropriations are from the racing and</u>				
9.21	<u>card playing regulation accounts in the special</u>				
9.22	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
9.23	<u>Sec. 16. STATE LOTTERY</u>				
9.24	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
9.25	<u>349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's</u>				
9.26	<u>operating budget must not exceed \$45,000,000</u>				
9.27	<u>in fiscal year 2026 and \$45,000,000 in fiscal</u>				
9.28	<u>year 2027.</u>				
9.29	<u>Sec. 17. AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>401,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>411,000</u>
9.30	<u>Sec. 18. COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF</u>				
9.31	<u>AFRICAN HERITAGE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>828,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>840,000</u>
9.32	<u>Sec. 19. COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>693,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>705,000</u>

10.1	Sec. 20. <u>COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC</u>			
10.2	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>655,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>665,000</u>
10.3	Sec. 21. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,381,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>1,402,000</u>
10.4	Sec. 22. <u>COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA2S+</u>			
10.5	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>607,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>615,000</u>
10.6	Sec. 23. <u>MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u>			
10.7	<u>SOCIETY</u>			
10.8	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>26,813,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>27,126,000</u>
10.9	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
10.10	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
10.11	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
10.12	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Programs</u>		<u>26,442,000</u>	<u>26,755,000</u>
10.13	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
10.14	<u>138.668, the Minnesota Historical Society may</u>			
10.15	<u>not charge a fee for its general tours at the</u>			
10.16	<u>Capitol, but may charge fees for special</u>			
10.17	<u>programs other than general tours.</u>			
10.18	<u>Subd. 3. Fiscal Agent</u>		<u>371,000</u>	<u>371,000</u>
10.19	<u>(a) Global Minnesota</u>		<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>
10.20	<u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u>		<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
10.21	<u>(c) Hockey Hall of Fame</u>		<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
10.22	<u>(d) Farmamerica</u>		<u>165,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
10.23	<u>(e) Minnesota Military Museum</u>		<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
10.24	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
10.25	<u>subdivision the first year does not cancel but</u>			
10.26	<u>is available for the second year of the</u>			
10.27	<u>biennium.</u>			
10.28	Sec. 24. <u>BOARD OF THE ARTS</u>			
10.29	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,798,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>7,808,000</u>
10.30	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
10.31	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
10.32	<u>subdivisions.</u>			

11.1	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Services</u>		<u>859,000</u>	<u>869,000</u>
11.2	<u>Subd. 3. Grants Program</u>		<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>
11.3	<u>Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils</u>		<u>2,139,000</u>	<u>2,139,000</u>
11.4	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
11.5	<u>section the first year does not cancel, but is</u>			
11.6	<u>available for the second year.</u>			
11.7	<u>Money appropriated in this section and</u>			
11.8	<u>distributed as grants may only be spent on</u>			
11.9	<u>projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of</u>			
11.10	<u>a grant funded by an appropriation in this</u>			
11.11	<u>section must not use more than ten percent of</u>			
11.12	<u>the total grant for costs related to travel outside</u>			
11.13	<u>the state of Minnesota.</u>			
11.14	<u>Sec. 25. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES</u>			
11.15	<u>CENTER</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>970,000</u>	<u>\$ 970,000</u>
11.16	<u>\$500,000 each year is for Healthy Eating, Here</u>			
11.17	<u>at Home grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>			
11.18	<u>section 138.912. No more than three percent</u>			
11.19	<u>of the appropriation may be used for the</u>			
11.20	<u>nonprofit administration of the program.</u>			
11.21	<u>Sec. 26. BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>873,000</u>	<u>\$ 887,000</u>
11.22	<u>Sec. 27. BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,</u>			
11.23	<u>ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,</u>			
11.24	<u>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,</u>			
11.25	<u>GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>928,000</u>	<u>\$ 943,000</u>
11.26	<u>Sec. 28. BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST</u>			
11.27	<u>EXAMINERS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,654,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,711,000</u>
11.28	<u>Sec. 29. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>459,000</u>	<u>\$ 466,000</u>
11.29	<u>Sec. 30. CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND</u>			
11.30	<u>FAMILIES.</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
11.31	<u>\$55,000 the first year is to integrate the transit</u>			
11.32	<u>assistance program into the MNbenefits web</u>			
11.33	<u>portal under article 2, section 24.</u>			
11.34	<u>Sec. 31. GENERAL CONTINGENT</u>			
11.35	<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

12.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
12.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
12.3	<u>General</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
12.4	<u>State Government</u>		
12.5	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
12.6	<u>Workers'</u>		
12.7	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
12.8	<u>(a) The general fund base for this</u>		
12.9	<u>appropriation is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2028</u>		
12.10	<u>and each even-numbered fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
12.11	<u>The base is \$0 for fiscal year 2029 and each</u>		
12.12	<u>odd-numbered fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
12.13	<u>(b) The appropriations in this section may only</u>		
12.14	<u>be spent with the approval of the governor</u>		
12.15	<u>after consultation with the Legislative</u>		
12.16	<u>Advisory Commission pursuant to Minnesota</u>		
12.17	<u>Statutes, section 3.30.</u>		
12.18	<u>(c) If an appropriation in this section for either</u>		
12.19	<u>year is insufficient, the appropriation for the</u>		
12.20	<u>other year is available for it.</u>		
12.21	Sec. 32. <u>TORT CLAIMS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>161,000</u> <u>\$</u> <u>161,000</u>
12.22	<u>These appropriations are to be spent by the</u>		
12.23	<u>commissioner of management and budget</u>		
12.24	<u>according to Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
12.25	<u>3.736, subdivision 7. If an appropriation in</u>		
12.26	<u>this section for either year is insufficient, the</u>		
12.27	<u>appropriation for the other year is available</u>		
12.28	<u>for it.</u>		
12.29	Sec. 33. <u>MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT</u>		
12.30	<u>SYSTEM</u>		
12.31	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,064,000</u> <u>\$</u> <u>15,154,000</u>
12.32	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
12.33	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
12.34	<u>subdivisions.</u>		

13.1	<u>Subd. 2. Combined Legislators and</u>			
13.2	<u>Constitutional Officers Retirement Plan</u>		<u>9,064,000</u>	<u>9,154,000</u>
13.3	<u>Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,</u>			
13.4	<u>subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;</u>			
13.5	<u>and 3A.115.</u>			
13.6	<u>Subd. 3. Judges Retirement Plan</u>		<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
13.7	<u>The appropriations for this subdivision are for</u>			
13.8	<u>transfer to the judges retirement fund under</u>			
13.9	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123. This</u>			
13.10	<u>transfer continues each fiscal year until the</u>			
13.11	<u>judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent</u>			
13.12	<u>funding as determined by an actuarial</u>			
13.13	<u>valuation prepared according to Minnesota</u>			
13.14	<u>Statutes, section 356.214.</u>			
13.15	<u>Sec. 34. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT</u>			
13.16	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>
13.17	<u>(a) \$9,000,000 each year is for direct state aid</u>			
13.18	<u>to the public employees police and fire</u>			
13.19	<u>retirement plan authorized under Minnesota</u>			
13.20	<u>Statutes, section 353.65, subdivision 3b.</u>			
13.21	<u>(b) State payments from the general fund to</u>			
13.22	<u>the Public Employees Retirement Association</u>			
13.23	<u>on behalf of the former MERF division</u>			
13.24	<u>account are \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>			
13.25	<u>2026, and \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>			
13.26	<u>2027. These amounts are estimated to be</u>			
13.27	<u>needed under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
13.28	<u>353.505.</u>			
13.29	<u>Sec. 35. TEACHERS RETIREMENT</u>			
13.30	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>29,831,000</u>	<u>\$ 29,831,000</u>
13.31	<u>The amounts estimated to be needed are as</u>			
13.32	<u>follows.</u>			

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

14.4 **Special Direct State Matching Aid.**
 14.5 \$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state
 14.6 matching aid authorized under Minnesota
 14.7 Statutes, section 354.435.

14.8 **Sec. 36. ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT**
 14.9 **FUND** \$ **14,827,000** \$ **14,827,000**

14.10 The amounts estimated to be needed for
 14.11 special direct state aid to the first class city
 14.12 teachers retirement fund association authorized
 14.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,
 14.14 subdivisions 3a and 3c.

14.15 Sec. 37. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

14.16 Subd. 2. **Government and Citizen Services** 39,928,000 19,943,000

14.17 The base for this appropriation is \$17,268,000
 14.18 in fiscal year 2026 and \$17,280,000 in fiscal
 14.19 year 2027.

14.20 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
 14.21 \$222,000 each year is for the Council on
 14.22 Developmental Disabilities.

14.23 **State Agency Accommodation**
 14.24 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 each year may be
 14.25 transferred to the accommodation account
 14.26 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
 14.27 16B.4805.

14.28 **Disparity Study.** \$500,000 the first year and
 14.29 \$1,000,000 the second year are to conduct a
 14.30 study on disparities in state procurement. This
 14.31 is a onetime appropriation.

14.32 **Grants Administration Oversight.**
 14.33 \$2,411,000 the first year and \$1,782,000 the

15.1 second year are for grants administration
15.2 oversight. The base for this appropriation in
15.3 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is
15.4 \$1,581,000.

15.5 \$735,000 the first year and \$201,000 the
15.6 second year are for a study to develop a road
15.7 map on the need for an enterprise grants
15.8 management system and to implement the
15.9 study's recommendation. This is a onetime
15.10 appropriation.

15.11 **Risk Management Fund Property**

15.12 **Self-Insurance.** \$12,500,000 the first year is
15.13 for transfer to the risk management fund under
15.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.85. This is a
15.15 onetime appropriation.

15.16 **Office of Enterprise Translations.**

15.17 \$1,306,000 the first year and \$1,159,000 the
15.18 second year are to establish the Office of
15.19 Enterprise Translations. \$250,000 each year
15.20 may be transferred to the language access
15.21 service account established in Minnesota
15.22 Statutes, section 16B.373.

15.23 **Capitol Mall Design Framework**

15.24 **Implementation.** \$5,000,000 the first year is
15.25 to implement the updated Capitol Mall Design
15.26 Framework, prioritizing the framework plans
15.27 identified in article 2, section 124. This
15.28 appropriation is available until ~~December 31,~~
15.29 2024 June 30, 2026.

15.30 **Parking Fund.** \$3,255,000 the first year and
15.31 \$1,085,000 the second year are for a transfer
15.32 to the state parking account to maintain the
15.33 operations of the parking and transit program

16.1 on the Capitol complex. These are onetime
16.2 transfers.

16.3 **Procurement; Environmental Analysis and**
16.4 **Task Force.** \$522,000 the first year and
16.5 \$367,000 the second year are to implement
16.6 the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
16.7 16B.312.

16.8 **Center for Rural Policy and Development.**
16.9 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
16.10 Center for Rural Policy and Development.

16.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

16.12 Sec. 38. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 47, is amended to read:

16.13 Sec. 47. **ST. ANTHONY FALLS STUDY.**

16.14 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
16.15 Regents of the University of Minnesota for a geophysical study and hazard assessment of
16.16 the St. Anthony Falls area and St. Anthony Falls cutoff wall. The study must include a
16.17 field-based investigation of the cutoff wall and other subsurface structures, modeling of the
16.18 surrounding area, examination of public safety and infrastructure risks posed by potential
16.19 failure of the cutoff wall or surrounding area, and emergency response plan for identified
16.20 risks. By conducting this study, the Board of Regents does not consent to accepting liability
16.21 for the current condition or risks posed by a potential failure of the cutoff wall. By July 1,
16.22 ~~2025~~ 2026, the Board of Regents must submit a report to the legislative committees with
16.23 jurisdiction over state and local government policy and finance. This appropriation is
16.24 available until June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

16.26 Sec. 39. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 67, section 6, is amended to read:

16.27 **Sec. 6. COMMISSIONER OF MANAGEMENT**
16.28 **AND BUDGET**

16.29 Appropriations by Fund

16.30		2024	2025
16.31	General	-0-	(232,000)
16.32	Health Care Access	-0-	100,000

17.1 (a) **Insulin safety net program.** \$100,000 in
17.2 fiscal year 2025 is from the health care access
17.3 fund for the insulin safety net program in
17.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74.

17.5 (b) **Transfer.** The commissioner must transfer
17.6 from the health care access fund to the insulin
17.7 ~~safety net program~~ repayment account in the
17.8 special revenue fund the amount certified by
17.9 the commissioner of administration under
17.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 151.741,
17.11 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), estimated to be
17.12 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025, for
17.13 reimbursement to manufacturers for insulin
17.14 dispensed under the insulin safety net program
17.15 in Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. The
17.16 base for this transfer is estimated to be
17.17 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 in
17.18 fiscal year 2027.

17.19 (c) **Base Level Adjustment.** The health care
17.20 access fund base is increased by \$100,000 in
17.21 fiscal year 2026 and increased by \$100,000 in
17.22 fiscal year 2027.

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

17.24 **ARTICLE 2**

17.25 **STATE GOVERNMENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

17.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.099, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.27 Subd. 3. **Leaders.** The senate Committee on Rules and Administration for the senate
17.28 and the house of representatives Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for
17.29 the house of representatives may each designate for their respective body up to ~~five~~ six
17.30 leadership positions to receive up to 140 percent of the compensation of other members.

17.31 At the commencement of each biennial legislative session, each house of the legislature
17.32 shall adopt a resolution designating its majority and minority leader.

The majority leader is the person elected by the caucus of members in each house which is its largest political affiliation. The minority leader is the person elected by the caucus which is its second largest political affiliation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from January 14, 2025.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.971, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. Implementation of audit recommendations. (a) By February 1 each year, as resources permit, the legislative auditor must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with fiscal jurisdiction over an entity subject to audit under this section. The report must detail whether the entity has implemented any recommendations identified by the legislative auditor during the prior five years in a financial audit, program evaluation, or special review.

(b) By July 1 each year, as resources permit, the legislative auditor must submit a report to designated legislators listing the standing committees in the senate and the house of representatives to which the legislative auditor did or did not present their reports under paragraph (a) in a public hearing. For purposes of this paragraph, "designated legislators" means the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate Committees on State and Local Government, Rules and Administration, and Finance, and the house of representatives Committees on State Government Finance and Policy, Rules and Legislative Administration, and Ways and Means.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Preparation; duties. (a) The head or chief administrative officer of each department or agency of the state government, including the supreme court, shall prepare a fiscal note consistent with the standards and procedures adopted under section 3.8853, at the request of the chair or ranking minority member of the standing committee to which a bill has been referred, ~~or the chair~~ or ranking minority member of the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee, or the chair or ranking minority member of the senate Committee on Finance.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "supreme court" includes all agencies, committees, and commissions supervised or appointed by the state supreme court or the state court administrator.

19.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.98, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.2 Subd. 3. **Distribution.** A copy of the fiscal note shall be delivered to the chair or ranking
19.3 minority member of the Ways and Means Committee of the house of representatives, the
19.4 chair or ranking minority member of the Finance Committee of the senate, the chair and
19.5 ranking minority member of the standing committee to which the bill has been referred, ~~to~~
19.6 the chief author of the bill, and ~~to~~ the commissioner of management and budget.

19.7 Sec. 5. **[4.048] HEALTHY AGING SUBCABINET.**

19.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Healthy Aging Subcabinet is established in Minnesota
19.9 Management and Budget. The subcabinet is a distinct entity, separately identifiable from
19.10 other state agencies and is dedicated to ensuring all people in Minnesota age with dignity
19.11 and have equitable opportunities for the best possible health and well-being throughout the
19.12 lifespan.

19.13 Subd. 2. **Membership; chair.** The subcabinet consists of the heads of the state agencies
19.14 that administer policies that impact aging Minnesotans, as determined by the governor in
19.15 consultation with the director appointed under subdivision 5. The director is the chair of
19.16 the subcabinet.

19.17 Subd. 3. **Purpose.** The purpose of the subcabinet is to:

19.18 (1) assist in the design of a statewide planning process for a Minnesota Healthy Aging
19.19 Plan under subdivision 10;

19.20 (2) engage public participation in creating policy solutions for identified challenges and
19.21 opportunities related to aging in communities and living in one's own home;

19.22 (3) identify opportunities within state government to improve quality of life for older
19.23 adults and promote healthy aging for all Minnesotans; and

19.24 (4) serve as a resource to the legislature on policies and practices that will enhance the
19.25 aging experience for all Minnesotans.

19.26 Subd. 4. **Duties.** Led by the director, and in consultation with the Citizens' Engagement
19.27 Council appointed under subdivision 6, the subcabinet must perform the following duties:

19.28 (1) integrate aging-related considerations into state agency planning, decision-making,
19.29 and measurable outcomes for service delivery processes;

19.30 (2) promote the adoption of evidence-based approaches and policies that support healthy
19.31 aging across the public and private sectors;

(3) ensure that member agencies conduct community engagement to inform strategic plans for each agency;

(4) identify federal and state funding for programs that address the negative impact of social determinants of health and well-being for Minnesotans and those that would significantly benefit from community strategies that prevent or delay disability and that enable quality-of-life outcomes throughout the lifespan;

(5) identify areas of potential savings through economic and community development and resource planning for an aging demographic;

(6) evaluate the impact on healthy aging of current aging-related initiatives in public and private sectors including housing, transit and workforce programs designed for older adults, and community health efforts in order to inform the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan;

(7) coordinate with local and state agencies and Tribal Nations to analyze the health care delivery system for oral health, chronic and acute health conditions, and palliative and end-of-life care to identify and address access issues throughout Minnesota;

(8) in consultation with Tribal Nations, analyze the extent of family caregiving in private and public sectors to determine the need for greater support through aging policies initiated in the public and private sectors;

(9) in consultation with the ombudsman for long-term care, evaluate the oversight process of long-term care facilities, assisted living residences, and home-care agencies to ensure public safety and accountability;

(10) develop a transparency policy that tracks the use of government funding for long-term care to ensure state funding is used as intended;

(11) monitor and evaluate strategies and findings for progress reports during the planning process to be posted on the subcabinet's website; and

(12) in consultation with the ombudsman for long-term care, evaluate the need for additional long-term care services and training and recruitment of long-term care providers throughout the state.

Subd. 5. Director; Office of Healthy Aging; staffing; duties. (a) The governor must appoint a director to establish and lead an Office of Healthy Aging and serve as chair of the Healthy Aging Subcabinet. The director must possess a background in public health, public policy, and community engagement and possess demonstrated knowledge of older adult abilities and needed supports when living at home or in the person's community. The director

21.1 may have experience working with an aging population. The director's responsibilities at a
21.2 minimum are to:

21.3 (1) lead and coordinate the duties of the Healthy Aging Subcabinet;

21.4 (2) initiate and conduct a planning process to develop and adopt the Minnesota Healthy
21.5 Aging Plan under subdivision 10;

21.6 (3) appoint members of, and provide support to, the Citizens' Engagement Council under
21.7 subdivision 6;

21.8 (4) ensure community discussions across public and private sectors and with Tribal
21.9 governments and the Indian Affairs Council to inform policy recommendations for the
21.10 Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision 10;

21.11 (5) ensure that the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision 10 reflects the
21.12 perspectives of older adults, caregivers, health care and service providers, and advocacy
21.13 organizations regarding the community development required to support older adults living
21.14 at home and aging in the community;

21.15 (6) explore initiatives that enhance opportunities for an aging adult, regardless of age,
21.16 income, or ability level, to live in the adult's own home and community if desired and safe;

21.17 (7) make efforts to break down silos and work across agencies to better target the state's
21.18 role in addressing issues impacting aging in Minnesota communities; and

21.19 (8) establish and manage external partnerships and build relationships with communities,
21.20 community leaders, and those who have direct experience with aging to ensure that all
21.21 voices are represented in the work of the subcabinet, office, and Citizens' Engagement
21.22 Council.

21.23 (b) The director may secure professional development and training opportunities to
21.24 promote community development initiatives that address aging-related issues and support
21.25 the Healthy Aging Subcabinet.

21.26 (c) The director may hire and compensate out of available funds additional staff as
21.27 necessary to support the office and conduct the planning process. Staff members must
21.28 possess relevant expertise and experience in areas such as aging services, policy analysis,
21.29 community health, and community development and engagement. The director serves in
21.30 the unclassified service.

21.31 Subd. 6. **Citizens' Engagement Council; public engagement.** (a) The director must
21.32 appoint a Citizens' Engagement Council composed of 20 diverse members from different

22.1 geographic regions and demographic groups, including older adults, caregivers, elder
22.2 advocates, the Minnesota area agencies on aging, Tribal Nations, county agencies, nonprofit
22.3 services, and business sectors. At least ten members of the council must be older adults,
22.4 caregivers, or elder advocates, and these members may not otherwise represent a specific
22.5 agency, service, or business sector. The purpose of the council is to:

22.6 (1) ensure the voices and perspectives of older adults are included in the recommended
22.7 initiatives and policies for implementing the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision
22.8 10;

22.9 (2) provide feedback to the subcabinet on current aging-related programs and services,
22.10 identifying areas for improvements and innovations; and

22.11 (3) provide ongoing input, advice, and strategies for the planning process to engage
22.12 older Minnesotans and their families.

22.13 (b) Except where otherwise provided in this section, the terms, compensation, and
22.14 removal of council members is governed by section 15.059. A member participating in
22.15 council activities in the ordinary course of the member's employment is not entitled to
22.16 compensation from the council.

22.17 Subd. 7. **Discretionary powers.** The office may apply for and receive grants from public
22.18 sources and private foundations, award grants, and enter into contracts subject to applicable
22.19 law.

22.20 Subd. 8. **Staff and administrative support.** The commissioner of management and
22.21 budget, in coordination with other state agencies and boards as applicable, must provide
22.22 staffing and administrative support to the Healthy Aging Subcabinet, the Office of Healthy
22.23 Aging, and the Citizens' Engagement Council.

22.24 Subd. 9. **Public awareness.** In order to promote public engagement, the Office of Healthy
22.25 Aging shall maintain a website and publish annual reports about the work of the office. The
22.26 office shall also share on its website ideas for how Minnesotans can become involved with
22.27 and informed on aging issues. By use of this medium, the office shall gather ideas from the
22.28 public on needed programs for healthy aging in the community.

22.29 Subd. 10. **The Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan.** The Office of Healthy Aging must
22.30 adopt a plan entitled the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan. A draft plan must be published no
22.31 later than June 30, 2027, and a final plan must be adopted and published no later than January
22.32 15, 2028. The Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan shall include recommendations from the

23.1 Citizens' Engagement Council and subcabinet members that support the health and well-being
23.2 of older Minnesotans, their contributions, and their health care needs as follows:

23.3 (1) community-based initiatives that support living in one's own home and community
23.4 if desired, regardless of age, income, or ability level, and as safely, independently, and
23.5 comfortably as possible;

23.6 (2) community-based initiatives with public and private sector funding that provide older
23.7 adults the choice to remain in and contribute to their communities with needed supports
23.8 including access to health care and food, independent housing options, opportunities to
23.9 socialize, innovative residential options for long-term care, and safe and affordable
23.10 transportation;

23.11 (3) public policies that recommend systemwide improvements for safe and affordable
23.12 housing options and transportation, innovative market-rate housing options, removal of
23.13 employment barriers and increased opportunities for an aging workforce, outdoor recreational
23.14 opportunities, broadband communications, and health care that includes mental health and
23.15 oral health;

23.16 (4) public policies that address the current and future demand for home care, assisted
23.17 living and skilled nursing facilities, and innovations for community-based long-term care
23.18 services; workforce training, recruitment, and employment opportunities throughout
23.19 Minnesota; and professional education opportunities for long-term care providers;

23.20 (5) public and private sector resource management policies that implement community
23.21 health strategies to address social determinants of health and well-being;

23.22 (6) state agencies' strategic plans that drive innovations for healthy aging in communities
23.23 across the lifespan;

23.24 (7) ongoing aging policy coordination and oversight within state and county agencies
23.25 and in coordination with Tribal Nations, local communities, and the private sector;

23.26 (8) measures to ensure ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the impact of healthy aging
23.27 policies and programs in order to make improvements and recommend further innovations;

23.28 (9) recommendations for full implementation of the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan that
23.29 includes administration, staffing, and appropriations; and

23.30 (10) measures to evaluate the success and impact of the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan.

23.31 Subd. 11. **Annual report.** By January 15 of each year, the office must submit a report
23.32 to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees

24.1 with primary jurisdiction over healthy aging policy and funding detailing the activities of
24.2 the office for the preceding year with legislative recommendations for the coming year.

24.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 8.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

24.4 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) The attorney general, or any deputy, assistant, or special
24.5 assistant attorney general whom the attorney general authorizes in writing, has the authority
24.6 in any county of the state to subpoena and require the production of:

24.7 (1) any records of:

24.8 (i) telephone companies, cellular phone companies, and paging companies;

24.9 (ii) subscribers of private computer networks, including Internet service providers or
24.10 computer bulletin board systems;

24.11 (iii) electric companies, gas companies, and water utilities;

24.12 (iv) chemical suppliers;

24.13 (v) hotels and motels;

24.14 (vi) pawn shops;

24.15 (vii) airlines, buses, taxis, and other entities engaged in the business of transporting
24.16 people; and

24.17 (viii) freight companies, self-service storage facilities, warehousing companies, package
24.18 delivery companies, and other entities engaged in the businesses of transport, storage, or
24.19 delivery, ~~and~~;

24.20 (2) wage and employment records;

24.21 (3) records of the existence of safe deposit box account numbers and customer savings
24.22 and checking account numbers maintained by financial institutions and safe deposit
24.23 companies;

24.24 (4) insurance records related to claim settlement; and

24.25 (5) banking, credit card, and financial records, including but not limited to a safe deposit,
24.26 loan and account application and agreement, signature card, statement, check, transfer,
24.27 account authorization, safe deposit access record, and documentation of fraud, that belong
24.28 to the subject of an investigation conducted pursuant to the attorney general's authority
24.29 under section 256B.12, whether the record is held in the investigation subject's name or in
24.30 another person's name.

25.1 (b) Subpoenas may only be issued for records that are relevant to an ongoing legitimate
25.2 law enforcement investigation.

25.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 11A.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

25.4 Subd. 4. **Duties and powers.** The director, at the direction of the state board, shall:

25.5 (1) plan, direct, coordinate, and execute administrative and investment functions in
25.6 conformity with the policies and directives of the state board and the requirements of this
25.7 chapter and of chapter 356A;

25.8 (2) prepare and submit biennial and annual budgets to the board and with the approval
25.9 of the board submit the budgets to the Department of Management and Budget;

25.10 (3) employ professional and clerical staff as necessary;

25.11 (4) report to the state board on all operations under the director's control and supervision;

25.12 (5) maintain accurate and complete records of securities transactions and official
25.13 activities;

25.14 (6) establish a policy, which is subject to state board approval, relating to the purchase
25.15 and sale of securities on the basis of competitive offerings or bids;

25.16 (7) cause securities acquired to be kept in the custody of the commissioner of management
25.17 and budget or other depositories consistent with chapter 356A, as the state board deems
25.18 appropriate;

25.19 (8) prepare and file with the director of the Legislative Reference Library, ~~by December~~
25.20 ~~31 of each year,~~ a report summarizing the activities of the state board, the council, and the
25.21 director during the preceding fiscal year;

25.22 (9) include on the state board's website its annual report and an executive summary of
25.23 its quarterly reports;

25.24 (10) require state officials from any department or agency to produce and provide access
25.25 to any financial documents the state board deems necessary in the conduct of its investment
25.26 activities;

25.27 (11) receive and expend legislative appropriations; and

25.28 (12) undertake any other activities necessary to implement the duties and powers set
25.29 forth in this subdivision consistent with chapter 356A.

26.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 11A.07, subdivision 4b, is amended to read:

26.2 Subd. 4b. **Annual report.** The report required under subdivision 4, clause (8), must
26.3 include an executive summary, must be prepared and filed after the completion of the
26.4 applicable fiscal year audit but no later than March 31 of each year, and must be prepared
26.5 so as to provide the legislature and the people of the state with:

26.6 (1) a clear, comprehensive summary of the portfolio composition, the transactions, the
26.7 total annual rate of return, and the yield to the state treasury and to each of the funds with
26.8 assets invested by the state board; and

26.9 (2) the recipients of business placed or commissions allocated among the various
26.10 commercial banks, investment bankers, money managers, and brokerage organizations and
26.11 the amount of these commissions or other fees.

26.12 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.057, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

26.13 Subd. 5. **Monitoring Office of the Legislative Auditor audits.** (a) The commissioner
26.14 must review audit reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor and take appropriate
26.15 steps to address internal control problems found in executive agencies.

26.16 (b) The commissioner must submit a report to the legislative auditor no later than
26.17 September 1 of each year detailing the implementation status of all recommendations
26.18 identified in an auditor's financial audit, program evaluation, or special review during the
26.19 prior five years. The report must include a specific itemization of recommendations that
26.20 have not been implemented during that period, along with the basis for that decision.

26.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 240.131, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

26.22 Subd. 7. **Payments to state.** (a) A regulatory fee is imposed at the rate of ~~one~~ two percent
26.23 of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering
26.24 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW
26.25 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month
26.26 in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the
26.27 state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special
26.28 revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the costs incurred by the
26.29 commission as described in section 240.30, subdivision 9, or the costs associated with
26.30 regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota.

26.31 (b) A breeders fund fee is imposed in the amount of one-quarter of one percent of all
26.32 amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering

provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the cost of administering the breeders fund, to support racehorse adoption, retirement, and repurposing, and promote horse breeding in Minnesota.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.12, is amended to read:

256B.12 LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

The attorney general or the appropriate county attorney appearing at the direction of the attorney general shall be the attorney for the state agency, and the county attorney of the appropriate county shall be the attorney for the local agency in all matters pertaining hereto. To prosecute under this chapter or sections ~~609.466~~ and 609.467 and 609.52, subdivision 2, or to recover payments wrongfully made under this chapter, the attorney general or the appropriate county attorney, acting independently or at the direction of the attorney general may institute a criminal or civil action.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Certificate; required education and experience until July 1, 2030.** (a) On or after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2030, a person who has passed the examination required in this section must be granted a certificate as a certified public accountant provided: (1) the person certifies to the board that the person has completed at least 150 semester or 225 quarter hours at a college or university that is fully accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education, or an equivalent accrediting association, and has completed at least one year of experience of the type specified in paragraph (b); (2) the board verifies the certifications; and (3) the person complies with requirements for initial issuance of the certificate as a certified public accountant as prescribed by the board by rule.

(b) An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate under this subdivision shall show that the applicant has had one year of experience. Acceptable experience includes providing any type of service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting skills, as verified by a licensee and meeting requirements prescribed by the board by rule. Acceptable experience may be

28.1 gained through employment in government, industry, academia, or public practice.
28.2 Experience as an auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor or State Auditor, as verified
28.3 by a licensee, shall be acceptable experience.

28.4 (c) This subdivision expires July 1, 2030.

28.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
28.6 to read:

28.7 Subd. 6a. **Certificate; required education and experience after June 30, 2030.** (a)
28.8 On and after July 1, 2030, or during the transitional period as provided in subdivision 6b,
28.9 the board must grant a certificate as a certified public accountant to a person who has not
28.10 previously been certified and who has passed the examination required in this section if:

28.11 (1) the person certifies to the board that the person has:

28.12 (i) completed a master's degree at a college or university that is fully accredited by a
28.13 recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education and
28.14 has completed at least one year of acceptable experience as described in paragraph (b); or

28.15 (ii) earned a bachelor's or graduate degree from a college or university that is fully
28.16 accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of
28.17 Education and has completed at least two years of acceptable experience as described in
28.18 paragraph (b);

28.19 (2) the board verifies the certification under clause (1); and

28.20 (3) the person complies with requirements as prescribed by the board for an initial
28.21 certificate.

28.22 (b) Acceptable experience includes providing any type of service or advice that involves
28.23 accounting, attestation, compilation, management advisement, financial advisement, tax,
28.24 or consulting, as verified by a licensee and meeting requirements prescribed by the board
28.25 by rule. Acceptable experience may be gained through employment in government, industry,
28.26 academia, or public practice. Experience as an auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor
28.27 or the Office of the State Auditor, as verified by a licensee, is acceptable experience.

28.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
28.29 to read:

28.30 Subd. 6b. **Transitional period.** (a) Until July 1, 2030, a person must be granted an initial
28.31 certificate as a certified public accountant if the person meets either:

29.1 (1) all requirements under subdivision 6; or

29.2 (2) all requirements under subdivision 6a.

29.3 (b) This subdivision expires July 1, 2030.

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

29.5 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.14, is amended to read:

29.6 **326A.14 SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY MOBILITY.**

29.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) An individual whose principal place of business is
 29.8 not in this state and who holds a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant
 29.9 from any state which, upon verification, is in substantial equivalence with the certified
 29.10 public accountant licensure requirements of section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, shall
 29.11 be presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and
 29.12 shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license,
 29.13 if the person:

29.14 (1) holds a valid certificate, license, or permit to practice as a certified public accountant
 29.15 that was issued in another state and is in good standing to practice as a certified public
 29.16 accountant in that state;

29.17 (2) has a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited postsecondary school with an
 29.18 accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the board by rule; and

29.19 (3) has passed the Uniform CPA Examination.

29.20 (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, an individual who offers or
 29.21 renders professional services, whether in person, by mail, telephone, or electronic means,
 29.22 under this paragraph (a): (1) shall be granted practice privileges in this state; (2) is subject
 29.23 to the requirements in paragraph (c); and (3) is not required to provide any notice or other
 29.24 submission.

29.25 ~~(b) An individual whose principal place of business is not in this state and who holds a~~
 29.26 ~~valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from any state whose certified~~
 29.27 ~~public accountant licensure qualifications, upon verification, are not substantially equivalent~~
 29.28 ~~with the licensure requirements of section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, shall be~~
 29.29 ~~presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and~~
 29.30 ~~shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license if~~
 29.31 ~~the individual obtains verification, as specified in board rule, that the individual's~~
 29.32 ~~qualifications are substantially equivalent to the licensure requirements of section 326A.03,~~

~~subdivisions 3, 4, and 6. For purposes of this paragraph, any individual who passed the Uniform CPA Examination and holds a valid license issued by any other state prior to January 1, 2009, is exempt from the education requirement in section 326A.03, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), provided the individual meets the education requirement in section 326A.03, subdivision 3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, an individual who offers or renders professional services, whether in person, by mail, telephone, or electronic means, under this paragraph: (1) shall, after the verification specified by adopted rules, be granted practice privileges in this state; (2) is subject to the requirements in paragraph (c); and (3) is not required to provide any notice or other submission.~~

(c) An individual licensee of another state exercising the privilege afforded under this section and the firm which employs that licensee are deemed to have consented, as a condition of the grant of this privilege:

(1) to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the board;

(2) to comply with this chapter and the board's rules;

(3) to the appointment of the state board that issued the license as the licensee's agent upon whom process may be served in any action or proceeding by this board against the licensee; and

(4) to cease offering or rendering professional services in this state individually and on behalf of a firm in the event the license issued by the state of the individual's principal place of business is no longer valid or in good standing.

(d) An individual who has been granted practice privileges under this section who performs attest services as defined in section 326A.01, subdivision 2, clause (1), (4), or (5), for any entity with its headquarters in this state, may only do so through a firm which has obtained a permit under section 326A.05.

Subd. 2. Use of title in another state. A licensee of this state offering or rendering services or using the CPA title in another state is subject to the same disciplinary action in this state for which the licensee would be subject to discipline for an act committed in the other state. The board shall investigate any complaint made by the board of accountancy of another state.

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

31.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
31.2 to read:

31.3 Subd. 13a. **Responsible lottery official.** "Responsible lottery official" means the officers,
31.4 directors, or owners of an organization, firm, partnership, or corporation that have oversight
31.5 of lottery ticket sales.

31.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.7 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** (a) The director may not contract with a retailer who is a sole
31.8 proprietor who:

31.9 (1) is under the age of 18;

31.10 (2) is in business solely as a seller of lottery tickets;

31.11 (3) owes \$500 or more in delinquent taxes as defined in section 270C.72;

31.12 (4) has been convicted within the previous five years of a felony or gross misdemeanor,
31.13 any crime involving fraud or misrepresentation, or a gambling-related offense in any
31.14 jurisdiction in the United States;

31.15 (5) is a member of the immediate family, residing in the same household, as the director
31.16 or any employee of the lottery;

31.17 (6) in the director's judgment does not have the financial stability or responsibility to
31.18 act as a lottery retailer, or whose contracting as a lottery retailer would adversely affect the
31.19 public health, welfare, and safety, or endanger the security and integrity of the lottery; or

31.20 (7) is a currency exchange, as defined in section 53A.01.

31.21 ~~A contract entered into before August 1, 1990, which violates clause (7) may continue~~
31.22 ~~in effect until its expiration but may not be renewed.~~

31.23 (b) The director may not contract with a retailer that is an organization, firm, partnership,
31.24 or corporation that:

31.25 (1) has a responsible lottery official who:

31.26 (i) is under the age of 18;

31.27 (ii) owes \$500 or more in delinquent taxes as defined in section 270C.72; or

31.28 (iii) has been convicted within the previous five years of a felony or gross misdemeanor,
31.29 any crime involving fraud or misrepresentation, or a gambling-related offense in any
31.30 jurisdiction in the United States;

32.1 ~~An organization, firm, partnership, or corporation that~~ (2) has a stockholder who owns
32.2 more than five percent of the business or the stock of the corporation, a responsible lottery
32.3 official, an officer, or a director, that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause
32.4 ~~(4), is not eligible to be a lottery retailer under this section~~ is a member of the immediate
32.5 family, residing in the same household, as the director or any employee of the lottery; or
32.6 (3)(i) is in business solely as a seller of lottery tickets;
32.7 (ii) in the director's judgment does not have the financial stability or responsibility to
32.8 act as a lottery retailer, or whose contracting as a lottery retailer would adversely affect the
32.9 public health, welfare, and safety, or endanger the security and integrity of the lottery; or
32.10 (iii) is a currency exchange, as defined in section 53A.01.
32.11 ~~(e) The restrictions under paragraph (a), clause (4), do not apply to an organization,~~
32.12 ~~partnership, or corporation if the director determines that the organization, partnership, or~~
32.13 ~~firm has terminated its relationship with the individual whose actions directly contributed~~
32.14 ~~to the disqualification under this subdivision.~~

32.15 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.16 Subd. 4. **Criminal history.** ~~The director may request the director of alcohol and gambling~~
32.17 ~~enforcement to investigate all applicants for lottery retailer contracts to determine their~~
32.18 ~~compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2.~~

32.19 (a) Upon the director's request, an applicant for a lottery retailer contract must submit a
32.20 completed criminal history records check consent form, a full set of classifiable fingerprints,
32.21 and required fees to the director or the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Upon receipt of
32.22 the information, the director must submit the completed criminal history records check
32.23 consent form, full set of classifiable fingerprints, and required fees to the Bureau of Criminal
32.24 Apprehension.

32.25 (b) After receiving the information, the bureau must conduct a Minnesota criminal history
32.26 records check of the individual. The bureau is authorized to exchange the fingerprints with
32.27 the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain the applicant's national criminal history record
32.28 information. The bureau must return the results of the Minnesota and national criminal
32.29 history records checks to the director to determine the individual's compliance with the
32.30 requirements of subdivision 2.

32.31 (c) The director must request a Minnesota and national criminal history records check
32.32 for any sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that applies to be a lottery retailer and

33.1 (1) has not undergone a check under this section within the past seven years, or (2) has had
33.2 any lapse in a contract to sell lottery tickets.

33.3 (d) The director may issue a temporary contract, valid for not more than 90 days, to an
33.4 applicant pending the completion of the investigation or a final determination of qualifications
33.5 under this section. The director has access to all criminal history data compiled by the
33.6 ~~director of alcohol and gambling enforcement~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on (1) any
33.7 person holding or applying for a retailer contract, (2) any person holding a lottery vendor
33.8 contract or who has submitted a bid on such a contract, and (3) any person applying for
33.9 employment with the lottery.

33.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

33.11 Subd. 11. **Cancellation, suspension, and refusal to renew contracts or locations.** (a)
33.12 The director shall cancel the contract of any lottery retailer or prohibit a lottery retailer from
33.13 selling lottery tickets at a business location who:

33.14 (1) has a sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that has been convicted of a felony
33.15 or gross misdemeanor in any jurisdiction in the United States;

33.16 (2) has a sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that has committed any crime
33.17 involving fraud, or misrepresentation, or ~~deceit~~ a gambling-related offense in any jurisdiction
33.18 in the United States;

33.19 (3) has provided false or misleading information to the lottery; or

33.20 (4) has acted in a manner prejudicial to public confidence in the integrity of the lottery.

33.21 (b) The director may cancel, suspend, or refuse to renew the contract of any lottery
33.22 retailer or prohibit a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location who:

33.23 (1) changes business location;

33.24 (2) fails to account for lottery tickets received or the proceeds from tickets sold;

33.25 (3) fails to remit funds to the director in accordance with the director's rules;

33.26 (4) violates a law or a rule or order of the director;

33.27 (5) fails to comply with any of the terms in the lottery retailer's contract;

33.28 (6) fails to file a bond, securities, or a letter of credit as required under subdivision 3;

33.29 (7) in the opinion of the director fails to maintain a sufficient sales volume to justify
33.30 continuation as a lottery retailer; or

34.1 (8) has violated section 340A.503, subdivision 2, clause (1), two or more times within
34.2 a two-year period.

34.3 (c) The director may also cancel, suspend, or refuse to renew a lottery retailer's contract
34.4 or prohibit a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location if there is a
34.5 material change in any of the factors considered by the director under subdivision 2.

34.6 (d) A contract cancellation, suspension, refusal to renew, or prohibiting a lottery retailer
34.7 from selling lottery tickets at a business location under this subdivision is a contested case
34.8 under sections 14.57 to 14.69 and is in addition to any criminal penalties provided for a
34.9 violation of law or rule.

34.10 (e) The director may temporarily suspend a contract or temporarily prohibit a lottery
34.11 retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location without notice for any of the reasons
34.12 specified in this subdivision provided that a hearing is conducted within seven days after a
34.13 request for a hearing is made by a lottery retailer. Within 20 days after receiving the
34.14 administrative law judge's report, the director shall issue an order vacating the temporary
34.15 suspension or prohibition or making any other appropriate order. If no hearing is requested
34.16 within 30 days of the temporary suspension or prohibition taking effect, the suspension or
34.17 prohibition becomes permanent unless the director vacates or modifies the order.

34.18 Sec. 20. **[609.467] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD.**

34.19 Subdivision 1. **Medical assistance fraud prohibited.** A person who intentionally
34.20 presents, submits, tenders, offers, or participates in the preparation of a claim for payment,
34.21 claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application relating to the payment of medical
34.22 assistance funds under chapter 256B knowing or having reason to know that any part of the
34.23 claim, report, or application is false is guilty of medical assistance fraud and may be
34.24 sentenced as provided in subdivision 2.

34.25 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** Whoever violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

34.26 (1) to imprisonment of not more than 20 years, payment of a fine of not more than
34.27 \$100,000, or both if the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report,
34.28 or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is more than \$35,000;

34.29 (2) to imprisonment of not more than ten years, payment of a fine of not more than
34.30 \$20,000, or both if:

34.31 (i) the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate
34.32 application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is more than \$5,000 but not more
34.33 than \$35,000; or

(ii) the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is not more than \$5,000 and the person has been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 256.98; 268.182; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247; 609.52; 609.522; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; 609.631; or 609.821, or a statute from another state, the United States, or a foreign jurisdiction, in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; or

(3) to imprisonment of not more than five years, payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both if the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is not more than \$5,000.

Subd. 3. Aggregation. The total of all claims for payment, claims for reimbursement, cost reports, and rate applications submitted, tendered, or offered in violation of subdivision 1 within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of subdivision 2. When the same person commits two or more offenses in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted for all of the offenses aggregated under this subdivision in any county in which one of the offenses was committed.

Subd. 4. Venue. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 627.01, a violation of this section may be prosecuted in:

(1) the county where any part of the offense occurred; or

(2) the county where the entity who received a claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application is located.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.52, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Acts constituting theft. (a) Whoever does any of the following commits theft and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3:

(1) intentionally and without claim of right takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; or

(2) with or without having a legal interest in movable property, intentionally and without consent, takes the property out of the possession of a pledgee or other person having a superior right of possession, with intent thereby to deprive the pledgee or other person permanently of the possession of the property; or

(3) obtains for the actor or another the possession, custody, or title to property of or performance of services by a third person by intentionally deceiving the third person with a false representation which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False representation" includes without limitation:

(i) the issuance of a check, draft, or order for the payment of money, except a forged check as defined in section 609.631, or the delivery of property knowing that the actor is not entitled to draw upon the drawee therefor or to order the payment or delivery thereof; or

(ii) a promise made with intent not to perform. Failure to perform is not evidence of intent not to perform unless corroborated by other substantial evidence; or

~~(iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement, a rate application, or a cost report used to establish a rate or claim for payment for medical care provided to a recipient of medical assistance under chapter 256B, which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual services provided by a vendor of medical care; or~~

~~(iv)~~ (iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual treatment or supplies provided; or

~~(v)~~ (iv) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 for treatment or supplies that the provider knew were medically unnecessary, inappropriate, or excessive; or

(4) by swindling, whether by artifice, trick, device, or any other means, obtains property or services from another person; or

(5) intentionally commits any of the acts listed in this subdivision but with intent to exercise temporary control only and:

(i) the control exercised manifests an indifference to the rights of the owner or the restoration of the property to the owner; or

- 37.1 (ii) the actor pledges or otherwise attempts to subject the property to an adverse claim;
37.2 or
- 37.3 (iii) the actor intends to restore the property only on condition that the owner pay a
37.4 reward or buy back or make other compensation; or
- 37.5 (6) finds lost property and, knowing or having reasonable means of ascertaining the true
37.6 owner, appropriates it to the finder's own use or to that of another not entitled thereto without
37.7 first having made reasonable effort to find the owner and offer and surrender the property
37.8 to the owner; or
- 37.9 (7) intentionally obtains property or services, offered upon the deposit of a sum of money
37.10 or tokens in a coin or token operated machine or other receptacle, without making the
37.11 required deposit or otherwise obtaining the consent of the owner; or
- 37.12 (8) intentionally and without claim of right converts any article representing a trade
37.13 secret, knowing it to be such, to the actor's own use or that of another person or makes a
37.14 copy of an article representing a trade secret, knowing it to be such, and intentionally and
37.15 without claim of right converts the same to the actor's own use or that of another person. It
37.16 shall be a complete defense to any prosecution under this clause for the defendant to show
37.17 that information comprising the trade secret was rightfully known or available to the
37.18 defendant from a source other than the owner of the trade secret; or
- 37.19 (9) leases or rents personal property under a written instrument and who:
- 37.20 (i) with intent to place the property beyond the control of the lessor conceals or aids or
37.21 abets the concealment of the property or any part thereof; or
- 37.22 (ii) sells, conveys, or encumbers the property or any part thereof without the written
37.23 consent of the lessor, without informing the person to whom the lessee sells, conveys, or
37.24 encumbers that the same is subject to such lease or rental contract with intent to deprive the
37.25 lessor of possession thereof; or
- 37.26 (iii) does not return the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus
37.27 agreed-upon extensions, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of possession of the
37.28 property; or
- 37.29 (iv) returns the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus
37.30 agreed-upon extensions, but does not pay the lease or rental charges agreed upon in the
37.31 written instrument, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of the agreed-upon charges.
- 37.32 For the purposes of items (iii) and (iv), the value of the property must be at least \$100.

38.1 Evidence that a lessee used a false, fictitious, or not current name, address, or place of
38.2 employment in obtaining the property or fails or refuses to return the property or pay the
38.3 rental contract charges to lessor within five days after written demand for the return has
38.4 been served personally in the manner provided for service of process of a civil action or
38.5 sent by certified mail to the last known address of the lessee, whichever shall occur later,
38.6 shall be evidence of intent to violate this clause. Service by certified mail shall be deemed
38.7 to be complete upon deposit in the United States mail of such demand, postpaid and addressed
38.8 to the person at the address for the person set forth in the lease or rental agreement, or, in
38.9 the absence of the address, to the person's last known place of residence; or

38.10 (10) alters, removes, or obliterates numbers or symbols placed on movable property for
38.11 purpose of identification by the owner or person who has legal custody or right to possession
38.12 thereof with the intent to prevent identification, if the person who alters, removes, or
38.13 obliterates the numbers or symbols is not the owner and does not have the permission of
38.14 the owner to make the alteration, removal, or obliteration; or

38.15 (11) with the intent to prevent the identification of property involved, so as to deprive
38.16 the rightful owner of possession thereof, alters or removes any permanent serial number,
38.17 permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's identification number on personal
38.18 property or possesses, sells or buys any personal property knowing or having reason to
38.19 know that the permanent serial number, permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's
38.20 identification number has been removed or altered; or

38.21 (12) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for cable television service by:

38.22 (i) making or using or attempting to make or use an unauthorized external connection
38.23 outside the individual dwelling unit whether physical, electrical, acoustical, inductive, or
38.24 other connection; or by

38.25 (ii) attaching any unauthorized device to any cable, wire, microwave, or other component
38.26 of a licensed cable communications system as defined in chapter 238. Nothing herein shall
38.27 be construed to prohibit the electronic video rerecording of program material transmitted
38.28 on the cable communications system by a subscriber for fair use as defined by Public Law
38.29 94-553, section 107; or

38.30 (13) except as provided in clauses (12) and (14), obtains the services of another with
38.31 the intention of receiving those services without making the agreed or reasonably expected
38.32 payment of money or other consideration; or

38.33 (14) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for telecommunications service
38.34 by:

(i) making, using, or attempting to make or use an unauthorized connection whether physical, electrical, by wire, microwave, radio, or other means to a component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237; or

(ii) attaching an unauthorized device to a cable, wire, microwave, radio, or other component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237.

The existence of an unauthorized connection is prima facie evidence that the occupier of the premises:

(A) made or was aware of the connection; and

(B) was aware that the connection was unauthorized;

(15) with intent to defraud, diverts corporate property other than in accordance with general business purposes or for purposes other than those specified in the corporation's articles of incorporation; or

(16) with intent to defraud, authorizes or causes a corporation to make a distribution in violation of section 302A.551, or any other state law in conformity with it; or

(17) takes or drives a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or an authorized agent of the owner did not give consent; or

(18) intentionally, and without claim of right, takes motor fuel from a retailer without the retailer's consent and with intent to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of the fuel by driving a motor vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid for the fuel dispensed into the vehicle; or

(19) commits wage theft under subdivision 1, clause (13).

(b) Proof that the driver of a motor vehicle into which motor fuel was dispensed drove the vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid for the fuel permits the factfinder to infer that the driver acted intentionally and without claim of right, and that the driver intended to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of the fuel. This paragraph does not apply if: (1) payment has been made to the retailer within 30 days of the receipt of notice of nonpayment under section 604.15; or (2) a written notice as described in section 604.15, subdivision 4, disputing the retailer's claim, has been sent. This paragraph does not apply to the owner of a motor vehicle if the vehicle or the vehicle's license plate has been reported stolen before the theft of the fuel.

40.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
40.2 committed on or after that date.

40.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 628.26, is amended to read:

40.4 **628.26 LIMITATIONS.**

40.5 (a) Indictments or complaints for any crime resulting in the death of the victim may be
40.6 found or made at any time after the death of the person killed.

40.7 (b) Indictments or complaints for a violation of section 609.25 may be found or made
40.8 at any time after the commission of the offense.

40.9 (c) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 may be found or made at
40.10 any time after the commission of the offense if the victim was under the age of 18 at the
40.11 time of the offense.

40.12 (d) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 where the victim was 18
40.13 years of age or older at the time of the offense, or 609.42, subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2),
40.14 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within six years after the commission
40.15 of the offense.

40.16 (e) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.322, 609.342 to 609.345, and
40.17 609.3458 may be found or made at any time after the commission of the offense.

40.18 (f) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections ~~609.466~~ 609.467 and 609.52,
40.19 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), item (iii), shall be found or made and filed in the
40.20 proper court within six years after the commission of the offense.

40.21 (g) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.2335, 609.52, subdivision 2,
40.22 paragraph (a), clause (3), items (i) and (ii), (4), (15), or (16), 609.631, or 609.821, where
40.23 the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$35,000, or for violation of section
40.24 609.527 where the offense involves eight or more direct victims or the total combined loss
40.25 to the direct and indirect victims is more than \$35,000, shall be found or made and filed in
40.26 the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

40.27 (h) Except for violations relating to false material statements, representations or
40.28 omissions, indictments or complaints for violations of section 609.671 shall be found or
40.29 made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

40.30 (i) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.561 to 609.563, shall be found
40.31 or made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

(j) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.746 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within the later of three years after the commission of the offense or three years after the offense was reported to law enforcement authorities.

(k) In all other cases, indictments or complaints shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within three years after the commission of the offense.

(l) The limitations periods contained in this section shall exclude any period of time during which the defendant was not an inhabitant of or usually resident within this state.

(m) The limitations periods contained in this section for an offense shall not include any period during which the alleged offender participated under a written agreement in a pretrial diversion program relating to that offense.

(n) The limitations periods contained in this section shall not include any period of time during which physical evidence relating to the offense was undergoing DNA analysis, as defined in section 299C.155, unless the defendant demonstrates that the prosecuting or law enforcement agency purposefully delayed the DNA analysis process in order to gain an unfair advantage.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025.

Sec. 23. **OPEN POSITIONS REPORT.**

The commissioner of management and budget must report the number of posted executive branch job openings that have gone unfilled for at least six months. The commissioner's report must identify such openings by agency and job title, and identify which specific job titles or classes take longest to fill on average and those that experience the most turnover. No later than February 1, 2026, August 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027, the commissioner must submit this report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy.

Sec. 24. **INTEGRATING APPLICATION INFORMATION AND A REFERRAL PROCESS FOR THE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON THE MNBENEFITS WEB PORTAL.**

No later than June 30, 2026, the commissioner of children, youth, and families, in consultation with Metro Transit and the commissioners of transportation, human services, and Minnesota IT Services, must integrate application information and a referral process for the transit assistance program administered by Metro Transit into the MNbenefits web portal. Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council must continue to process applications

42.1 for the transit assistance program after application information and a referral process are
42.2 integrated into the MNbenefits web portal.

42.3 Sec. 25. **STATUE REPLACEMENT.**

42.4 The commissioner of administration may accept private funds, submit a request to the
42.5 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, and erect a new statue in Statuary Hall in the
42.6 United States Capitol, including removing an existing statue from Statuary Hall and
42.7 transporting it to Minnesota, recasting an existing statue in Minnesota, and transporting and
42.8 installing the new statue in Statuary Hall. All money accepted by the commissioner under
42.9 this section must be deposited in a dedicated account in the special revenue fund and is
42.10 appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section. The account expires on
42.11 January 1, 2028, with any money remaining in the account at that time appropriated to the
42.12 State Arts Board for purposes of the programs and activities authorized under Minnesota
42.13 Statutes, chapter 129D.

42.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the chief clerk of the house
42.15 of representatives and the secretary of the senate jointly notify the revisor of statutes and
42.16 the commissioner of administration that the state has satisfied the requirements for a statue
42.17 replacement request under United States Code, title 2, chapter 30, section 2132.

42.18 Sec. 26. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

42.19 The revisor of statutes must replace each reference to section 609.466 in Minnesota
42.20 Statutes with a reference to section 609.467.

42.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025.

42.22 Sec. 27. **REPEALER.**

42.23 Subdivision 1. **Employee gainsharing.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.90, is
42.24 repealed.

42.25 Subd. 2. **Advisory Council on Infrastructure.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections
42.26 16B.356; 16B.357; 16B.358; and 16B.359, are repealed.

42.27 Subd. 3. **CPA substantial equivalence.** Minnesota Rules, part 1105.7900, item D, is
42.28 repealed.

42.29 Subd. 4. **Medical assistance fraud.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.466, is
42.30 repealed.

43.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 3 is effective the day following final enactment.
43.2 Subdivision 4 is effective August 1, 2025.

43.3 **ARTICLE 3**
43.4 **BUSINESS FILING FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE MAILINGS**

43.5 Section 1. **[5.60] LATE RENEWAL PENALTY.**

43.6 Subdivision 1. **Late penalty.** The secretary of state may require a person to pay a late
43.7 penalty of up to \$25 when filing for renewal or reinstatement of a business entity that the
43.8 secretary of state has dissolved, terminated, or revoked due to failure to file an annual
43.9 renewal, or a business entity for which the secretary of state has canceled a certificate of
43.10 authority. The secretary of state must deposit all late penalty revenue in the account created
43.11 under subdivision 2. The late penalty is in addition to any other fee or assessment provided
43.12 by law.

43.13 Subd. 2. **Account; appropriation.** The secretary of state fraud prevention and data
43.14 security account is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated
43.15 to the secretary of state to:

43.16 (1) fulfill statutory and constitutional duties regarding fraud prevention and data privacy
43.17 and security, including but not limited to cyber security and the Minnesota Business Filing
43.18 Fraud Prevention Act under sections 300.70 to 300.78;

43.19 (2) ensure the accuracy and completeness of documents that are permitted or required
43.20 under law to be filed with the secretary of state; and

43.21 (3) enhance the secretary of state's information and telecommunications technology
43.22 systems and services.

43.23 Subd. 3. **Annual report.** By February 15 each year, the secretary of state must submit
43.24 a report identifying the amount of revenue collected and outcomes achieved under this
43.25 section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
43.26 jurisdiction over state government finance and policy.

43.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to renewal or
43.28 reinstatement applications submitted on or after that date.

44.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.485, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.2 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The sections referred to in subdivisions 3 to ~~6~~ 7 are codified
44.3 outside this chapter. Those sections classify corporation data as other than public, place
44.4 restrictions on access to government data, or involve data sharing.

44.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.485, is amended by adding a subdivision to
44.6 read:

44.7 Subd. 7. **Business fraud investigations.** Government data related to investigations under
44.8 sections 300.70 to 300.78 are governed by section 300.78.

44.9 Sec. 4. **[300.70] CITATION AND DEFINITIONS.**

44.10 Subdivision 1. **Citation.** Sections 300.70 to 300.78 may be cited as the "Minnesota
44.11 Business Filing Fraud Prevention Act."

44.12 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of sections 300.70 to 300.78, the following terms
44.13 have the meanings given.

44.14 (b) "Complainant" means a person who (1) delivers a declaration of wrongful filing, and
44.15 (2) has a connection to the allegedly wrongful filing or the related business.

44.16 (c) "Filer" means the person who has allegedly made a wrongful filing.

44.17 (d) "Office" means the Office of the Secretary of State.

44.18 Sec. 5. **[300.71] DECLARATION OF WRONGFUL FILING.**

44.19 Subdivision 1. **Form and contents of declaration.** (a) A complainant may deliver a
44.20 declaration of wrongful filing to the office if the complainant believes that a document filed
44.21 under chapters 301 to 323A:

44.22 (1) was not authorized to be filed; and

44.23 (2) was filed with the intent to: (i) modify the ownership, registered agent, business
44.24 address, contact information, governance, or other information of a business on record; or
44.25 (ii) register a business using another person's name, address, or identity.

44.26 (b) A declaration of wrongful filing must include:

44.27 (1) the file number of the allegedly wrongful filing;

44.28 (2) the complainant's name, mailing address, and email address;

45.1 (3) whether the complainant is employed by or has an ownership interest in the business
45.2 that is the subject of the filing;

45.3 (4) any information or evidence supporting the complainant's allegations under this
45.4 section;

45.5 (5) a statement verifying the complainant believes in good faith that the facts stated in
45.6 the declaration are true; and

45.7 (6) any other information the office deems necessary.

45.8 (c) The office must provide a form for declarations filed under this section. A complainant
45.9 must use the provided form when submitting a declaration of wrongful filing.

45.10 (d) A false material statement of fact in a declaration of wrongful filing or any other
45.11 document submitted under sections 300.70 to 300.78 is a violation of section 609.48.

45.12 Subd. 2. **Review of declaration.** (a) The office must promptly accept or reject a
45.13 declaration of wrongful filing.

45.14 (b) The office may reject a declaration of wrongful filing that is incomplete or does not
45.15 use the provided form or if the office reasonably believes it was delivered with the intent
45.16 to harass or defraud the filer. The office may reject a declaration of wrongful filing if the
45.17 office has already issued a final order on the filing identified in the declaration.

45.18 Subd. 3. **Nonexclusive remedy.** The remedy in sections 300.70 to 300.78 is not exclusive.
45.19 An aggrieved party may seek district court action regardless of whether the individual has
45.20 initiated or completed the procedure described in these sections.

45.21 Sec. 6. **[300.72] NOTICE.**

45.22 (a) When the office accepts a declaration of wrongful filing, the office must provide
45.23 notice of the declaration to the complainant and the filer. The notice must describe the
45.24 allegations made in the declaration and the process used to resolve the allegations. The
45.25 notice must prominently state the response timeline in section 300.73 and the consequences
45.26 if the filer does not respond. The notice must prominently state that a false statement of
45.27 material fact in any documents submitted under sections 300.70 to 300.78 is a violation of
45.28 section 609.48.

45.29 (b) The office must send the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

45.30 (1) the complainant at the mailing address provided in the declaration; and

45.31 (2) the filer at:

(i) the most recent registered business address associated with the filing named in the declaration; or

(ii) if a mailing address for the filer cannot be identified, the notice may be served on the filer as provided under section 5.25, subdivision 6.

(c) Notice is deemed received by the complainant and the filer upon mailing.

(d) If the notice to the filer is returned as undeliverable, the office may deem the filing fraudulent and immediately issue a final order as provided under section 300.76, notwithstanding the time period under section 300.73.

Sec. 7. **[300.73] RESPONSE.**

(a) After notice is received, the filer must respond in writing to the allegations in the declaration. The response must be received by the office within 21 calendar days of receipt of the notice.

(b) The filer's response under this section must include any information refuting the allegations contained in the complainant's declaration.

Sec. 8. **[300.74] PROCEDURE WHEN NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.**

If the filer does not respond within the time period under section 300.73, the office must deem the filing fraudulent and issue a final order as provided under section 300.76.

Sec. 9. **[300.75] PROCEDURE WHEN RESPONSE RECEIVED.**

Subdivision 1. **Preliminary determination.** (a) If the filer responds within the period under section 300.73, the office must further investigate the allegations in the declaration and information in the response and make a preliminary determination regarding whether the filing named in the declaration is fraudulent.

(b) The office may request additional information from the complainant and the filer if necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Subd. 2. **Notice of preliminary determination.** The office must send notice of the preliminary determination to the complainant and the filer in the manner described under section 300.72. Notice is deemed received in the manner described under section 300.72.

Subd. 3. **Response.** After notice is received, the nonprevailing party must respond to the preliminary determination within ten calendar days with additional information or evidence in support of the nonprevailing party's position. The prevailing party may send

additional information or evidence within the same time period. The response must be received by the office within the time period provided under this subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Procedure if no second response is received.** If the nonprevailing party does not respond as required under subdivision 3, the preliminary determination becomes final and the office must issue a final order under section 300.76.

Subd. 5. **Procedure if second response is received.** If the nonprevailing party responds as required under subdivision 3, the office must consider the additional information provided, make a final determination regarding whether the filing named in the declaration is fraudulent, and issue a final order under section 300.76.

Subd. 6. **Factors.** When making a preliminary or final determination under this section, the office may consider various factors, including but not limited to:

(1) whether the office has previously received declarations of wrongful filing or issued final orders relating to the business, the filer, or the complainant;

(2) the previous filing history relating to the business, the filer, or the complainant;

(3) whether the filer or complainant failed to respond to a request for additional information; and

(4) whether the office is able to independently verify the information provided by the filer or complainant using publicly available information.

Sec. 10. [300.76] FINAL ORDER.

Subdivision 1. **Filings deemed fraudulent.** (a) If the office deems a filing fraudulent under section 300.74 or 300.75, the office must issue a final order under this subdivision. The final order must provide the office's rationale for deeming the filing fraudulent.

(b) When a filing is deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order under this subdivision, the filing must be treated for legal purposes as if the filing never existed. In the case of a business registered using a Minnesota resident's name, address, or identity without the resident's authorization, the business is deemed dissolved.

(c) When a filing is deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order, the office must:

(1) mark the unauthorized filing or the business record as unauthorized or fraudulent;

(2) redact names and addresses that were used without authorization; and

(3) retain a copy of the final order.

(d) In addition to the actions in paragraph (c), the office may:

48.1 (1) disable additional filing functionality on the business entity's record; or

48.2 (2) take other action the office deems necessary to prevent further unauthorized filings,
48.3 protect private information, or prevent misuse of unauthorized information.

48.4 Subd. 2. **Filings deemed not fraudulent or insufficient evidence.** If the office
48.5 determines that a filing is not fraudulent or that insufficient information is available to make
48.6 a determination, the office must issue a final order stating that the office is not removing
48.7 the filing from the database. The final order must provide the office's rationale for
48.8 determining that the filing is not fraudulent or that insufficient information is available to
48.9 make a determination.

48.10 Sec. 11. **[300.77] JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

48.11 (a) Any party who is aggrieved by a final order under section 300.76 may appeal the
48.12 order to the district court of the Minnesota county where the business that is the subject of
48.13 the final order is registered or was registered before the business's dissolution or, if the
48.14 business is not registered in Minnesota, to the district court of Ramsey County. The aggrieved
48.15 party may also appeal the final order as part of any district court action between the filer
48.16 and complainant where the filing at issue is relevant to the issues in the case.

48.17 (b) The aggrieved party must serve a written copy of a notice of appeal upon the office
48.18 and any adverse party of record within 30 calendar days after the date the final order was
48.19 issued and must also file the original notice and proof of service with the court administrator
48.20 of the district court. Service may be made in person or by mail. Service by mail is complete
48.21 upon mailing. The court administrator is prohibited from requiring a filing fee for appeals
48.22 taken pursuant to this section.

48.23 (c) The office may elect to become a party to the proceedings in the district court.

48.24 (d) The court may order that the office furnish the court and all parties to the proceedings
48.25 with a copy of the decision, the filing that is the subject of the decision, and any materials
48.26 or information submitted to the office. Any materials provided under this section that are
48.27 filed with the court must be done so under restricted access unless the court orders otherwise.

48.28 (e) A party may obtain a hearing at a special term of the district court by serving a written
48.29 notice of the hearing's time and place at least ten days before the date of the hearing.

48.30 (f) A party aggrieved by the order of the district court may appeal the order as in other
48.31 civil cases. Costs or disbursements must not be taxed against a party. A filing fee or bond
48.32 must not be required of a party.

49.1 Sec. 12. **[300.78] DATA PRACTICES.**

49.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "nonpublic data" has the meaning
49.3 given in section 13.02, subdivision 9, and "private data on individuals" has the meaning
49.4 given in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

49.5 Subd. 2. **Data classification.** Data submitted by a complainant or filer under sections
49.6 300.70 to 300.78 is classified as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. A final order
49.7 under section 300.76 is public data, subject to the following: the complainant or filer's
49.8 personal contact information is classified as private data on individuals. The unredacted
49.9 version of a filing deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order under section 300.76,
49.10 subdivision 1, is classified as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. The version of
49.11 the filing that has been redacted pursuant to section 300.76, subdivision 1, paragraph (c),
49.12 is classified as public data.

49.13 Subd. 3. **Dissemination permitted.** Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the office may
49.14 disseminate data of any classification collected, created, or maintained under sections 300.70
49.15 to 300.78:

49.16 (1) to the attorney general to aid the office in the investigation and review of a filing
49.17 that is the subject of a declaration of wrongful filing;

49.18 (2) to a person or agency if the office determines that access to the data aids a criminal
49.19 or civil investigation; or

49.20 (3) if required or authorized by a court order or other state or federal law.

49.21 Sec. 13. **[300.79] PROHIBITION ON DECEPTIVE BUSINESS MAILINGS.**

49.22 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "solicitation" means a
49.23 communication that is sent by a nongovernment third party to a business and that purports
49.24 to:

49.25 (1) notify the business of an operating requirement, including but not limited to filing
49.26 documents with or retrieving documents from the Office of the Secretary of State; or

49.27 (2) offer a service that relates to filing documents with, producing documents for, or
49.28 reporting information to the Office of the Secretary of State.

49.29 Subd. 2. **Design and content requirements.** (a) A solicitation must:

49.30 (1) include a clear statement indicating that the solicitation is an advertisement and is
49.31 not from a government agency. The statement must be placed at the top of a physical
49.32 document or the beginning of an electronic communication and must be in at least 24-point

50.1 font. All other text in the document must be smaller than the statement required by this
50.2 clause;

50.3 (2) provide information indicating where an individual is able to directly file documents
50.4 with the secretary of state or retrieve copies of public records;

50.5 (3) disclose the name and physical address of the company sending the solicitation. The
50.6 physical address must not be a post office box; and

50.7 (4) for a mailed solicitation, prominently display in capital letters on the envelope or
50.8 outer wrapper the words "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT."

50.9 (b) The overall design and language of a solicitation must not:

50.10 (1) create the impression that the solicitation is an official government notice or document;

50.11 (2) incorporate the Minnesota state seal or other logo or branding of the state or any
50.12 state agency; or

50.13 (3) indicate or imply a legal duty to act on the solicitation or a penalty for failure to act
50.14 on the solicitation.

50.15 Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) A person who sends a solicitation that does not comply with the
50.16 requirements of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

50.17 (b) A violation of this section is a violation of sections 325D.43 to 325D.48.

50.18 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.48, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

50.19 Subdivision 1. **Acts constituting.** Whoever makes a false material statement not believing
50.20 it to be true in any of the following cases is guilty of perjury and may be sentenced as
50.21 provided in subdivision 4:

50.22 (1) in or for an action, hearing or proceeding of any kind in which the statement is
50.23 required or authorized by law to be made under oath or affirmation;

50.24 (2) in any writing which is required or authorized by law to be under oath or affirmation;

50.25 (3) in any writing made according to section 358.115;

50.26 (4) in any writing made according to section 358.116; ~~or~~

50.27 (5) in any writing made according to sections 300.70 to 300.78; or

50.28 (6) in any other case in which the penalties for perjury are imposed by law and no specific
50.29 sentence is otherwise provided.

51.1 **Sec. 15. RULEMAKING.**

51.2 The secretary of state may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this article.

51.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125, no time limit applies to the authority
51.4 granted under this section.

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

51.6 **Sec. 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

51.7 Sections 2 to 12 and 14 are effective for filings made on or after January 1, 2026.

51.8 ARTICLE 4

51.9 **ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE APPROPRIATIONS**

51.10 Section 1. ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE APPROPRIATIONS.

51.11 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
51.12 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
51.13 and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and
51.14 "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for
51.15 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal
51.16 year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and
51.17 2027.

51.18 APPROPRIATIONS

51.19 Available for the Year

51.20 **Ending June 30**

51.21	2026	2027
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51.22 **Sec. 2. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC**

51.23	DISCLOSURE BOARD	\$	1,819,000	\$	1,846,000
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51.24 The base for this appropriation is \$1,846,000
51.25 in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter.

51.26	Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF STATE	\$	200,000	\$	-0-
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51.27 This appropriation is for transfer to the Help
51.28 America Vote Act account established in
51.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, and is
51.30 credited to the state match requirement of the
51.31 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of
51.32 2024, Public Law 118-47.

52.1 **ARTICLE 5**

52.2 **ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY**

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

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

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

52.7 (2) in the case of a nursing home or an assisted living facility licensed under chapter
52.8 144G, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

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

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

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

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

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

52.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.20 Subdivision 1. **Time for filing.** An individual must file a statement of economic interest:

52.21 (1) within 60 days of accepting employment as a public official or a local official in a
52.22 metropolitan governmental unit;

52.23 (2) within 60 days of assuming office as a district court judge, appeals court judge,
52.24 supreme court justice, or county commissioner;

52.25 (3) within 14 days after ~~filing~~ the candidate filing period ends where the candidate filed
52.26 an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for an elective state constitutional
52.27 or legislative office or an elective local office in a metropolitan governmental unit other
52.28 than county commissioner;

52.29 (4) in the case of a public official requiring the advice and consent of the senate, within
52.30 14 days after undertaking the duties of office; or

(5) in the case of members of the Minnesota Racing Commission, the director of the Minnesota Racing Commission, chief of security, medical officer, inspector of pari-mutuels, and stewards employed or approved by the commission or persons who fulfill those duties under contract, within 60 days of accepting or assuming duties.

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

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

200.031 DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCE.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) If an individual moves to another state with the intention of living there for an indefinite period, the individual loses residence in this state, notwithstanding any intention to return at some indefinite future time.

(6) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual's residence is located in the precinct where the individual's family lives, unless the individual's family is living in that precinct only temporarily.

(7) If an individual's family lives in one precinct and the individual lives or does business in another, the individual's residence is located in the precinct where the individual's family lives, unless the individual establishes a home in the other precinct and intends to remain there, with or without the individual's family.

(8) The residence of a single individual is in the precinct where the individual lives and usually sleeps.

(9) The mere intention to acquire a new residence, is not sufficient to acquire a new residence, unless the individual moves to that location; moving to a new location is not sufficient to acquire a new residence unless the individual intends to remain there.

(10) The residence of an individual who is working temporarily in any precinct of this state is in the precinct where the individual's permanent home is located.

(11) The residence of an individual who is living permanently in a soldiers' home or nursing home is in the precinct where the home is located.

(12) If an individual's home lies in more than one precinct or political subdivision, the residence of the individual is in the precinct in which a majority of the room in which the individual usually sleeps is located.

(13) If an individual's home is destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by fire or natural disaster, the individual does not lose residence in the precinct where the home is located if the individual intends to return to the home when it is reconstructed or made habitable.

(14) The residence of a person committed to a secure treatment facility as a sexual psychopathic personality or as a sexually dangerous person under chapter 253D is the person's last known residential address prior to issuance of the committal order.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee who provides proof that they are employed by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of

residence oath vouching for any other individual on that election day. An election judge may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any individual who appears in the precinct where the election judge is working. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct, (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature, telephone number, and address.

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

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

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

56.1 a facility where a provider operates an adult foster care program as defined in section
56.2 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56.32 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no later
56.33 than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief

57.1 officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list
57.2 is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing in the institution's
57.3 housing and, for students who do not live in the institution's housing, that it reflects the
57.4 institution's records as of the date of the certification.

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

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

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

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

57.33 "I certify that I:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58.11 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
58.12 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
58.13 \$10,000, or both."

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

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

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

58.18 And the instruction:

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

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

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

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

58.28 Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision
58.29 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, or 203B.29, an application for absentee ballots for
58.30 any election;

59.1 (1) may be submitted in person at any time not later than the day before the election; or
 59.2 (2) if not submitted in person as provided in clause (1), must be received at any time not
 59.3 less than ~~one day~~ seven days before the day of that election.

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

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

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

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

59.20 (1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number; or Minnesota state identification card
 59.21 number; or; and

59.22 (2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

59.23 If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the
 59.24 number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not
 59.25 possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election
 59.26 held in March.

59.27 ~~(e)~~ (d) An application submitted electronically under ~~this paragraph (c)~~ may only be
 59.28 transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
 59.29 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
 59.30 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
 59.31 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of
 59.32 suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement
 59.33 agency for investigation.

60.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the
60.2 applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth,
60.3 and at least one of the following:

- 60.4 (1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;
- 60.5 (2) Minnesota state identification card number;
- 60.6 (3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or
- 60.7 (4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

60.8 All applications must be retained by the county auditor or the municipal clerk or school
60.9 district clerk, if applicable. If an application is received after 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to
60.10 the election, the official in charge of the ballot board must, within one day of receipt of the
60.11 application, attempt to contact the applicant by telephone or email to notify the applicant
60.12 of opportunities to vote in the election. The official must document the attempts made to
60.13 contact the applicant.

60.14 ~~(e)~~ (f) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained
60.15 on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and
60.16 that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.

60.17 ~~(f)~~ (g) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
60.18 number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made
60.19 available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or
60.20 municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in
60.21 person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than
60.22 the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or
60.23 municipal clerk within ~~ten~~ seven days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than
60.24 ~~six~~ seven days before the election.

60.25 ~~(g)~~ (h) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision
60.26 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot.

60.27 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

60.28 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
60.29 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:

- 60.30 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them and the
60.31 clerk accepts that responsibility; or

61.1 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
61.2 them.

61.3 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
61.4 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121 and whether the
61.5 municipality's office will be designated an absentee voting location pursuant to section
61.6 203B.081, subdivision 1, or only for early voting pursuant to section 203B.081, subdivision
61.7 1a.

61.8 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
61.9 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
61.10 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
61.11 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections
61.12 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide
61.13 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
61.14 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites
61.15 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter
61.16 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the
61.17 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may
61.18 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required
61.19 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who
61.20 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will
61.21 administer.

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

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

61.26 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
61.27 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
61.28 for casting the absentee ballots. The ~~return~~ signature envelope containing marked ballots
61.29 may be mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left
61.30 with the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter,
61.31 or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the
61.32 ~~return~~ signature envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by
61.33 ~~8:00 p.m.~~ 5:00 p.m. on election day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

62.31 (c) At the request of a postsecondary institution or the student government organization
62.32 of a postsecondary institution in the county or municipality, the county auditor or a municipal
62.33 clerk authorized to administer absentee voting under section 203B.05 must establish an

63.1 additional temporary polling place for the state general election or the odd-year city general
63.2 election for at least one day at a location agreed upon by the institution and the county
63.3 auditor or municipal clerk that:

63.4 (1) is accessible to the public;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63.31 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** (a) After the close of business on the 19th day before
63.32 the election, the ballots from ~~secrecy~~ ballot envelopes within the signature envelopes marked

64.1 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
64.2 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
64.3 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must
64.4 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and
64.5 may not be counted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed in response to any state of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any governor of any state within the United States during the time period authorized by law for

absentee voting or on election day may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor must electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee ballot application deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this subdivision. The county auditor is not required to provide return postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted electronically.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

67.24 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
67.25 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
67.26 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
67.27 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
67.28 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
67.29 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that
67.30 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
67.31 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the
67.32 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
67.33 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
67.34 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
67.35 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the

68.1 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
68.2 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

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

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

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

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

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

69.1 forward the affidavit of candidacy, filing fee, if any, and any necessary petitions to the
69.2 appropriate filing officer. Copies of a proof of residence submitted under this subdivision
69.3 are private data.

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

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

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

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

69.19 (1) each city ward; and

69.20 (2) each town and each statutory city.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70.32 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the
70.33 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,
70.34 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant

71.1 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the
71.2 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

71.28 Subd. 1a. **Notice to voters.** (a) If the location of a polling place has been changed, the
71.29 governing body establishing the polling place shall send to every affected household with
71.30 at least one registered voter in the precinct a nonforwardable mailed notice stating the
71.31 location of the new polling place at least 25 days before the next election. The secretary of
71.32 state shall prepare a sample of this notice. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must

72.1 be forwarded immediately to the county auditor. This ~~subdivision~~ paragraph does not apply
 72.2 to a polling place location that is changed on election day under section 204B.175.

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

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

72.13 Subd. 4. **Prohibited locations.** No polling place shall be designated in any place or in
 72.14 any adjoining room where intoxicating liquors ~~or~~ nonintoxicating malt beverages; or
 72.15 cannabis products, as defined in section 342.01, subdivision 20, are served or in any adjoining
 72.16 room sold. No polling place shall be designated in any place in which substantial compliance
 72.17 with the requirements of this chapter cannot be attained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73.20 Subdivision 1. **Appointment lists; duties of political parties and secretary of state.** (a)
 73.21 On ~~May~~ April 1 in a year in which there is an election for a partisan political office, each
 73.22 major political party ~~shall~~ must prepare a list of eligible voters who have indicated within
 73.23 the last 25 months they are willing to act as election judges in each election precinct. The
 73.24 list may also designate certain eligible voters as available to serve as alternates that may be
 73.25 appointed in the event of unexpected vacancies or if all positions representing that party
 73.26 affiliation are not able to be filled. The list provided by the party must indicate:

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

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

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

(b) The political parties ~~shall~~ must furnish the lists electronically to the secretary of state, in a format specified by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must combine the data received from each political party under this subdivision and must process the data to locate the precinct in which the address provided for each potential election judge is located. If the data submitted by a political party is insufficient for the secretary of state to locate the proper precinct or does not include the eligible voter's telephone number, email address, and date the eligible voter indicated their willingness to act as an election judge, the associated name must not appear in any list forwarded to an appointing authority under this subdivision. The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must notify political parties of any proposed election judges with addresses that could not be located in a precinct.

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

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

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

204B.24 ELECTION JUDGES; OATH.

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

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that:

(1) I will perform the duties of election judge according to law and the best of my ability and will diligently endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting this election.

(2) I will perform my duties in a fair and impartial manner and not attempt to create an advantage for my party or for any candidate.

(3) In the performance of my duties as an election judge, I will not share information about voting that I know to be materially false and will not intentionally hinder, interfere

75.1 with, or prevent a person from voting, registering to vote, or aiding another person in casting
75.2 a ballot or registering to vote, except as specifically required by law."

75.3 The oath shall be attached to the summary statement of the election returns of that
75.4 precinct. If there is no individual present who is authorized to administer oaths, the election
75.5 judges may administer the oath to each other.

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

75.7 Subdivision 1. **Duties of county auditor.** Each county auditor shall provide training for
75.8 all election judges who are appointed to serve at any election to be held in the county. The
75.9 county auditor shall also provide a procedure for emergency training of election judges
75.10 elected to fill vacancies. The county auditor may delegate to a municipal election official
75.11 the duty to provide training of election judges in that municipality or school district. The
75.12 training must be consistent with the training programs established by the secretary of state
75.13 under subdivision 2.

75.14 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.27, is amended by adding a subdivision
75.15 to read:

75.16 Subd. 8a. **Election judge advice telephone line.** The secretary of state must provide a
75.17 dedicated telephone line for use by election judges on each state election day. The line must
75.18 be available for election judges to clarify procedures in the event the municipal clerk and
75.19 county auditor's offices cannot be reached.

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

75.21 **204B.44 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; REMEDY.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

77.2 Subd. 2. **Procedure; voting prior to election day.** Notice of the election and the special
77.3 mail procedure must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days
77.4 nor later than ~~14~~ 28 days before a ~~regularly scheduled~~ any election ~~and not more than 30~~
77.5 ~~days nor later than 14 days before any other election~~, the auditor shall mail ballots by
77.6 nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No
77.7 later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots
77.8 to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before
77.9 the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for
77.10 ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided,
77.11 must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or
77.12 in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot
77.13 board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted"
77.14 or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day,
77.15 or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board
77.16 may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training
77.17 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
77.18 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different
77.19 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
77.20 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
77.21 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall
77.22 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
77.23 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
77.24 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
77.25 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
77.26 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

77.27 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
77.28 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
77.29 on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
77.30 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
77.31 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

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

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

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

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

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

78.13 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

79.13 Subdivision 1. **Counting and initialing.** (a) Before the voting begins, at least two election
79.14 judges must certify the number of ballots delivered to the precinct. Election judges may
79.15 conduct this count, presuming that the total count provided for prepackaged ballots is correct.
79.16 As each package is opened, two judges must count the ballots in the package to ensure that
79.17 the total count provided for the package is correct. Any discrepancy must be noted on the
79.18 incident log.

79.19 (b) Before the voting begins, or as soon as possible after it begins, at least two election
79.20 judges shall each initial ~~the backs of~~ all the ballots. The election judges shall not otherwise
79.21 mark the ballots.

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

79.23 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for
79.24 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may
79.25 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties
79.26 at any location where ballots may be cast, including early and in-person absentee voting
79.27 locations, and in a polling place on election day. The election judges shall mark the ballots
79.28 as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner as circumstances permit. A voter in need
79.29 of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance of any individual the voter chooses.
79.30 Only the following persons may not provide assistance to a voter: the voter's employer, an
79.31 agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person who
79.32 assists the voter shall, unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth

80.1 and mark the ballot as directed by the voter. Before the ballots are deposited, the voter may
80.2 show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they are marked as the voter
80.3 directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall not in any manner
80.4 request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to vote for any particular
80.5 political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals who assist the voter
80.6 shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the voter has voted or
80.7 anything that took place while assisting the voter.

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

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

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

80.17 Subdivision 1. **Vacancy filled at general election.** When a vacancy occurs more than
80.18 150 days before the next state general election, and the legislature will not be in session
80.19 before the final canvass of the state general election returns, the vacancy shall be filled at
80.20 the next state general election. When practicable, the filing period for the vacancy must be
80.21 concurrent with the filing period for the general election filing period provided in section
80.22 204B.09. If not possible, the filing period for the vacancy must be a minimum of five days
80.23 and a maximum of ten days, excluding holidays.

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

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

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

81.1 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The filing period for the vacancy must
81.2 be a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days, excluding holidays. The special
81.3 election shall be held as soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section
81.4 204D.22, subdivision 3, but in no event more than ~~35~~ 40 days after the issuance of the writ.
81.5 A special election must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a
81.6 holiday as defined in section 645.44, subdivision 5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81.29 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must
81.30 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against
81.31 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording
81.32 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any

82.1 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the
82.2 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording
82.3 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No
82.4 connection by modem is permitted.

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

82.15 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

82.16 Subd. 2. **Information required.** The report to be filed by a candidate or committee must
82.17 include:

82.18 (1) the name of the candidate and office sought;

82.19 (2) the printed name, address, telephone number, signature, and email address, ~~if available,~~
82.20 or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess an email
82.21 address, of the person responsible for filing the report;

82.22 (3) the total cash on hand designated to be used for political purposes;

82.23 (4) the total amount of contributions received and the total amount of disbursements for
82.24 the period from the last previous report to five days before the current report is due;

82.25 (5) if disbursements made to the same vendor exceed \$100 in the aggregate during the
82.26 period covered by the report, the name and address for the vendor and the amount, date,
82.27 and purpose for each disbursement; and

82.28 (6) the name, address, and employer, or occupation if self-employed, of any individual
82.29 or entity that during the period covered by the report has made one or more contributions
82.30 that in the aggregate exceed \$100, and the amount and date of each contribution. The filing
82.31 officer must restrict public access to the address of any individual who has made a
82.32 contribution that exceeds \$100 and who has filed with the filing officer a written statement

83.1 signed by the individual that withholding the individual's address from the financial report
83.2 is required for the safety of the individual or the individual's family.

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

83.4 Sec. 43. **[211B.125] PUBLICLY FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS; CAMPAIGN**
83.5 **EXPENDITURES PROHIBITED.**

83.6 An entity or organization, including any nonprofit organization, that receives state
83.7 funding must not make a campaign expenditure or otherwise expend money for any political
83.8 purpose, unless the entity or organization uses separate accounts for political activities and
83.9 for activities funded by state funding. The entity or organization must not supplant its
83.10 existing funding with state funding to make campaign expenditures or expend money for
83.11 political purposes. Prior to receiving state funding, the entity or organization must attest
83.12 that it will comply with this section. As used in this section, "state funding" includes receipt
83.13 of public funds through a direct appropriation or a legislatively named, competitive, or other
83.14 form of grant.

83.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

84.21 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 383B.041, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

84.22 Subd. 5. **Economic interest disclosure; Special School District No. 1.** Every candidate
84.23 for school board in Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, must file an original statement
84.24 of economic interest with the school district within 14 days ~~of the filing of an affidavit or~~
84.25 ~~petition to appear on the ballot~~ after the candidate filing period ends. An elected official in
84.26 Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, must file the annual statement required in section
84.27 10A.09, subdivision 6, with the school district for every year that the individual serves in
84.28 office. An original and annual statement must contain the information listed in section
84.29 10A.09, subdivision 5. The provisions of section 10A.09, subdivisions 6a, 7, and 9, apply
84.30 to statements required under this subdivision.

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

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.

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.

85.21 Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

85.22 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.25, subdivision 3, is repealed."

85.23 Delete the title and insert:

85.24 "A bill for an act

85.25 relating to government operations; establishing a biennial budget; appropriating
85.26 money for the legislature, certain constitutional offices and state agencies, boards,
85.27 councils, commissions, Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Humanities
85.28 Center, State Lottery, Campaign Finance Board, retirement plans, general contingent
85.29 account, and tort claims; transferring money; authorizing an increase in certain
85.30 legislative positions; establishing a Healthy Aging Subcabinet; modifying education
85.31 requirements and mobility for public accountants; modifying an advanced deposit
85.32 wagering fee; modifying lottery retailer contracting requirements; modifying
85.33 provisions governing Medicaid fraud; granting the attorney general certain subpoena
85.34 and enforcement authority; providing criminal penalties; authorizing statue
85.35 replacement; establishing a process for fraudulent business filing removal; providing
85.36 for policy changes to elections administration, census worker access, and campaign
85.37 finance provisions; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reports; making technical

86.1 changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 2.92, subdivision 2, by
86.2 adding a subdivision; 3.099, subdivision 3; 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 3.98,
86.3 subdivisions 1, 3; 8.16, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivision 1; 11A.07, subdivisions
86.4 4, 4b; 13.485, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 16A.057, subdivision 5;
86.5 200.031; 201.061, subdivisions 3, 3a; 201.071, subdivision 1; 203B.04, subdivision
86.6 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.081, subdivision 4;
86.7 203B.12, subdivision 10; 203B.121, subdivisions 4, 5; 203B.29, subdivisions 1,
86.8 2; 203B.30, subdivision 3; 204B.06, subdivision 1b; 204B.09, subdivisions 1a, 2;
86.9 204B.14, subdivision 2; 204B.16, subdivisions 1a, 4; 204B.19, subdivision 5;
86.10 204B.21, subdivision 1; 204B.24; 204B.25, subdivision 1; 204B.27, by adding a
86.11 subdivision; 204B.44; 204B.45, subdivision 2; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.09,
86.12 subdivision 1; 204C.15, subdivisions 1, 2; 204D.19, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 205.13,
86.13 subdivision 1a; 206.845, subdivision 1; 211A.02, subdivision 2; 211B.20,
86.14 subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 240.131, subdivision 7; 256B.12; 326A.03,
86.15 subdivision 6, by adding subdivisions; 326A.14; 349A.01, by adding a subdivision;
86.16 349A.06, subdivisions 2, 4, 11; 375.20; 383B.041, subdivision 5; 414.09,
86.17 subdivision 3; 609.48, subdivision 1; 609.52, subdivision 2; 628.26; Laws 2023,
86.18 chapter 62, article 1, sections 11, subdivision 2; 47; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article
86.19 67, section 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 4; 5;
86.20 204B; 211B; 300; 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16A.90;
86.21 16B.356; 16B.357; 16B.358; 16B.359; 204B.25, subdivision 3; 609.466; Minnesota
86.22 Rules, part 1105.7900, item D."

86.23 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General
86.24 Register.

86.25 This Committee action taken April 28, 2025

86.26, Co-Chair

86.27, Co-Chair