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ARTICLE 3

73.16

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ELECTIONS

73.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 5B.06, is amended to read:

73.18 **5B.06 VOTING BY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT; ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

73.19 A program participant who is otherwise eligible to vote may register with the secretary
73.20 of state as a permanent absentee voter. Notwithstanding section 203B.04, subdivision 5,
73.21 the secretary of state is not required to send an absentee ballot application prior to each
73.22 election to a program participant registered as a permanent absentee voter under this section.
73.23 As soon as practicable before each election, the secretary of state shall determine the precinct
73.24 in which the residential address of ~~the~~ a program participant is located ~~and~~. Upon making
73.25 a precinct determination, the secretary of state shall either (1) request from and receive from
73.26 the county auditor or other election official the ballot for that precinct and ~~shall forward~~
73.27 mail the absentee ballot to the program participant with the other, or (2) using the Minnesota
73.28 statewide voter registration system, prepare the program participant's ballot for that precinct
73.29 and mail the absentee ballot to the program participant. The secretary of state shall include
73.30 with each mailed absentee ballot all corresponding materials for absentee balloting as
73.31 required by Minnesota law. The program participant shall complete the ballot and return it
73.32 to the secretary of state, who shall review the ballot in the manner provided by section
74.1 203B.121, subdivision 2. If the ballot and ballot materials comply with the requirements of
74.2 that section, the ballot must be certified by the secretary of state as the ballot of a program
74.3 participant, and must be forwarded to the appropriate electoral jurisdiction for tabulation
74.4 along with all other ballots. The name and address of a program participant must not be
74.5 listed in the statewide voter registration system.

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ARTICLE 6

74.2

ELECTIONS & CAMPAIGN FINANCE

74.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.01, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

74.4 Subd. 10. **Candidate.** "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination or election
74.5 as a state constitutional officer, legislator, or judge. An individual is deemed to seek
74.6 nomination or election if the individual has taken the action necessary under the law of this
74.7 state to qualify for nomination or election, has received contributions or made expenditures
74.8 in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$200, or has given implicit or explicit consent for any other person to
74.9 receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$200, for the purpose of
74.10 bringing about the individual's nomination or election. A candidate remains a candidate
74.11 until the candidate's principal campaign committee is dissolved as provided in section
74.12 10A.243.

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

74.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended
74.7 to read:

74.8 Subd. 16a. **Expressly advocating.** "Expressly advocating" means:

74.9 (1) that a communication clearly identifies a candidate or a local candidate and uses
74.10 words or phrases of express advocacy; or

74.11 (2) that a communication when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external
74.12 events, such as the proximity to the election, is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation
74.13 other than as an appeal advocating the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified
74.14 candidates.

74.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.105, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.15 Subdivision 1. **Single committee.** A candidate must not accept contributions from a
74.16 source, other than self, in aggregate in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$200 or accept a public subsidy unless
74.17 the candidate designates and causes to be formed a single principal campaign committee
74.18 for each office sought. A candidate may not authorize, designate, or cause to be formed any
74.19 other political committee bearing the candidate's name or title or otherwise operating under
74.20 the direct or indirect control of the candidate. However, a candidate may be involved in the
74.21 direct or indirect control of a party unit.

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

74.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.24 Subdivision 1. **First registration.** (a) The treasurer of a political committee, political
74.25 fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit must register with the board by filing a
74.26 registration statement. The registration statement must be filed by the earliest of the following
74.27 dates:

74.28 (1) no later than 14 days after the committee, fund, or party unit has made a contribution,
74.29 received contributions, or made expenditures in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$200;

74.30 (2) no later than the next report of receipts and expenditures filing date applicable to the
74.31 committee, fund, or party unit if the committee, fund, or party unit reached the threshold in
74.32 clause (1) before the end of the reporting period covered by that report; or

75.1 (3) by the end of the next business day after it has received a loan or contribution that
75.2 must be reported under section 10A.20, subdivision 5.

75.3 (b) This subdivision does not apply to ballot question or independent expenditure political
75.4 committees or funds, which are subject to subdivision 1a.

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

75.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

75.7 Subd. 6. **Report when no committee.** (a) A candidate who does not designate and cause
75.8 to be formed a principal campaign committee and who makes campaign expenditures in
75.9 aggregate in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$200 in a year must file with the board a report containing the
75.10 information required by subdivision 3. Reports required by this subdivision must be filed
75.11 by the dates on which reports by principal campaign committees must be filed.

75.12 (b) An individual who makes independent expenditures that aggregate more than \$1,500
75.13 in a calendar year or expenditures to promote or defeat a ballot question that aggregate more
75.14 than \$5,000 in a calendar year must file with the board a report containing the information
75.15 required by subdivision 3. A report required by this subdivision must be filed by the date
75.16 on which the next report by political committees and political funds must be filed.

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

75.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.19 Subd. 2. **Amounts.** (a) In a segment of an election cycle, the principal campaign
75.20 committee of the candidate must not make campaign expenditures nor permit approved
75.21 expenditures to be made on behalf of the candidate that result in aggregate expenditures in
75.22 excess of the following:

75.23 (1) for governor and lieutenant governor, running together, \$3,817,700 in the election
75.24 segment and \$1,697,400 in the nonelection segment;

75.25 (2) for attorney general, \$654,600 in the election segment and \$226,400 in the nonelection
75.26 segment;

75.27 (3) for secretary of state and state auditor, separately, \$436,400 in the election segment
75.28 and \$113,300 in the nonelection segment;

75.29 (4) for state senator, \$102,800 in the election segment and \$32,800 in a nonelection
75.30 segment;

75.31 (5) for state representative, \$68,500 in the election segment.

76.1 (b) In addition to the amount in paragraph (a), clause (1), a candidate for endorsement
76.2 for the office of lieutenant governor at the convention of a political party may make campaign
76.3 expenditures and approved expenditures of five percent of that amount to seek endorsement.

76.4 (c) If a special election cycle occurs during a general election cycle, expenditures by or
76.5 on behalf of a candidate in the special election do not count as expenditures by or on behalf
76.6 of the candidate in the general election.

76.7 (d) The expenditure limits in this subdivision for an office are increased by ten percent
76.8 for a candidate who has not previously held the same office, whose name has not previously
76.9 been on the primary or general election ballot for that office, and who has not in the past
76.10 ten years raised or spent more than ~~\$750~~ \$200 in a run for any other office whose territory

74.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.16 Subdivision 1. **Contributions during legislative session.** (a) A candidate for the
74.17 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
74.18 political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within
74.19 a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist,
74.20 political committee, political fund, or an association not registered with the board during a
74.21 regular session of the legislature.

74.22 (b) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
74.23 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
74.24 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
74.25 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
74.26 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

74.27 (c) A candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal
74.28 campaign committee, or a political committee or party unit established by all or a part of
74.29 the party organization within a house of the legislature must not solicit or accept, at any
74.30 time of year, a contribution from a registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund,
74.31 or an association not registered with the board, if in exchange for the contribution:

75.1 (1) a registered lobbyist or any other individual is granted special access to a meeting
75.2 room, hospitality area, or other event space where candidates for the legislature or for
75.3 constitutional office are likely to gather; and

75.4 (2) the purpose of granting the special access is to facilitate informal meetings or
75.5 socialization with a candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office during a regular
75.6 or special session of the legislature.

75.7 As used in this paragraph, "special access" means privileges to enter and use a space that
75.8 is not freely available to members of the public or that is subject to the discretionary approval
75.9 of the responsible candidate, principal campaign committee, or a political committee or
75.10 party unit established by all or part of the party organization within a house of the legislature.
75.11 A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not registered
75.12 with the board is prohibited from offering or making a contribution that may not be solicited
75.13 or accepted under this paragraph.

76.11 now includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of
76.12 the new office. Candidates who qualify for first-time candidate status receive a ten percent
76.13 increase in the campaign expenditure limit in all segments of the applicable election cycle.
76.14 In the case of a legislative candidate, the office is that of a member of the house of
76.15 representatives or senate without regard to any specific district.

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

76.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.18 Subdivision 1. **Contributions during legislative session.** (a) A candidate for the
76.19 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
76.20 political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within
76.21 a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist,
76.22 political committee, political fund, or an association not registered with the board during a
76.23 regular session of the legislature.

76.24 (b) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
76.25 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
76.26 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
76.27 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
76.28 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

76.29 (c) A lobbyist, political committee, or political fund must not make a contribution at
76.30 any time for membership in, or access to, a facility during a regular legislative session if
76.31 the facility is operated by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature
76.32 or constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a house of the legislature.

75.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

77.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision to
77.2 read:

77.3 Subd. 6a. **Registered voter lists.** Data on registered voters is governed by section
77.4 201.022, subdivision 4.

77.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
77.6 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.

77.7 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.022, is amended by adding a subdivision to
77.8 read:

77.9 Subd. 4. **Data.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, all data in the statewide voter
77.10 registration system is public data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision
77.11 15.

77.12 (b) The following data is private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02,
77.13 subdivision 12: any identifying information related to a minor, a voter's date of birth, driver's
77.14 license number, identification card number, military identification card number, passport
77.15 number, or any part of a voter's Social Security number.

77.16 (c) Information maintained on the presidential primary political party list required by
77.17 section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is private data on individuals as defined under section
77.18 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide the list to the chair of
77.19 each major political party.

77.20 (d) Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name
77.21 from the public is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the secretary of
77.22 state and county auditor must withhold from the public the name of the registered voter.
77.23 Data withheld pursuant to this paragraph is private data on individuals, as defined in section
77.24 13.02, subdivision 12.

77.25 (e) Any person requesting public data must state in writing that any information obtained
77.26 from the statewide voter registration system will not be used for purposes unrelated to
77.27 elections, political activities, or law enforcement.

77.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
77.29 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.

- 75.20 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to
75.21 section 171.07;
- 75.22 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;
- 75.23 (3) presenting one of the following:
- 75.24 (i) a current valid student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution
75.25 in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section
75.26 135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary
75.27 of state; or
- 75.28 (ii) a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct
75.29 together with a picture identification card; or
- 75.30 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee employed
75.31 by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the
75.32 facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee
76.1 personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been
76.2 vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other
76.3 individual on that election day. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign
76.4 up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to
76.5 an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall
76.6 provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom
76.7 a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the
76.8 maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For
76.9 each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is
76.10 registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct,
76.11 (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the
76.12 statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature,
76.13 telephone number, and address.
- 76.14 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must be
76.15 attached to the voter registration application.
- 76.16 (b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees
76.17 currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The
76.18 operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than
76.19 20 days before each election for use in election day registration.
- 76.20 (c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256E.33,
76.21 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under
76.22 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision
76.23 5; ~~a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services~~
76.24 ~~establishment as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 4~~ an assisted living facility licensed
76.25 by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a veterans home operated by the board
76.26 of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence licensed by

76.27 the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in section
76.28 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability
76.29 licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; a setting authorized
76.30 to provide housing support as defined in section 2561.03, subdivision 3; a shelter for battered
76.31 women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; ~~or~~ a supervised publicly or privately
76.32 operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the
76.33 homeless; a facility where a provider operates a residential treatment program as defined
76.34 in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or a facility where a provider operates an adult foster
76.35 care program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

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

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

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

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

77.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

77.13 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
77.14 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
77.15 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
77.16 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
77.17 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
77.18 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
77.19 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
77.20 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
77.21 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper
77.22 registration application may include the voter's e-mail address, if provided by the voter. The
77.23 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's e-mail address. The
77.24 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if
77.25 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter
77.26 eligibility:

77.27 "I certify that I:

77.28 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

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

- 77.30 (3) will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately
77.31 preceding election day;
- 77.32 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;
- 78.1 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
78.2 to vote;
- 78.3 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;
- 78.4 (7) have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence
78.5 has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and
- 78.6 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
78.7 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
78.8 \$10,000, or both."
- 78.9 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:
- 78.10 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and
- 78.11 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"
- 78.12 And the instruction:
- 78.13 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."
- 78.14 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
78.15 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
78.16 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
78.17 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
78.18 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.
- 78.19 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
78.20 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.
- 78.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 78.22 Subd. 3. **Deficient registration.** ~~No~~ (a) A voter registration application is not deficient
78.23 if it contains the voter's:
- 78.24 (1) name, address, and date of birth;₂
- 78.25 (2) current and valid Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~ Minnesota state identification
78.26 number, or ~~if the voter has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota~~
78.27 ~~state identification number,~~ the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, ~~if the~~
78.28 ~~voter has been issued a Social Security number;~~₂
- 78.29 (3) prior registration, if any;₂ and
- 78.30 (4) signature.

- 79.1 (b) A voter registration application is not deficient due to any of the following:
- 79.2 (1) the absence of a zip code number ~~does not cause the registration to be deficient;~~
- 79.3 (2) failure to check a box on an application form that a voter has certified to be true ~~does~~
- 79.4 ~~not cause the registration to be deficient. The election judges shall request an individual to~~
- 79.5 ~~correct a voter registration application if it is deficient or illegible. No eligible voter may~~
- 79.6 ~~be prevented from voting unless the voter's registration application is deficient or the voter~~
- 79.7 ~~is duly and successfully challenged in accordance with section 201.195 or 204C.12.; or~~
- 79.8 (3) the absence of a number listed under paragraph (a), clause (2), if the voter has not
- 79.9 been issued one of those numbers and the information can be verified in another government
- 79.10 database associated with the applicant's name and date of birth, or the application was
- 79.11 accepted before January 1, 2004.
- 79.12 (c) A voter registration application:
- 79.13 (1) accepted prior to August 1, 1983, is not deficient for lack of date of birth. The county
- 79.14 or municipality may attempt to obtain the date of birth for a voter registration application
- 79.15 accepted prior to August 1, 1983, by a request to the voter at any time except at the polling
- 79.16 place. Failure by the voter to comply with this request does not make the registration
- 79.17 deficient; and
- 79.18 ~~A voter registration application accepted before January 1, 2004, is not deficient for lack~~
- 79.19 ~~of a valid Minnesota driver's license or state identification number or the last four digits of~~
- 79.20 ~~a Social Security number.~~
- 79.21 ~~A voter registration application submitted by a voter who does not have a Minnesota~~
- 79.22 ~~driver's license or state identification number, or a Social Security number, is not deficient~~
- 79.23 ~~for lack of any of these numbers.~~
- 79.24 ~~A voter registration application (2) submitted electronically through the website of the~~
- 79.25 ~~secretary of state prior to April 30, 2014, is not invalid as a result of its electronic submission.~~
- 79.26 (d) An election judge must request an individual to correct a voter registration application
- 79.27 if it is deficient or illegible. An eligible voter must not be prevented from voting unless the
- 79.28 voter's registration application is deficient or the voter's eligibility to vote is successfully
- 79.29 challenged under section 201.195 or 204C.12.
- 79.30 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.071, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 79.31 Subd. 8. **School district assistance.** School districts shall assist county auditors in
- 79.32 determining the school district in which a voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence.
- 80.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 80.2 Subd. 2. **Corrected list.** By February 15 of each year, the secretary of state shall prepare
- 80.3 the master list for each county auditor. The records in the statewide registration system must
- 80.4 be periodically corrected and updated by the county auditor. An updated master list for each

- 80.5 precinct must be available for absentee voting at least 46 days before each election. A final
80.6 corrected master list must be available ~~seven~~ 14 days before each election.

- 78.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.091, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 78.2 Subd. 4. **Public information lists.** The county auditor shall make available for inspection
78.3 a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth, and voting
78.4 history of each registered voter in the county. The list must not include ~~the party choice of~~
78.5 ~~any voter who voted in a presidential nomination primary.~~ data classified as private data on
78.6 individuals pursuant to section 201.022, subdivision 4. The telephone number must be
78.7 included on the list if provided by the voter. The public information list may also include
78.8 information on voting districts. The county auditor may adopt reasonable rules governing
78.9 access to the list. No individual inspecting the public information list shall tamper with or
78.10 alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information list or who acquires
78.11 a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may use any information
78.12 contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law
78.13 enforcement. The secretary of state may provide copies of the public information lists ~~and~~
78.14 ~~other information from the statewide registration system~~ for uses related to elections, political
78.15 activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a public official concerning a
78.16 failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local tax statute.
- 78.17 Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other
78.18 information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official
78.19 having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information
78.20 obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities,
78.21 or law enforcement. Requests to examine or obtain information from the public information
78.22 lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided
78.23 in the rules of the secretary of state.
- 78.24 ~~Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name from~~
78.25 ~~the public information list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the~~
78.26 ~~secretary of state and county auditor must withhold from the public information list the~~
78.27 ~~name of a registered voter.~~
- 78.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
78.29 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.
- 78.30 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
- 78.31 Subd. 4a. **Presidential nomination primary political party list.** The secretary of state
78.32 must maintain a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the
78.33 political party each voter selected. ~~Information maintained on the list is private data on~~
79.1 ~~individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state~~
79.2 ~~must provide the list to the chair of each major political party.~~

80.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

80.8 Subd. 2. **Moved within state.** If any nonforwardable mailing from an election official
80.9 is returned as undeliverable but with a permanent forwarding address in this state, the county
80.10 auditor may change the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide registration system and
80.11 shall transmit a copy of the mailing to the auditor of the county in which the new address
80.12 is located. If an election is scheduled to occur in the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~
80.13 maintains residence in the next 47 days, the county auditor shall promptly update the voter's
80.14 address in the statewide voter registration system. If there is not an election scheduled, the
80.15 auditor may wait to update the voter's address until after the next list of address changes is
80.16 received from the secretary of state. Once updated, the county auditor shall mail to the voter
80.17 a notice stating the voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place, except that if the
80.18 voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change,
80.19 incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship,
80.20 the auditor must not mail the notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting
80.21 address has been changed and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days
80.22 if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must
80.23 be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named address.

79.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
79.4 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.

79.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.091, is amended by adding a subdivision
79.6 to read:

79.7 Subd. 10. **Requests for data.** Nothing in this section prevents a person from requesting
79.8 public data as described in section 201.022, subdivision 4.

79.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
79.10 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.

79.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

79.12 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
79.13 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
79.14 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall enter the information contained on it into the
79.15 statewide voter registration system. Voter registration applications completed before election
79.16 day must be entered into the statewide voter registration system within ten days after they
79.17 have been submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed on
79.18 election day must be entered into the statewide voter registration system ~~within 42 days~~
79.19 ~~after the election, unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the deadline~~
79.20 ~~has expired that the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this~~
79.21 ~~paragraph, the secretary of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an~~
79.22 ~~additional 28 days. The secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this~~

79.23 ~~paragraph if, on good cause shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to~~
79.24 ~~comply before the canvass of that election is started.~~

79.25 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
79.26 the secretary of state's website including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
79.27 ~~or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.~~

79.28 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state ~~may~~
79.29 must electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county
79.30 auditor as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into the
79.31 statewide voter registration system. ~~The secretary of state may mail the voter registration~~
79.32 ~~application to the county auditor.~~

80.1 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered information from a voter
80.2 registration application into the statewide voter registration system, the secretary of state
80.3 shall compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state identification
80.4 number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number with the same information
80.5 contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

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

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

80.16 (f) The county auditor shall send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter whose
80.17 name appears on the list and change the voter's status to "incomplete." A voter who receives
80.18 a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide the information
80.19 required to complete the registration at least 21 days before the next election or at the polling
80.20 place on election day.

80.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
80.22 elections on or after that date.

80.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

80.25 Subd. 3. **Use of change of address system.** (a) At least once each month the secretary
80.26 of state shall obtain a list of individuals registered to vote in this state who have filed with
80.27 the United States Postal Service a change of their permanent address. The secretary of state
80.28 may also periodically obtain a list of individuals with driver's licenses or state identification
80.29 cards to identify those who are registered to vote who have applied to the Department of

80.30 Public Safety for a replacement driver's license or state identification card with a different
80.31 address, and a list of individuals for whom the Department of Public Safety received
80.32 notification of a driver's license or state identification card cancellation due to a change of
80.33 residency out of state. However, the secretary of state shall not load data derived from these
81.1 lists into the statewide voter registration system within the 47 days before the state primary
81.2 or 47 days before a November general election.

81.3 (b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state shall
81.4 locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, if possible. If the secretary
81.5 of state is able to locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, the
81.6 secretary must transmit the information about the changed address by electronic means to
81.7 the county auditor of the county in which the new address is located. For addresses for
81.8 which the secretary of state is unable to determine the precinct, the secretary may forward
81.9 information to the appropriate county auditors for individual review. If the voter has not
81.10 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, upon receipt
81.11 of the information, the county auditor shall update the voter's address in the statewide voter
81.12 registration system. The county auditor shall mail to the voter a notice stating the voter's
81.13 name, address, precinct, and polling place, unless the voter's record is challenged due to a
81.14 felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of
81.15 voting rights of individuals under guardianship, in which case the auditor must not mail the
81.16 notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting address has been changed
81.17 and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days if the new address is not
81.18 the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must be returned if it is not
81.19 deliverable to the voter at the named address.

81.20 (c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary
81.21 of state shall notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter formerly
81.22 ~~resided~~ maintained residence that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has not
81.23 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, the county
81.24 auditor shall promptly mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising the voter
81.25 that the voter's status in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to "inactive"
81.26 unless the voter notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining the
81.27 former address as the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is
81.28 challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a
81.29 court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not
81.30 mail the notice. If the notice is not received by the deadline, the county auditor shall change
81.31 the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

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

- 82.3 (1) name;
- 82.4 (2) date of birth;
- 82.5 (3) address;
- 82.6 (4) driver's license or state identification card number;
- 82.7 (5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and
- 82.8 (6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.
- 82.9 If the secretary of state enters into such an agreement, the secretary and county auditors
- 82.10 must process changes to voter records based upon that data in accordance with this section.
- 82.11 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, when data is shared with the secretary of
- 82.12 state by another state, the secretary of state must maintain the same data classification that
- 82.13 the data had while it was in the possession of the state providing the data.
- 82.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.1611, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 82.15 Subdivision 1. **Forms.** All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state
- 82.16 or federal financial aid shall provide voter registration forms to each student as early as
- 82.17 possible in the fall quarter. All school districts shall make available voter registration
- 82.18 applications each May and September to all students registered as students of the school
- 82.19 district who will be eligible to vote at the next election after those months. A school district
- 82.20 has no obligation to provide voter registration applications to students who participate in a
- 82.21 postsecondary education option program or who otherwise ~~reside~~ maintain residence in the
- 82.22 district but do not attend a school operated by the district. A school district fulfills its
- 82.23 obligation to a student under this section if it provides a voter registration application to the
- 82.24 student one time. The forms must contain spaces for the information required in section
- 82.25 201.071, subdivision 1, and applicable rules of the secretary of state. The institutions and
- 82.26 school districts may request these forms from the secretary of state. Institutions shall consult
- 82.27 with their campus student government in determining the most effective means of distributing
- 82.28 the forms and in seeking to facilitate election day registration of students under section
- 82.29 201.061, subdivision 3. School districts must advise students that completion of the voter
- 82.30 registration application is not a school district requirement.

80.23 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.171, is amended to read:

80.24 **201.171 POSTING VOTING HISTORY; FAILURE TO VOTE; REGISTRATION**

80.25 **REMOVED.**

80.26 ~~Within six weeks after every~~ Prior to the canvass of an election, the county auditor ~~shall~~

80.27 must post the voting history for every person who voted in the election. After the close of

80.28 the calendar year, the secretary of state ~~shall~~ must determine if any registrants have not

80.29 voted during the preceding four years. The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must perform list

83.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended
83.2 to read:

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

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

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

83.7 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license or
83.8 identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that
83.9 would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application
83.10 can be either a printed form, labels printed with voter information to be affixed to a preprinted
83.11 form, or a combination of both;

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

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

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

80.30 maintenance by changing the status of those registrants to "inactive" in the statewide
80.31 registration system. The list maintenance performed must be conducted in a manner that
80.32 ensures that the name of each registered voter appears in the official list of eligible voters
80.33 in the statewide registration system. A voter must not be removed from the official list of
81.1 eligible voters unless the voter is not eligible or is not registered to vote. List maintenance
81.2 must include procedures for eliminating duplicate names from the official list of eligible
81.3 voters.

81.4 The secretary of state shall also prepare a report to the county auditor containing the
81.5 names of all registrants whose status was changed to "inactive."

81.6 Registrants whose status was changed to "inactive" must register in the manner specified
81.7 in section 201.054 before voting in any primary, special primary, general, school district,
81.8 or special election, as required by section 201.018.

81.9 Although not counted in an election, a late or rejected absentee or mail ballot must be
81.10 considered a vote for the purpose of continuing registration under this section, but is not
81.11 considered voting history for the purpose of public information lists available under section
81.12 201.091, subdivision 4.

81.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
81.14 **elections on or after that date.**

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

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

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

83.28 (10) contain only preregistered voters within the precinct, and not contain preregistered
83.29 voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct;

83.30 (11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose
83.31 of updating absentee ballot records;

84.1 (12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the
84.2 Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information
84.3 Technology Services;

84.4 (13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and

84.5 (14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration
84.6 of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.

84.7 Electronic rosters used only for election day registration do not need to comply with clauses
84.8 (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for preregistered voter processing do not need
84.9 to comply with clauses (4) and (5).

84.10 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 202A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.11 Subdivision 1. **Eligible voters.** Only those individuals who are or will be eligible to vote
84.12 at the time of the next state general election, may vote or be elected a delegate or officer at
84.13 the precinct caucus. An eligible voter may vote or be elected a delegate or officer only in
84.14 the precinct where the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence at the time of the caucus.

84.15 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
84.16 to read:

84.17 Subd. 5. **Utility worker.** "Utility worker" means an employee of a public utility as
84.18 defined by section 216B.02, subdivision 4.

84.19 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
84.20 to read:

84.21 Subd. 4. **Emergency response providers.** Any trained or certified emergency response
84.22 provider or utility worker who is deployed during the time period authorized by law for

84.23 absentee voting, on election day, or during any state of emergency declared by the President
84.24 of the United States or any governor of any state within the United States may vote by
84.25 absentee ballot either as provided by sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 or 203B.16 to 203B.27.

84.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.27 Subdivision 1. **Delivery of envelopes, directions.** The county auditor or the municipal
84.28 clerk shall prepare, print, and transmit a return envelope, a ~~signature envelope, a ballot~~
84.29 secrecy envelope, and a copy of the directions for casting an absentee ballot to each applicant
84.30 whose application for absentee ballots is accepted pursuant to section 203B.04. The county
85.1 auditor or municipal clerk shall provide first class postage for the return envelope. The
85.2 directions for casting an absentee ballot shall be printed in at least 14-point bold type with
85.3 heavy leading and may be printed on the ~~ballot secrecy~~ envelope. When a person requests
85.4 the directions in Braille or on audio file, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall provide
85.5 them in the form requested. The secretary of state shall prepare Braille and audio file copies
85.6 and make them available.

85.7 When a voter registration application is sent to the applicant as provided in section
85.8 203B.06, subdivision 4, the directions or registration application shall include instructions
85.9 for registering to vote.

85.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

85.11 Subd. 2. **Design of envelopes.** (a) The ~~return signature~~ envelope shall be of sufficient
85.12 size to conveniently enclose and contain the ~~ballot secrecy~~ envelope and a folded voter
85.13 registration application. The ~~return signature~~ envelope shall be designed to open on the
85.14 left-hand end.

85.15 (b) The return envelope must be designed in one of the following ways:

85.16 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain ~~an additional~~ a signature envelope ~~that when~~
85.17 and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other
85.18 information; or

85.19 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
85.20 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

85.21 (c) Election officials may open the flap or the ~~additional~~ return envelope at any time
85.22 after receiving the returned ballot to inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to
85.23 ascertain other information.

85.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

85.25 Subd. 3. **Eligibility certificate.** A certificate of eligibility to vote by absentee ballot
85.26 shall be printed on the back of the ~~return signature~~ envelope. The certificate shall contain
85.27 space for the voter's Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the
85.28 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, or to indicate that the voter does not
85.29 have one of these numbers. The space must be designed to ensure that the voter provides

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81.22 heavy leading and may be printed on the ~~ballot secrecy~~ envelope. When a person requests
81.23 the directions in Braille or on audio file, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall provide
81.24 them in the form requested. The secretary of state shall prepare Braille and audio file copies
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82.1 registration application. The ~~return signature~~ envelope shall be designed to open on the
82.2 left-hand end.

82.3 (b) The return envelope must be designed in one of the following ways:

82.4 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain ~~an additional~~ a signature envelope ~~that when~~
82.5 and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other
82.6 information; or

82.7 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
82.8 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

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82.10 after receiving the returned ballot to inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to
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82.14 shall be printed on the back of the ~~return signature~~ envelope. The certificate shall contain
82.15 space for the voter's Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the
82.16 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, or to indicate that the voter does not
82.17 have one of these numbers. The space must be designed to ensure that the voter provides

85.30 the same type of identification as provided on the voter's absentee ballot application for
85.31 purposes of comparison. The certificate must also contain a statement to be signed and
85.32 sworn by the voter indicating that the voter meets all of the requirements established by law
86.1 for voting by absentee ballot and space for a statement signed by a person who is registered
86.2 to vote in Minnesota or by a notary public or other individual authorized to administer oaths
86.3 stating that:

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

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

86.8 (3) if the voter was not previously registered, the voter has provided proof of residence
86.9 as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3.

86.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

86.11 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing.** An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in the
86.12 office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor
86.13 during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this section. The county auditor
86.14 shall make such polling place designations at least 14 weeks before the election. Voters

82.18 the same type of identification as provided on the voter's absentee ballot application for
82.19 purposes of comparison. The certificate must also contain a statement to be signed and
82.20 sworn by the voter indicating that the voter meets all of the requirements established by law
82.21 for voting by absentee ballot and space for a statement signed by a person who is registered
82.22 to vote in Minnesota or by a notary public or other individual authorized to administer oaths
82.23 stating that:

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

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

82.28 (3) if the voter was not previously registered, the voter has provided proof of residence
82.29 as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3.

83.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended
83.2 to read:

83.3 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
83.4 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
83.5 for casting the absentee ballots. The return envelope containing marked ballots may be
83.6 mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be ~~left with~~
83.7 personally delivered to the office of the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted
83.8 the absentee ballots to the voter, or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082.
83.9 If delivered in person, the return envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or
83.10 municipal clerk by 3:00 p.m. on election day.

83.11 (b) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed absentee ballot
83.12 return envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the return envelope
83.13 in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the return envelopes of not more than three voters
83.14 in any election. An agent must not deposit the absentee ballot return envelope of another
83.15 person in a drop box. Any person designated as an agent who tampers with either the return
83.16 envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail or deliver the return envelope
83.17 to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty of a misdemeanor.

83.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
83.19 applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

83.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

83.21 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing.** An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in the
83.22 office of the county auditor and at any ~~other~~ additional polling place designated by the
83.23 county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this section.
83.24 An additional polling place designated by the county auditor pursuant to this section must
83.25 be at a precinct polling place designated pursuant to section 204B.16. Where the county

86.15 casting absentee ballots in person for a town election held in March may do so during the
86.16 30 days before the election.

86.17 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

86.18 Subd. 2. **Town elections Voting booth; electronic ballot marker.** ~~Voters casting~~
86.19 ~~absentee ballots in person for a town election held in March may do so during the 30 days~~
86.20 ~~before the election. The county auditor shall make such designations at least 14 weeks before~~
86.21 ~~the election. For purposes of this section, the county auditor must make available in each~~
86.22 ~~polling place (1) at least one voting booth in each polling place must be made available by~~
86.23 ~~the county auditor for this purpose. The county auditor must also make available, and (2)~~
86.24 ~~at least one electronic ballot marker in each polling place that has implemented a voting~~
86.25 ~~system that is accessible for individuals with disabilities pursuant to section 206.57,~~
86.26 subdivision 5.

86.27 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

86.28 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot
86.29 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 14 days before the election.
86.30 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to
86.31 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the
86.32 manner provided in this subdivision.

87.1 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must
87.2 state the voter's name, address, and date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk.
87.3 The voter shall sign a voter's certificate, which must include the voter's name, identification
87.4 number, and the certification required by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of
87.5 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
87.6 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election.

87.7 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately
87.8 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
87.9 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter
87.10 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the
87.11 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

87.12 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner
87.13 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

87.14 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by the county
87.15 auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

83.26 auditor administers absentee voting, each additional polling place must be open for in-person
83.27 absentee voting for the entire absentee voting period during the same days and hours as the
83.28 office of the county auditor is open for in-person absentee voting. Where a municipal clerk
83.29 has been designated to administer absentee voting pursuant to section 203B.05, each
83.30 additional polling place designated within the municipality must be open for in-person
83.31 absentee voting for the entire absentee voting period during the regular business hours for
83.32 the municipal clerk's office.

87.16 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.082, subdivision 2, is amended
87.17 to read:

87.18 Subd. 2. **Minimum security and integrity standards.** The county auditor or municipal
87.19 clerk may provide locations at which a voter may deposit a completed absentee ballot
87.20 enclosed in the completed signature envelope in a secure drop box, consistent with the
87.21 following security and integrity standards:

87.22 (1) at least one location must be provided for every 50,000 registered voters in the
87.23 jurisdiction. If there are fewer than 50,000 registered voters in the jurisdiction, the county
87.24 auditor or municipal clerk must provide at least one location;

87.25 (2) if more than one location is required, the locations must be distributed in a manner
87.26 that ensures equitable access to the drop boxes among all voters in the jurisdiction;

87.27 (3) at the request of a federally recognized Tribe with a reservation in the county, the
87.28 county auditor must establish at least one ballot drop box on the reservation on a site selected
87.29 by the Tribe that is accessible to the county auditor by a public road;

87.30 ~~(4)~~ (4) each drop box must be continually recorded during the absentee voting period;

87.31 ~~(5)~~ (5) each drop box must be designed to prevent an unauthorized person from moving,
87.32 removing, or tampering with the drop box;

88.1 ~~(6)~~ (6) each drop box placed in an outdoor location must be fastened to a building, bolted
88.2 to a concrete pad, or otherwise attached to a similarly secure structure;

88.3 ~~(7)~~ (7) ballots deposited in a drop box must be secured against access by any unauthorized
88.4 person, and in the case of a drop box located in an outdoor location, the drop box must be
88.5 secured against damage due to weather or other natural conditions;

84.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.082, is amended to read:

84.2 **203B.082 ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOXES; SECURITY AND INTEGRITY.**

84.3 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "drop box" means a secure receptacle
84.4 or container established to receive completed absentee ballots 24 hours per day. Drop box
84.5 does not include a receptacle or container maintained by the United States Postal Service,
84.6 or a location at which a voter or an agent may return a completed absentee ballot by providing
84.7 it directly to an employee of the county auditor or municipal clerk.

84.8 Subd. 2. **Minimum security and integrity standards.** The county auditor or municipal
84.9 clerk may provide locations at which a voter may deposit a completed absentee ballot
84.10 enclosed in the completed signature envelope in a secure drop box, consistent with the
84.11 following security and integrity standards:

84.12 (1) each drop box must be continually recorded or livestreamed during the absentee voting
84.13 period as provided in section 203B.155 and on election day;

84.14 (2) each drop box must be located within 100 feet of a door of the building where the
84.15 county auditor or municipal clerk's office is located;

84.16 (3) each drop box must be available for use during the entire absentee voting period;

84.19 ~~(5)~~ (5) each drop box must be designed to prevent an unauthorized person from moving,
84.20 removing, or tampering with the drop box;

84.21 ~~(6)~~ (6) each drop box placed in an outdoor location must be fastened to a building, bolted
84.22 to a concrete pad, or otherwise attached to a similarly secure structure;

84.23 ~~(7)~~ (7) ballots deposited in a drop box must be secured against access by any unauthorized
84.24 person, and in the case of a drop box located in an outdoor location, the drop box must be
84.25 secured against damage due to weather or other natural conditions;

88.6 (8) each drop box must be assigned an identification number that is unique to that drop
88.7 box;
88.8 ~~(5)~~ (9) each drop box must contain signage or markings that:
88.9 (i) clearly identifies the drop box as an official absentee ballot return location; ~~and~~
88.10 (ii) include the statement: "You can only return your own ballot in this drop box.";
88.11 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) include the location and hours where an agent may return an absentee ballot;
88.12 and
88.13 (iv) include the identification number assigned to the drop box;
88.14 ~~(6)~~ (10) deposited ballots must be collected at least once per business day during the
88.15 absentee voting period by the county auditor, municipal clerk, or an elections official trained
88.16 by the county auditor or municipal clerk in the proper maintenance and handling of absentee
88.17 ballots and absentee ballot drop boxes, and in the security measures used to protect absentee
88.18 ballots; and
88.19 ~~(7)~~ (11) ballots collected from each drop box must be properly date-stamped and stored
88.20 in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked space consistent with any applicable
88.21 laws governing the collection and storage of absentee ballots.

88.22 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.082, is amended by adding
88.23 a subdivision to read:
88.24 Subd. 5. Ballot collection log and report. The county auditor or municipal clerk must
88.25 maintain a log for each drop box. The log must include the unique identification number

84.17 (4) each drop box must be assigned an identification number that is unique to that drop
84.18 box;
84.26 ~~(5)~~ (8) each drop box must contain signage or markings that:
84.27 (i) clearly identifies the drop box as an official absentee ballot return location; ~~and~~
84.29 (iii) include the statement: "STOP! You can only return your own ballot in this drop
84.30 box."; and
84.28 (ii) include the location and hours where an agent may return an absentee ballot;
84.31 (iv) the identification number assigned to the drop box;
85.1 ~~(6)~~ (9) deposited ballots must be collected at least once per ~~business~~ day during the
85.2 absentee voting period by the county auditor, municipal clerk, or an elections official trained
85.3 by the county auditor or municipal clerk in the proper maintenance and handling of absentee
85.4 ballots and absentee ballot drop boxes, and in the security measures used to protect absentee
85.5 ballots; and
85.6 ~~(7)~~ (10) ballots collected from each drop box must be properly date-stamped and stored
85.7 in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked space consistent with any applicable
85.8 laws governing the collection and storage of absentee ballots.
85.9 **Subd. 3. Publication of locations required.** (a) The county auditor or municipal clerk
85.10 must provide a list of designated absentee ballot drop box locations to the secretary of state
85.11 no later than 40 days prior to the start of the absentee voting period at every regularly
85.12 scheduled primary or general election. The list must be published on the website of the
85.13 county or municipality and on the website of the secretary of state at least 35 days prior to
85.14 the start of the absentee voting period.
85.15 (b) The county auditor or municipal clerk must provide an updated list of designated
85.16 absentee ballot drop box locations to the secretary of state no later than 20 days prior to the
85.17 start of the absentee voting period at every regularly scheduled primary or general election,
85.18 if any locations have changed or been added since submission of the list under paragraph
85.19 (a). The list must be published on the website of the county or municipality and on the
85.20 website of the secretary of state at least 15 days prior to the start of the absentee voting
85.21 period.
85.22 **Subd. 4. Electioneering prohibited.** Section 211B.11 applies to conduct within 100
85.23 feet of an absentee ballot drop box established under this section.
85.24 Subd. 5. Ballot collection log and report. (a) The county auditor or municipal clerk
85.25 must maintain a log for each drop box. The log must include the unique identification number

88.26 assigned to the drop box. The log must include the following information for each day
88.27 during the absentee voting period:

88.28 (1) the date and time of each ballot collection;

88.29 (2) the person who collected the ballots; and

88.30 (3) the number of ballots collected.

85.26 assigned to the drop box. The log must include the following information for each day
85.27 during the absentee voting period:

85.28 (1) the date and time of each ballot collection;

85.29 (2) the person who collected the ballots; and

85.30 (3) the number of ballots collected.

85.31 (b) Before the meeting of the local canvassing board, each county auditor and municipal
85.32 clerk must total the number of ballots collected from each drop box for each day during the
85.33 absentee voting period and submit the totals to the local ballot board and the secretary of
86.1 state. Before the meeting of the state canvassing board for an election, the secretary of state
86.2 must compile the totals, broken down by county. Prior to the state canvassing board beginning
86.3 the state canvass, the secretary of state must submit the totals to the state canvassing board
86.4 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction
86.5 over election policy.

86.6 Subd. 6. **Rulemaking prohibited.** The secretary of state is not authorized to adopt rules
86.7 to implement or supplement the provisions of this section.

86.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
86.9 elections conducted on or after that date, except that subdivision 6 is effective the day
86.10 following final enactment.

89.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.2 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) Each full-time municipal clerk or school district clerk
89.3 who has authority under section 203B.05 to administer absentee voting laws shall designate
89.4 election judges to deliver absentee ballots in accordance with this section. The county auditor
89.5 must also designate election judges to perform the duties in this section. A ballot may be
89.6 delivered only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident or patient in a
89.7 health care facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains
89.8 residence. The ballots shall be delivered by two election judges, each of whom is affiliated
89.9 with a different major political party. When the election judges deliver or return ballots as
89.10 provided in this section, they shall travel together in the same vehicle. Both election judges
89.11 shall be present when an applicant completes the certificate of eligibility and marks the
89.12 absentee ballots, and may assist an applicant as provided in section 204C.15. The election
89.13 judges shall deposit the return envelopes containing the marked absentee ballots in a sealed
89.14 container and return them to the clerk on the same day that they are delivered and marked.

89.15 (b) At the discretion of a full-time municipal clerk, school district clerk, or county auditor,
89.16 absentee ballots may be delivered in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph (a) to a
89.17 veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota veterans homes under
89.18 chapter 198 or a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.

89.19 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended
89.20 to read:

89.21 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
89.22 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
89.23 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
89.24 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall
89.25 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges
89.26 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they
89.27 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,
89.28 subdivision 2.

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

89.32 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information
89.33 provided on the absentee ballot application;

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

90.2 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four
90.3 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee

86.11 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended
86.12 to read:

86.13 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
86.14 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots
86.15 must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The board must consist of a
86.16 sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22.
86.17 The board ~~may~~ must not include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks ~~who have~~
86.18 ~~received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots,~~ unless the deputy county
86.19 auditor or deputy city clerk has been appointed an election judge as provided in sections
86.20 204B.19 to 204B.22. Each member of the ballot board must be provided adequate training
86.21 on the processing and counting of absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction
86.22 on accepting and rejecting absentee ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and
86.23 deadlines, the role of the ballot board, procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes,
86.24 procedures for counting absentee ballots, and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

86.25 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
86.26 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

86.27 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
86.28 Law apply to a ballot board.

86.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
86.30 applies to elections on or after that date.

90.4 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must
90.5 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were
90.6 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

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

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

90.11 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the
90.12 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the election, by absentee ballot.

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

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

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

90.25 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
90.26 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by
90.27 telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official
90.28 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

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

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

91.5 (2) the reason for rejection; and

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

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

91.10 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

91.11 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
91.12 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted. After the close
91.13 of business on the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that
91.14 an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that
91.15 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal or state office, the
91.16 auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration system.

91.17 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee voters who
91.18 submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later than the
91.19 start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot at the
91.20 election. The roster may be marked either:

91.21 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

91.22 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

91.23 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

91.24 The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on
91.25 the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or
91.26 contained in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.

91.27 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended
91.28 to read:

91.29 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 14th day
91.30 before the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
91.31 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
92.1 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
92.2 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ~~ballot~~ ballot secrecy envelope, the
92.3 ballots must be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled
92.4 ballots, and may not be counted.

87.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended
87.2 to read:

87.3 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the seventh day before
87.4 the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
87.5 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
87.6 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
87.7 ballot box. Prior to depositing a ballot into the appropriate ballot box, the members of the
87.8 ballot board must verify that the ballot contains the security marking required by section
87.9 204B.36, subdivision 1. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot secrecy
87.10 envelope, or if a ballot does not contain the required security marking, the ballots must be
87.11 returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and may
87.12 not be counted.

87.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
87.14 elections conducted on or after that date.

87.15 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

87.19 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the
87.20 ballot box is equal to the number of voters whose absentee ballots were accepted that day;
87.21 and

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

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

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

88.7 ~~The count shall counting of ballots must be public. No vote totals from ballots may be~~
88.8 ~~made public before the close of voting on election day. Vote totals must only be disclosed~~
88.9 ~~in accordance with section 204C.19.~~

88.10 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), if the task has not been
88.11 completed previously, the members of the ballot board must verify as soon as possible, but
88.12 no later than 24 hours after the end of the hours for voting, that voters whose absentee ballots
88.13 arrived after the rosters were marked or supplemental reports were generated and whose
88.14 ballots were accepted did not vote in person on election day. An absentee ballot submitted
88.15 by a voter who has voted in person on election day must be rejected. All other accepted
88.16 absentee ballots must be opened, duplicated if necessary, and counted by members of the
88.17 ballot board. The vote totals from these ballots must be incorporated into the totals with the
88.18 other absentee ballots and handled according to paragraph (b).

88.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
88.20 applies to elections on or after that date.

88.21 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.121, is amended by adding a subdivision
88.22 to read:

88.23 Subd. 6. **Ballot board observers.** (a) For an election where a partisan office appears on
88.24 the ballot, a major or minor political party may appoint a person to serve as an absentee
88.25 ballot board observer. For an election where only nonpartisan offices are on the ballot, a
88.26 candidate appearing on the ballot may appoint a person to serve as an absentee ballot board
88.27 observer. All appointments must be made at least 30 days prior to the start of the absentee
88.28 voting period, except that if an observer is unable to perform the required duties the observer
88.29 may be replaced by the appointing political party or candidate. The political party or
88.30 candidate must notify the county auditor, city clerk, or school district clerk if a ballot board
88.31 observer is appointed and provide the observer's name, address, phone number, and e-mail
88.32 address. A ballot board observer must complete election judge training as described in
88.33 section 204B.25, including training on the processing and handling of absentee ballots. The
88.34 following individuals are not eligible to serve as absentee ballot board observers: members
89.1 of the ballot board, candidates on the ballot, and immediate family members of candidates
89.2 on the ballot.

89.3 (b) A ballot board observer must be allowed to observe the following activities of the
89.4 ballot board that take place during the absentee voting period, on election day, or after
89.5 election day:

89.6 (1) examining envelopes and accepting or rejecting envelopes as required by subdivision
89.7 2;

89.8 (2) opening envelopes and duplicating ballots, if necessary, as required by subdivision
89.9 4;

89.10 (3) depositing absentee ballots into a ballot box as required by subdivision 5, paragraph
89.11 (a); and

89.12 (4) counting and tabulating the ballots as required by subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

89.13 (c) A ballot board observer must be allowed to be within four feet of the ballots or
89.14 envelopes being handled. A ballot board observer must not handle any absentee ballots,
89.15 envelopes, or other election documents. A ballot board observer must not prepare in any
89.16 manner any lists of individuals who have or have not voted. A ballot board observer must
89.17 not interfere with the conduct of the ballot board. The ballot board may have a ballot board
89.18 observer removed if the observer is disrupting the activities of the ballot board.

89.19 (d) The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk must notify each ballot
89.20 board observer of the date, time, and location any time the activities in paragraph (b) will
89.21 take place. The notice must be in writing and mailed to the ballot board observer at least
89.22 seven days before the activity is to take place.

89.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 15, 2022, and applies to absentee
89.24 voting periods beginning on or after June 24, 2022.

89.25 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.121, is amended by adding a subdivision
89.26 to read:

89.27 Subd. 7. **Livestreaming.** (a) The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk
89.28 must ensure that all ballot board activity is livestreamed as provided by this subdivision
89.29 and section 203B.155. This requirement applies during the absentee voting period, on
89.30 election day, and on the day following the election day if absentee ballots are being processed.
89.31 At a minimum, the following activities must be recorded:

90.1 (1) examining envelopes and accepting or rejecting envelopes as required by subdivision
90.2 2;

90.3 (2) opening envelopes and duplicating ballots, if necessary, as required by subdivision
90.4 4;

90.5 (3) depositing absentee ballots into a ballot box as required by subdivision 5, paragraph
90.6 (a); and

90.7 (4) counting and tabulating the ballots as required by subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

90.8 (b) The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk must position one or
90.9 more cameras so as to record the following:

90.10 (1) the ballot board members performing the activities described in paragraph (a);
90.11 (2) all ballots in the room where the activities in paragraph (a) are taking place; and
90.12 (3) all doors in the room where the activities in paragraph (a) are taking place.

90.13 To the extent possible while complying with clauses 1 to 3, the cameras must be positioned
90.14 so as to avoid recording private data included on absentee ballot envelopes or other
90.15 documents.

90.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
90.17 elections conducted on or after that date.

90.18 Sec. 25. **[203B.155] LIVESTREAMING REQUIREMENTS.**

90.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The following terms have the meanings given for purposes
90.20 of this section.

90.21 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of information technology services.

90.22 (c) "Department" means the Department of Information Technology Services.

90.23 Subd. 2. **Livestreaming.** (a) Where livestreaming is required by sections 203B.082,
90.24 subdivision 2, clause (1), and 203B.121, the commissioner must ensure the livestream is
90.25 available on the department's website in a manner that allows members of the public to

90.26 easily access and view the livestream. The commissioner must record all livestreamed video
90.27 and retain the recording for at least 22 months after the date of the recording. Notwithstanding
90.28 chapter 13 or any other law to the contrary, the county auditor, city clerk, or school board
90.29 clerk is not required to maintain any livestreamed or recorded data or provide access to the
90.30 data. The commissioner must not charge any fee to the public or to the county, municipality,
90.31 or school district for providing this service.

91.1 (b) The secretary of state must include information on the office's website on how to
91.2 find and access videos on the department's website. Each county auditor, municipal clerk,
91.3 and school district clerk must post the same information on their respective local
91.4 government's website, if there is one.

91.5 Subd. 3. **Data.** The commissioner must retain video recordings of livestreamed activities
91.6 required by sections 203B.082, subdivision 2, clause (1), and 203B.121, as provided by this
91.7 section. The recordings are public data, except that the commissioner may obscure private
91.8 data on individuals that is visible on a recording.

91.9 Subd. 4. **Livestream disruptions.** If a livestream is disrupted or disabled, the
91.10 commissioner, county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk is not liable if the
91.11 disruption is due to a cause outside of the control of the commissioner, county auditor,
91.12 municipal clerk, or school district clerk. If there is a disruption, the commissioner must
91.13 work with the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk to reinstate video
91.14 coverage as soon as possible. If appointed ballot board observers are present and there is a
91.15 disruption in livestreaming, the activities of the ballot board may continue. If appointed
91.16 ballot board observers are not present and there is a disruption in livestreaming, the ballot
91.17 board must stop all activities until one of the following occurs:

91.18 (1) the livestream is reinstated;

91.19 (2) ballot board observers are present; or

91.20 (3) the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk arranges the activities to
91.21 be recorded in a manner that substantially complies with the requirements of this section
91.22 and section 203B.121, subdivision 7.

91.23 Within 24 hours of the livestream being reinstated, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or
91.24 school district clerk must transmit any recordings made pursuant to clause (3) to the
91.25 commissioner to be posted on the department's website.

91.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
91.27 elections conducted on or after that date.

92.5 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

92.6 Subd. 2. **Indefinite residence outside United States.** Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27
92.7 provide the exclusive voting procedure for United States citizens who are living indefinitely
92.8 outside the territorial limits of the United States who meet all the qualifications of an eligible
92.9 voter except residence in Minnesota, but who are authorized by federal law to vote in

92.10 Minnesota because they or, if they have never ~~resided~~ maintained residence in the United
92.11 States, a parent maintained residence in Minnesota for at least 20 days immediately prior
92.12 to their departure from the United States. Individuals described in this subdivision shall be
92.13 permitted to vote only for the offices of president, vice-president, senator in Congress, and
92.14 representative in Congress.

92.15 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.16 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Absentee ballots under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 shall conform
92.17 to the requirements of the Minnesota Election Law, except that modifications in the size or
92.18 form of ballots or envelopes may be made if necessary to satisfy the requirements of the
92.19 United States postal service. The return envelope must be designed in one of the following
92.20 ways:

92.21 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain ~~an additional~~ a signature envelope that when
92.22 and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other
92.23 information; or

92.24 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
92.25 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

92.26 The flap or the ~~additional~~ return envelope must be perforated to permit election officials to
92.27 inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to ascertain other information at any
92.28 time after receiving the returned ballot without opening the ~~return~~ signature envelope.

92.29 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.30 Subd. 3. **Back of return signature envelope.** On the back of the ~~return~~ signature envelope
92.31 a certificate shall appear with space for:

93.1 (1) the voter's address of present or former residence in Minnesota;

93.2 (2) the voter's current e-mail address, if the voter has one;

93.3 (3) a statement indicating the category described in section 203B.16 to which the voter
93.4 belongs;

93.5 (4) a statement that the voter has not cast and will not cast another absentee ballot in the
93.6 same election or elections;

93.7 (5) a statement that the voter personally marked the ballots without showing them to
93.8 anyone, or if physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed another individual to
93.9 mark them; and

93.10 (6) the same voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
93.11 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided on the
93.12 absentee ballot application; if the voter does not have access to any of these documents, the
93.13 voter may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the certificate under penalty of perjury.

91.28 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

91.29 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Absentee ballots under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 shall conform
91.30 to the requirements of the Minnesota Election Law, except that modifications in the size or
91.31 form of ballots or envelopes may be made if necessary to satisfy the requirements of the
91.32 United States postal service. The return envelope must be designed in one of the following
91.33 ways:

92.1 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain ~~an additional~~ a signature envelope that when
92.2 and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other
92.3 information; or

92.4 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
92.5 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

92.6 The flap or the ~~additional~~ return envelope must be perforated to permit election officials to
92.7 inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to ascertain other information at any
92.8 time after receiving the returned ballot without opening the ~~return~~ signature envelope.

92.9 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.10 Subd. 3. **Back of return signature envelope.** On the back of the ~~return~~ signature envelope
92.11 a certificate shall appear with space for:

92.12 (1) the voter's address of present or former residence in Minnesota;

92.13 (2) the voter's current e-mail address, if the voter has one;

92.14 (3) a statement indicating the category described in section 203B.16 to which the voter
92.15 belongs;

92.16 (4) a statement that the voter has not cast and will not cast another absentee ballot in the
92.17 same election or elections;

92.18 (5) a statement that the voter personally marked the ballots without showing them to
92.19 anyone, or if physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed another individual to
92.20 mark them; and

92.21 (6) the same voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
92.22 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided on the
92.23 absentee ballot application; if the voter does not have access to any of these documents, the
92.24 voter may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the certificate under penalty of perjury.

93.14 The certificate shall also contain a signed oath in the form required by section 705 of
93.15 the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252, which must read:

93.16 "I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

93.17 I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible
93.18 spouse or dependent of such a member; a United States citizen temporarily residing outside
93.19 the United States; or other United States citizen residing outside the United States; and I
93.20 am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election),
93.21 and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony,
93.22 or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting
93.23 rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any
93.24 other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form. In
93.25 voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to
93.26 observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or
93.27 federal law. I have not been influenced.

93.28 The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
93.29 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may
93.30 constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury."

94.1 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

94.2 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The absentee ballot board must examine all returned absentee ballot
94.3 envelopes for ballots issued under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 and accept or reject the
94.4 absentee ballots in the manner provided in section 203B.24. If the certificate of voter
94.5 eligibility is not printed on the ~~return or administrative signature~~ envelope, the certificate
94.6 must be attached to the ~~ballot~~ secrecy envelope.

94.7 (b) The absentee ballot board must immediately examine the ~~return signature~~ envelopes
94.8 or certificates of voter eligibility that are attached to the secrecy envelopes and mark them
94.9 "accepted" or "rejected" during the 45 days before the election. If an envelope has been
94.10 rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered
94.11 spoiled ballots and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter
94.12 with a replacement absentee ballot and ~~return envelope envelopes~~ in place of the spoiled
94.13 ballot.

94.14 (c) If a county has delegated the responsibility for administering absentee balloting to
94.15 a municipality under section 203B.05, accepted absentee ballots must be delivered to the
94.16 appropriate municipality's absentee ballot board. The absentee ballot board with the authority
94.17 to open and count the ballots must do so in accordance with section 203B.121, subdivisions
94.18 4 and 5.

92.25 The certificate shall also contain a signed oath in the form required by section 705 of
92.26 the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252, which must read:

92.27 "I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

92.28 I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible
92.29 spouse or dependent of such a member; a United States citizen temporarily residing outside
92.30 the United States; or other United States citizen residing outside the United States; and I
92.31 am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election),
93.1 and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony,
93.2 or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting
93.3 rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any
93.4 other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form. In
93.5 voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to
93.6 observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or
93.7 federal law. I have not been influenced.

93.8 The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
93.9 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may
93.10 constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury."

93.11 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

93.12 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The absentee ballot board must examine all returned absentee ballot
93.13 envelopes for ballots issued under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 and accept or reject the
93.14 absentee ballots in the manner provided in section 203B.24. If the certificate of voter
93.15 eligibility is not printed on the ~~return or administrative signature~~ envelope, the certificate
93.16 must be attached to the ~~ballot~~ secrecy envelope.

93.17 (b) The absentee ballot board must immediately examine the ~~return signature~~ envelopes
93.18 or certificates of voter eligibility that are attached to the secrecy envelopes and mark them
93.19 "accepted" or "rejected" during the 45 days before the election. If an envelope has been
93.20 rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered
93.21 spoiled ballots and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter
93.22 with a replacement absentee ballot and ~~return envelope envelopes~~ in place of the spoiled
93.23 ballot.

93.24 (c) If a county has delegated the responsibility for administering absentee balloting to
93.25 a municipality under section 203B.05, accepted absentee ballots must be delivered to the
93.26 appropriate municipality's absentee ballot board. The absentee ballot board with the authority
93.27 to open and count the ballots must do so in accordance with section 203B.121, subdivisions
93.28 4 and 5.

94.19 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.24, subdivision 1, is amended
94.20 to read:

94.21 Subdivision 1. **Check of voter eligibility; proper execution of certificate.** Upon receipt
94.22 of an absentee ballot returned as provided in sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, the election
94.23 judges shall compare the voter's name with the names recorded under section 203B.19 in
94.24 the statewide registration system to insure that the ballot is from a voter eligible to cast an
94.25 absentee ballot under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. The election judges shall mark the
94.26 signature envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the signature envelope below the word
94.27 "Accepted" if the election judges are satisfied that:

94.28 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope appears in substantially the
94.29 same form as on the application records provided to the election judges by the county auditor;

94.30 (2) the voter has signed the federal oath prescribed pursuant to section 705(b)(2) of the
94.31 Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252;

95.1 (3) the voter has set forth the same voter's passport number, or Minnesota driver's license
95.2 or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security
95.3 number as submitted on the application, if the voter has one of these documents;

95.4 (4) the voter is not known to have died; and

95.5 (5) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or by absentee ballot.

95.6 If the identification number described in clause (3) does not match the number as
95.7 submitted on the application, the election judges must make a reasonable effort to satisfy
95.8 themselves through other information provided by the applicant, or by an individual
95.9 authorized to apply on behalf of the voter, that the ballots were returned by the same person
95.10 to whom the ballots were transmitted.

95.11 An absentee ballot cast pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 may only be rejected
95.12 for the lack of one of clauses (1) to (5). In particular, failure to place the ballot within the
95.13 secrecy envelope before placing it in the ~~outer white signature~~ envelope is not a reason to
95.14 reject an absentee ballot.

95.15 Election judges must note the reason for rejection on the back of the envelope in the
95.16 space provided for that purpose.

95.17 Failure to return unused ballots shall not invalidate a marked ballot, but a ballot shall
95.18 not be counted if the certificate on the ~~return signature~~ envelope is not properly executed.
95.19 In all other respects the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and
95.20 counting of ballots shall apply. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the counting
95.21 of the absentee ballot of a deceased voter does not invalidate the election.

93.29 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.24, subdivision 1, is amended
93.30 to read:

93.31 Subdivision 1. **Check of voter eligibility; proper execution of certificate.** Upon receipt
93.32 of an absentee ballot returned as provided in sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, the election
93.33 judges shall compare the voter's name with the names recorded under section 203B.19 in
94.1 the statewide registration system to insure that the ballot is from a voter eligible to cast an
94.2 absentee ballot under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. The election judges shall mark the
94.3 signature envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the signature envelope below the word
94.4 "Accepted" if the election judges are satisfied that:

94.5 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope appears in substantially the
94.6 same form as on the application records provided to the election judges by the county auditor;

94.7 (2) the voter has signed the federal oath prescribed pursuant to section 705(b)(2) of the
94.8 Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252;

94.9 (3) the voter has set forth the same voter's passport number, or Minnesota driver's license
94.10 or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security
94.11 number as submitted on the application, if the voter has one of these documents;

94.12 (4) the voter is not known to have died; and

94.13 (5) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or by absentee ballot.

94.14 If the identification number described in clause (3) does not match the number as
94.15 submitted on the application, the election judges must make a reasonable effort to satisfy
94.16 themselves through other information provided by the applicant, or by an individual
94.17 authorized to apply on behalf of the voter, that the ballots were returned by the same person
94.18 to whom the ballots were transmitted.

94.19 An absentee ballot cast pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 may only be rejected
94.20 for the lack of one of clauses (1) to (5). In particular, failure to place the ballot within the
94.21 secrecy envelope before placing it in the ~~outer white signature~~ envelope is not a reason to
94.22 reject an absentee ballot.

94.23 Election judges must note the reason for rejection on the back of the envelope in the
94.24 space provided for that purpose.

94.25 Failure to return unused ballots shall not invalidate a marked ballot, but a ballot shall
94.26 not be counted if the certificate on the ~~return signature~~ envelope is not properly executed.
94.27 In all other respects the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and
94.28 counting of ballots shall apply. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the counting
94.29 of the absentee ballot of a deceased voter does not invalidate the election.

95.22 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.28, is amended to read:

95.23 **203B.28 POSTELECTION REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.**

95.24 By January 15 of every odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall provide to the
95.25 chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
95.26 elections a statistical report related to absentee voting in the most recent general election
95.27 cycle. The statistics must be organized by county, and include:

95.28 (1) the number of absentee ballots transmitted to voters;

95.29 (2) the number of absentee ballots returned by voters;

95.30 (3) the number of absentee ballots that were rejected, categorized by the reason for
95.31 rejection;

96.1 (4) the number of absentee ballots submitted pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27,
96.2 along with the number of returned ballots that were accepted, rejected, and the reason for
96.3 any rejections; ~~and~~

96.4 (5) the number of absentee ballots that were not counted because the ballot return
96.5 envelope was received after the deadlines provided in this chapter; and

96.6 (6) the number of absentee ballots by method of return, including drop box, mail,
96.7 in-person, and direct balloting.

96.8 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.06, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

96.9 Subd. 4a. **State and local offices.** Candidates who seek nomination for the following
96.10 offices shall state the following additional information on the affidavit:

96.11 (1) for governor or lieutenant governor, that on the first Monday of the next January the
96.12 candidate will be 25 years of age or older and, on the day of the state general election, a
96.13 resident of Minnesota for not less than one year;

96.14 (2) for supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, or district court judge, that the
96.15 candidate is learned in the law;

96.16 (3) for county, municipal, school district, or special district office, that the candidate
96.17 meets any other qualifications for that office prescribed by law;

96.18 (4) for senator or representative in the legislature, that on the day of the general or special
96.19 election to fill the office the candidate will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence not less than
96.20 one year in the state and not less than six months in the legislative district from which the
96.21 candidate seeks election.

96.22 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

96.23 Subdivision 1. **Candidates in state and county general elections.** (a) Except as
96.24 otherwise provided by this subdivision, affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions

96.25 for county, state, and federal offices filled at the state general election shall be filed not
96.26 more than 84 days nor less than 70 days before the state primary. The affidavit may be
96.27 prepared and signed at any time between 60 days before the filing period opens and the last
96.28 day of the filing period.

96.29 (b) Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, the affidavit of candidacy must be signed
96.30 in the presence of a notarial officer or an individual authorized to administer oaths under
96.31 section 358.10.

97.1 (c) This provision does not apply to candidates for presidential elector nominated by
97.2 major political parties. Major party candidates for presidential elector are certified under
97.3 section 208.03. Other candidates for presidential electors may file petitions at least 77 days
97.4 before the general election day pursuant to section 204B.07. Nominating petitions to fill
97.5 vacancies in nominations shall be filed as provided in section 204B.13. No affidavit or
97.6 petition shall be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

97.7 (d) Affidavits and petitions for county offices must be filed with the county auditor of
97.8 that county. Affidavits and petitions for federal offices must be filed with the secretary of
97.9 state. Affidavits and petitions for state offices must be filed with the secretary of state or
97.10 with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

97.11 (e) Affidavits other than those filed pursuant to subdivision 1a must be submitted by
97.12 mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L, or any other law to the contrary and must
97.13 be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

97.14 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended
97.15 to read:

97.16 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who
97.17 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the
97.18 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later
97.19 than the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies
97.20 of the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later
97.21 than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

97.22 (b) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this
97.23 subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for
97.24 vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who
97.25 files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking
97.26 nomination as a candidate for president of the United States. The request must also include
97.27 the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The total number of names of
97.28 candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed the total number of electoral
97.29 votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

97.30 (c) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
97.31 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor. A

97.32 candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
97.33 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

98.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.2 to read:

98.3 Subd. 6a. **Candidates for federal office.** This section does not apply to a vacancy in
98.4 nomination for a federal office.

98.5 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 204B.16, subdivision 1, is amended
98.6 to read:

98.7 Subdivision 1. **Authority; location.** (a) By December 31 of each year, the governing
98.8 body of each municipality and of each county with precincts in unorganized territory must
98.9 designate by ordinance or resolution ~~a polling place for each election precinct. The polling~~
98.10 ~~places designated in the ordinance or resolution are the polling places for the following~~
98.11 ~~calendar year, unless a change is made:~~ any changes to a polling place location. A polling
98.12 place must be maintained for the following calendar year unless changed:

98.13 (1) by ordinance or resolution by December 31 of the previous year;

98.14 ~~(1)~~ (2) pursuant to section 204B.175;

98.15 ~~(2)~~ (3) because a polling place has become unavailable;

98.16 ~~(3)~~ (4) because a township designates one location for all state, county, and federal
98.17 elections and one location for all township only elections; and

98.18 ~~(4)~~ (5) pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 3.

98.19 (b) Polling places must be designated and ballots must be distributed so that no one is
98.20 required to go to more than one polling place to vote in a school district and municipal
98.21 election held on the same day. The polling place for a precinct in a city or in a school district
98.22 located in whole or in part in the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision
98.23 24, shall be located within the boundaries of the precinct or within one mile of one of those
98.24 boundaries unless a single polling place is designated for a city pursuant to section 204B.14,
98.25 subdivision 2, or a school district pursuant to section 205A.11. The polling place for a
98.26 precinct in unorganized territory may be located outside the precinct at a place which is
98.27 convenient to the voters of the precinct. If no suitable place is available within a town or
98.28 within a school district located outside the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02,
98.29 subdivision 24, then the polling place for a town or school district may be located outside
98.30 the town or school district within five miles of one of the boundaries of the town or school
98.31 district.

99.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

99.2 Subd. 6. **High school students.** Notwithstanding any other requirements of this section,
99.3 a student enrolled in a high school in Minnesota or who is in a home school in compliance
99.4 with sections 120A.22 and 120A.24, who has attained the age of 16 is eligible to be appointed
99.5 as a without party affiliation trainee election judge in the county in which the student ~~resides~~
99.6 maintains residence, or a county adjacent to the county in which the student ~~resides~~ maintains
99.7 residence. The student must meet qualifications for trainee election judges specified in rules
99.8 of the secretary of state. A student appointed as a trainee election judge may be excused
99.9 from school attendance during the hours that the student is serving as a trainee election
99.10 judge if the student submits a written request signed and approved by the student's parent
99.11 or guardian to be absent from school and a certificate from the appointing authority stating
99.12 the hours during which the student will serve as a trainee election judge to the principal of
99.13 the school at least ten days prior to the election. Students shall not serve as trainee election
99.14 judges after 10:00 p.m. Notwithstanding section 177.24 to the contrary, trainee election
99.15 judges may be paid not less than two-thirds of the minimum wage for a large employer.
99.16 The principal of the school may approve a request to be absent from school conditioned on
99.17 acceptable academic performance at the time of service as a trainee election judge.

99.18 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

99.19 Subd. 2. **Appointing authority; powers and duties.** Election judges for precincts in a
99.20 municipality shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality. Election judges
99.21 for precincts in unorganized territory and for performing election-related duties assigned
99.22 by the county auditor shall be appointed by the county board. Election judges for a precinct
99.23 composed of two or more municipalities must be appointed by the governing body of the
99.24 municipality or municipalities responsible for appointing election judges as provided in the
99.25 agreement to combine for election purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
99.26 appointments shall be made from the list of voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in each
99.27 precinct, furnished pursuant to subdivision 1, subject to the eligibility requirements and
99.28 other qualifications established or authorized under section 204B.19. At least two election
99.29 judges in each precinct must be affiliated with different major political parties. If no lists
99.30 have been furnished or if additional election judges are required after all listed names in
99.31 that municipality have been exhausted, the appointing authority may appoint other individuals

95.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.19, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.2 to read:

95.3 Subd. 4a. **Vaccine requirements prohibited.** No appointing authority may adopt or
95.4 enforce a law, rule, policy, order, resolution, ordinance, charter provision, or other regulation
95.5 requiring an individual appointed as an election judge or a member of a ballot board to be
95.6 vaccinated against a communicable disease or to show proof of vaccination against a
95.7 communicable disease. For the purposes of this subdivision, "communicable disease" has
95.8 the meaning given in section 144.419, subdivision 1, clause (2).

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

99.32 who meet the qualifications to serve as an election judge, including persons on the list
99.33 furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 who indicated a willingness to travel to the municipality,
99.34 and persons who are not affiliated with a major political party. An individual who is appointed
99.35 from a source other than the list furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 must provide to the
100.1 appointing authority the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the
100.2 individual does not affiliate with any major political party. An individual who refuses to
100.3 provide the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the individual
100.4 does not affiliate with a major political party must not be appointed as an election judge.
100.5 The appointments shall be made at least 25 days before the election at which the election
100.6 judges will serve, except that the appointing authority may pass a resolution authorizing
100.7 the appointment of additional election judges within the 25 days before the election if the
100.8 appointing authority determines that additional election judges will be required.

95.10 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.32, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.11 to read:

95.12 Subd. 3. **Contributions for election expenses prohibited.** Notwithstanding any home
95.13 rule charter or local ordinance to the contrary, a county, municipality, or school district may
95.14 not accept a contribution, in any form, from a for-profit business or a nonprofit organization
95.15 made for the purpose of paying expenses associated with conducting a federal, state, or
95.16 local election.

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

95.18 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

95.19 Subdivision 1. **Type. (a)** All ballots shall be printed with black ink on paper of sufficient
95.20 thickness to prevent the printing from being discernible from the back. All ballots shall be
95.21 printed in easily readable type with suitable lines dividing candidates, offices, instructions
95.22 and other matter printed on ballots. The same type shall be used for the names of all
95.23 candidates on the same ballot.

95.24 (b) Except for ballots prepared and distributed under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, all
95.25 ballots must be printed on paper that contains a security marking designed to allow
95.26 verification of the ballot's authenticity. The security marking must be designed so that it
95.27 does not interfere with a tabulator's ability to accurately read the ballot. At a federal or state
95.28 election, the form of the security marking must be prescribed by the secretary of state. At
95.29 a local election, the form of the security marking must be prescribed by the county auditor
95.30 or municipal clerk. For purposes of this paragraph, a security marking is a watermark,
95.31 ultraviolet light marking, or other substantially equivalent marking.

96.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2022, and applies to
96.2 elections conducted on or after that date.

100.9 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

100.10 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~
100.11 ~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1
100.12 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~
100.13 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling
100.14 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor
100.15 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct
100.16 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized
100.17 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any
100.18 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county
100.19 auditor.

100.20 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor
100.21 or municipal clerk.

100.22 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

100.23 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given
100.24 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before
100.25 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any
100.26 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered
100.27 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the
100.28 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after
100.29 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered
100.30 at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot
100.31 return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk
100.32 and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk.
100.33 The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot
101.1 return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if
101.2 there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are
101.3 more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or
101.4 deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail
101.5 ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing
101.6 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt
101.7 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an
101.8 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope
101.9 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot
101.10 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days
101.11 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board
101.12 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's
101.13 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

101.14 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
101.15 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
101.16 on the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked

101.17 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
101.18 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

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

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

101.24 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
101.25 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election
101.26 must be counted.

101.27 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

101.28 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

101.29 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special
101.30 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the
101.31 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school
101.32 and municipality jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the
101.33 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the
102.1 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the
102.2 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must
102.3 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days
102.4 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all
102.5 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before
102.6 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters
102.7 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.
102.8 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant
102.9 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and
102.10 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days
102.11 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if
102.12 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county
102.13 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training
102.14 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
102.15 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different
102.16 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
102.17 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
102.18 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must
102.19 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
102.20 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
102.21 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
102.22 or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
102.23 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

102.24 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
102.25 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
102.26 on the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked
102.27 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
102.28 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

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

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

103.1 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.2 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for
103.3 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may
103.4 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties.
103.5 The election judges shall mark the ballots as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner
103.6 as circumstances permit. A voter in need of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance
103.7 of any individual the voter chooses. Only the following persons may not provide assistance
103.8 to a voter: the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, an officer or agent of the
103.9 voter's union, or a candidate for election. The person who assists the voter shall,
103.10 unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth and mark the ballot
103.11 as directed by the voter. ~~No person who assists another voter as provided in the preceding~~
103.12 ~~sentence shall mark the ballots of more than three voters at one election.~~ Before the ballots
103.13 are deposited, the voter may show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they
103.14 are marked as the voter directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall
103.15 not in any manner request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to
103.16 vote for any particular political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals
103.17 who assist the voter shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the
103.18 voter has voted or anything that took place while assisting the voter.

96.3 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

96.4 Subd. 3. **Premature disclosure of count results.** ~~No~~ The county auditor, municipal
96.5 clerk, school district clerk, election judge, or any other person must not disclose count results
96.6 from any precinct shall be disclosed by any election judge or other individual until all count
96.7 results from that precinct are available, nor shall have been counted and totaled, including
96.8 absentee votes received and processed by 8 p.m. on election day. Absentee ballots may
96.9 continue to be processed and counted after 8 p.m. on election day as provided in section
96.10 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (c). The public media must not disclose any count
96.11 results from any precinct before the time when voting is scheduled to end in the state.

103.19 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.33, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

103.20 Subd. 3. **State canvass.** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at a public meeting
103.21 space located in the Capitol complex area on the third Tuesday following the state general
103.22 election to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from
103.23 the county auditors and shall prepare a report that states:

103.24 (1) the number of individuals voting in the state and in each county;

103.25 (2) the number of votes received by each of the candidates, specifying the counties in
103.26 which they were cast; and

103.27 (3) the number of votes counted for and against each constitutional amendment, specifying
103.28 the counties in which they were cast.

103.29 Upon completion of the canvass, the State Canvassing Board shall declare the candidates
103.30 duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each federal and state office. All
103.31 members of the State Canvassing Board shall sign the report and certify its correctness. The
103.32 State Canvassing Board shall declare the result within three days after completing the
103.33 canvass.

96.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
96.13 applies to elections on or after that date.

96.14 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204D.16, is amended to read:

96.15 **204D.16 SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; POSTING;**
96.16 **PUBLICATION.**

96.17 (a) At least 46 days before the state general election, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must post
96.18 sample ballots for each precinct in the auditor's office for public inspection and transmit an
96.19 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state.

96.20 (b) No earlier than 15 days and no later than two days before the state general election
96.21 the county auditor ~~shall~~ must cause a ~~sample generic~~ sample generic state general election ballot to be
96.22 published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county. The generic ballot
96.23 must include only the races and candidates that will appear on the ballot for every precinct
96.24 in the county. The secretary of state, in collaboration with local government election officials
96.25 and the Minnesota Newspaper Association, must design the generic ballot to be used by
96.26 local election officials. When printed in the newspaper, the generic ballot must be sized so
96.27 that it comprises a minimum of 75 percent of one page. The generic ballot must include the
96.28 following statement:

96.29 "This ballot only includes the races and candidates that will appear on the ballot for
96.30 every precinct in the county. Your ballot will have the names of all candidates for whom
96.31 you can vote in your precinct. To view a sample ballot reflecting your specific address,

96.32 please enter your address information on this website: [link to appropriate page on the
97.1 secretary of state's website]. You may also view a list of sample ballots for each county
97.2 precinct on [link to appropriate page on the county's website]. If you would like a copy of
97.3 a sample ballot specific to your address sent to you, please contact [insert the name of the
97.4 appropriate election official, phone number, and e-mail address] and the county will mail
97.5 you a sample at no charge."

104.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

104.2 Subd. 2. **Special election when legislature will be in session.** Except for vacancies in
104.3 the legislature which occur at any time between the last day of session in an odd-numbered
104.4 year and the ~~40th~~ 54th day prior to the opening day of session in the succeeding
104.5 even-numbered year, when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that
104.6 the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties
104.7 of the office immediately upon election, the governor shall issue within five days after the
104.8 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The special election shall be held as
104.9 soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section 204D.22, subdivision
104.10 3, but in no event more than ~~35~~ 49 days after the issuance of the writ. ~~A special election~~
104.11 ~~must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a holiday as defined in~~
104.12 ~~section 645.44, subdivision 5.~~

104.13 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

104.14 Subd. 3. **Notice of special election.** The county auditor of a county in which a special
104.15 election is to be held shall direct the clerk of each municipality in which the election is to
104.16 be held to post a notice of the special primary and special election at least ~~seven~~ 14 days
104.17 before the special primary and at least ~~14~~ 21 days before the special election in the manner
104.18 provided in sections 204B.33 and 204B.34. If the special primary is to be held ~~14~~ 21 days
104.19 before the special election, a single notice of both elections may be posted seven days before
104.20 the primary.

104.21 When the special primary or special election is to be held on the same day as any other
104.22 election, notice of the special primary or special election may be included in the notice of
104.23 the other election, if practicable.

104.24 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204D.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

104.25 Subd. 2. **Time of filing.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, the affidavits and petitions
104.26 shall be filed no later than ~~14~~ 21 days before the special primary.

104.27 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 205.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

104.28 Subd. 5. **Nominating petition; cities of the first class.** A nominating petition filed on
104.29 behalf of a candidate for municipal office in a city of the first class shall be signed by eligible
104.30 voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in the election district from which the candidate is to
104.31 be elected. The number of signers shall be at least 500, or two percent of the total number

105.1 of individuals who voted in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the last
105.2 preceding municipal general election, whichever is greater.

105.3 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 205A.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

105.4 Subd. 5. **School district canvassing board.** For the purpose of a recount of a special
105.5 election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school district
105.6 canvassing board shall consist of one member of the school board other than the clerk,
105.7 selected by the board, the clerk of the school board, the county auditor of the county in
105.8 which the greatest number of school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, the court
105.9 administrator of the district court of the judicial district in which the greatest number of
105.10 school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, and the mayor or chair of the town board
105.11 of the school district's most populous municipality. Any member of the canvassing board
105.12 may appoint a designee to appear at the meeting of the board, except that no designee may
105.13 be a candidate for public office. If one of the individuals fails to appear at the meeting of
105.14 the canvassing board, the county auditor shall appoint an eligible voter of the school district,
105.15 who must not be a member of the school board, to fill the vacancy. Not more than two
105.16 school board members shall serve on the canvassing board at one time. Four members
105.17 constitute a quorum.

105.18 The school board shall serve as the school district canvassing board for the election of
105.19 school board members.

105.20 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 205A.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

105.21 Subd. 5. **Board elections.** If the proposal for the establishment of election districts is
105.22 approved by the voters, the board shall specify the election districts from which vacancies
105.23 shall be filled as they occur until such time as each board member represents an election
105.24 district. A candidate for school board in a subsequent election must file an affidavit of
105.25 candidacy to be elected as a school board member for the election district in which the
105.26 candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence. If there are as many election districts as there are
105.27 members of the board, one and only one member of the board shall be elected from each
105.28 election district. In school districts where one or more board members are elected by election
105.29 districts, candidates must indicate on the affidavit of candidacy the number of the district
105.30 from which they seek election or, if appropriate, that they seek election from one of the
105.31 offices elected at large. If the election districts have two or three members each, the terms
105.32 of the members must be staggered. Each board member must be a resident of the election
105.33 district for which elected but the creation of an election district or a change in election
106.1 district boundaries shall not disqualify a board member from serving for the remainder of
106.2 a term.

97.6 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 206.805, subdivision 1, is amended
97.7 to read:

97.8 Subdivision 1. **Contracts required.** (a) The secretary of state, with the assistance of the
97.9 commissioner of administration, must establish one or more state voting systems contracts.
97.10 The contracts should, if practical, include provisions for maintenance of the equipment
97.11 purchased. The voting systems contracts must address precinct-based optical scan voting
97.12 equipment, assistive voting technology, automatic tabulating equipment, and electronic
97.13 roster equipment. The contracts must give the state a perpetual license to use and modify
97.14 the software. The contracts must include provisions to escrow the software source code.
97.15 Bids for voting systems and related election services must be solicited from each vendor
97.16 selling or leasing voting systems that have been certified for use by the secretary of state.
97.17 Bids for electronic roster equipment, software, and related services must be solicited from
97.18 each vendor selling or leasing electronic roster equipment that meets the requirements of
97.19 section 201.225, subdivision 2. The contracts must be renewed from time to time.

97.20 (b) The secretary of state, with the assistance of the commissioner of administration,
97.21 must establish one or more contracts for ballot paper bearing a security marking as described
97.22 in section 204B.36, subdivision 1. The contracts must be renewed from time to time.

97.23 (c) Counties and municipalities may purchase or lease voting systems and obtain related
97.24 election services from the state contracts. All counties and municipalities are members of
97.25 the cooperative purchasing venture of the Department of Administration for the purpose of
97.26 this section. For the purpose of township elections, counties must aggregate orders under
97.27 contracts negotiated under this section for products and services and may apportion the
97.28 costs of those products and services proportionally among the townships receiving the
97.29 products and services. The county is not liable for the timely or accurate delivery of those
97.30 products or services.

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

98.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 206.83, is amended to read:

98.2 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

98.3 (a) Within 14 days before election day, the official in charge of elections shall have the
98.4 voting system tested to ascertain that the system will correctly mark ballots using all methods
98.5 supported by the system, including through assistive technology, and count the votes cast
98.6 for all candidates and on all questions. ~~Public notice of the time and place of the test must~~
98.7 ~~be given at least two days in advance by publication once in official newspapers.~~ The test
98.8 must be observed by at least two election judges, who are not of the same major political
98.9 party, and must be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, the press, and
98.10 the public. The test must be conducted by (1) processing a preaudited group of ballots
98.11 punched or marked to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and
98.12 on each question, and must include for each office one or more ballot cards which have
98.13 votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the voting system

106.3 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 207A.12, is amended to read:

106.4 **207A.12 CONDUCTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY.**

106.5 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the presidential nomination primary must be
106.6 conducted, and the results canvassed and returned, in the manner provided by law for the
106.7 state primary.

106.8 (b) An individual seeking to vote at the presidential nomination primary must be
106.9 registered to vote pursuant to section 201.054, subdivision 1. The voter must request the
106.10 ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Notwithstanding section
106.11 204C.18, subdivision 1, the election judge must record in the polling place roster the name
106.12 of the political party whose ballot the voter requested. When posting voter history pursuant
106.13 to section 201.171, the county auditor must include the name of the political party whose
106.14 ballot the voter requested. The political party ballot selected by a voter is private data on
106.15 individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except as provided in section
106.16 201.091, subdivision 4a. A voter eligible to cast a ballot as provided in section 5B.06 must
106.17 be permitted to cast a ballot at the presidential nomination primary consistent with the
106.18 requirements of that section.

106.19 (c) Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of the presidential
106.20 nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each party of the results.

98.14 tabulator and electronic ballot marker to reject those votes; and (2) processing an additional
98.15 test deck of ballots marked using the electronic ballot marker for the precinct, including
98.16 ballots marked using the electronic ballot display, audio ballot reader, and any assistive
98.17 voting technology used with the electronic ballot marker. If any error is detected, the cause
98.18 must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count must be made before the voting
98.19 system may be used in the election. After the completion of the test, the programs used and
98.20 ballot cards must be sealed, retained, and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

98.21 (b) At least 14 days before conducting the testing required by paragraph (a), the official
98.22 in charge of elections must give notice of the date, time, and location of the testing in the
98.23 following manner:

98.24 (1) by publishing the notice once in the official newspaper;

98.25 (2) by prominently posting the notice on the applicable county, municipal, or school
98.26 district website, if there is one; and

98.27 (3) by sending the notice to the secretary of state. The secretary of state must prominently
98.28 publish the notices on the secretary's website. The secretary of state must notify the chairs
98.29 of each major and minor political party when notices are posted and where to find them.

98.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
98.31 applies to elections on or after that date.

106.21 (d) The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election of delegates
106.22 in each party.

106.23 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 207A.13, subdivision 2, is amended
106.24 to read:

106.25 Subd. 2. **Candidates on the ballot.** (a) Each party participating in the presidential
106.26 nomination primary must determine which candidates are to be placed on the presidential
106.27 nomination primary ballot for that party. The chair of each participating party must submit
106.28 to the secretary of state the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot for that party no
106.29 later than 63 days before the presidential nomination primary. Once submitted, changes
106.30 must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot.

107.1 (b) No later than the ~~seventh~~ 14th day before the presidential nomination primary, the
107.2 chair of each participating party must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in
107.3 candidates, if any, to be counted for that party.

107.4 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 209.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

107.5 Subd. 2. **Notice filed with court.** If the contest relates to a nomination or election for
107.6 statewide office, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator
107.7 of District Court in Ramsey County. For contests relating to any other office, the contestant
107.8 shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator of district court in the county
107.9 where the contestee ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

107.10 If the contest relates to a constitutional amendment, the contestant shall file the notice
107.11 of contest with the court administrator of District Court in Ramsey County. If the contest
107.12 relates to any other question, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court
107.13 administrator of district court for the county or any one of the counties where the question
107.14 appeared on the ballot.

107.15 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

107.16 Subd. 2. **Independent expenditures.** (a) The required form of the disclaimer on a written
107.17 independent expenditure is: "This is an independent expenditure prepared and paid for by
107.18 (name of entity participating in the expenditure), (address). It is not coordinated
107.19 with or approved by any candidate nor is any candidate responsible for it. The top three
107.20 contributors funding this expenditure are (1)....., (2)....., and (3)....." The address must
107.21 be either the entity's mailing address or the entity's website, if the website includes the
107.22 entity's mailing address. When a written independent expenditure is produced and
107.23 disseminated without cost, the words "and paid for" may be omitted from the disclaimer.

107.24 (b) The required form of the disclaimer on a broadcast independent expenditure is: "This
107.25 independent expenditure is paid for by (name of entity participating in the expenditure).
107.26 It is not coordinated with or approved by any candidate nor is any candidate responsible
107.27 for it. The top three contributors funding this expenditure are (1)....., (2)....., and (3)....."
107.28 When a broadcast independent expenditure is produced and disseminated without cost, the

107.29 following disclaimer may be used: "..... (name of entity participating in the expenditure)
107.30 is responsible for the contents of this independent expenditure. It is not coordinated with
107.31 or approved by any candidate nor is any candidate responsible for it."

107.32 (c) The listing of the top three contributors required to be included in a disclaimer under
107.33 this subdivision must identify by name the three individuals or entities making the largest
108.1 aggregate contribution or contributions required to be reported under chapter 10A to the
108.2 expending entity during the 12-month period preceding the first date at which the expenditure
108.3 was published or presented to the public. Contributions to the expending entity that are
108.4 segregated, tracked, and used for purposes other than expenditures requiring the disclaimer
108.5 should not be included in calculating the top three contributors required to be identified
108.6 under this subdivision.

108.7 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

108.8 Subd. 3. **Material that does not need a disclaimer.** (a) This section does not apply to
108.9 fund-raising tickets, business cards, personal letters, or similar items that are clearly being
108.10 distributed by the candidate.

108.11 (b) This section does not apply to an individual or association that is not required to
108.12 register or report under chapter 10A or 211A.

108.13 (c) This section does not apply to the following:

108.14 (1) bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens, or similar small items on which the disclaimer
108.15 cannot be conveniently printed; and

108.16 (2) skywriting, wearing apparel, or other means of displaying an advertisement of such
108.17 a nature that the inclusion of a disclaimer would be impracticable; and

108.18 ~~(3) online banner ads and similar electronic communications that link directly to an~~
108.19 ~~online page that includes the disclaimer.~~

108.20 (d) This section does not modify or repeal section 211B.06.

108.21 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision
108.22 to read:

108.23 Subd. 3a. **Certain electronic communications and advertisements.** Notwithstanding
108.24 subdivisions 1 and 2, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must adopt rules
108.25 using the expedited process in section 14.389 to specify the form and content of the disclaimer
108.26 required by those subdivisions for small electronic communications for which it is
108.27 technologically impossible to clearly and conspicuously print the full disclaimer, including
108.28 but not limited to online banner ads, text messages, social media communications, and small
108.29 advertisements appearing on a mobile telephone or other handheld electronic device.

109.1 Sec. 58. [211B.075] ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED BY
109.2 COMMITTEES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

109.12 (b) As used in this subdivision, "sample ballot" means a document enclosed in the mailing
109.13 that is formatted and printed in a manner that would lead a reasonable person to believe the
109.14 document is an official ballot. A document that contains the names of particular candidates
109.15 or ballot questions alongside illustrations of a generic ballot or common ballot markings is
109.16 not a sample ballot for purposes of this subdivision, so long as the format and style of the
109.17 document would not lead a reasonable person to mistake it for an official ballot.

109.3 (a) Any mailing sent by or on behalf of a committee or other private organization that
109.4 includes an absentee ballot application or a sample ballot designed to encourage voting at
109.5 an election must include the applicable set of statements, printed in capital letters on the
109.6 outside of the mailing so that the statements are clearly visible at the time of opening, as
109.7 follows:

109.8 (1) if an absentee ballot application is enclosed, "THIS IS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
109.9 APPLICATION, NOT AN OFFICIAL BALLOT"; and

109.10 (2) if a sample ballot is enclosed, "THIS IS A SAMPLE BALLOT, NOT AN OFFICIAL
109.11 BALLOT."

99.1 Sec. 37. [211B.075] DISTRIBUTION OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS
99.2 AND SAMPLE BALLOTS.

99.3 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The following terms have the meanings given for the
99.4 purpose of this section.

99.5 (b) "Person or entity" means any individual, committee, or association as defined by
99.6 section 10A.01, subdivision 6.

99.7 (c) "Sample ballot" means a document that is formatted and printed in a manner that so
99.8 closely resembles an official ballot that it could lead a reasonable person to believe the
99.9 document is an official ballot. A document that contains the names of particular candidates
99.10 or ballot questions alongside illustrations of a generic ballot or common ballot markings is
99.11 not a sample ballot as long as the document does not closely resemble an official ballot and
99.12 would not lead a reasonable person to believe the document is an official ballot.

99.13 Subd. 2. Requirements. (a) A person or entity that mails an absentee ballot application
99.14 or sample ballot to anyone in the state must comply with this section.

99.22 (c) The statement required by paragraph (b) must be printed in a typeface and format
99.23 designed to be clearly visible at the time the mailing is opened. The mailing envelope must
99.24 include markings to clearly distinguish it from official election mail sent by a unit of
99.25 government.

99.15 (b) In addition to the absentee ballot application or sample ballot, the person or entity
99.16 must include a statement that says:

99.17 (1) the mailing is not an official election communication from a unit of government;

99.18 (2) the application or ballot has not been included at the request of a government official;
99.19 and

99.20 (3) if a sample ballot is enclosed, that the sample ballot is not an official ballot and the
99.21 voter must not cast the ballot.

99.26 (d) If an absentee ballot application is included, the application must be blank and must
99.27 not include the voter's name, address, or any other required information.

99.28 (e) This section does not apply to a unit of government or employee of that unit of
99.29 government when discharging official election duties.

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

109.18 Sec. 59. [211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE
109.19 PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.

109.20 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a
109.21 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties
109.22 relating to elections, a member of an absentee ballot board, an election judge, an election
109.23 judge trainee, or any other individual assigned by a state entity or municipal government
109.24 to perform official duties related to elections.

109.25 Subd. 2. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,
109.26 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or
109.27 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the
109.28 performance of a duty of election administration.

109.29 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to
109.30 require the payment of civil penalties, the moving party may show that the action or attempted
109.31 action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The moving party does not need
109.32 to show that the actor intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

110.1 Subd. 3. **Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election.** A person
110.2 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance
110.3 of a duty related to election administration.

110.4 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A
110.5 person may not knowingly and without consent, make publicly available, including but not
110.6 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election
110.7 official's family or household member if:

110.8 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the
110.9 safety of an official's family or household member; and

110.10 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should
110.11 know of any imminent and serious threat.

110.12 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the
110.13 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or
110.14 photographs of that home.

110.15 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct
110.16 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,
110.17 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where
110.18 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

110.19 Subd. 6. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for
110.20 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order
110.21 restraining violations of this section if that person:

110.22 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person
110.23 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,
110.24 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

110.25 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation
110.26 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to
110.27 violate any provision of this section.

110.28 Subd. 7. **Criminal penalty.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a gross
110.29 misdemeanor.

110.30 Subd. 8. **Attorney general; civil enforcement.** When the attorney general has
110.31 information providing a reasonable ground to believe that any person has violated or is
110.32 about to violate this section, the attorney general shall have the power to investigate those
110.33 violations, or suspected violations, in the same manner as provided for by section 8.31,
111.1 subdivisions 2 and 2a. The attorney general shall be entitled, on behalf of the state, to sue
111.2 for and recover the same relief and remedies for violations of this section, or violations that
111.3 are about to occur, as provided in section 8.31, subdivisions 3 and 3a.

111.4 Subd. 9. **Election official; civil remedies.** In addition to any remedies otherwise provided
111.5 by law, an election official injured or threatened to be injured by a violation of this section
111.6 may bring a civil action and obtain the following remedies:

111.7 (1) injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction against any such violation or
111.8 threatened violation without abridging the penalties provided by law; and

111.9 (2) damages, together with costs and disbursements, including costs of investigation and
111.10 reasonable attorney fees, and other equitable relief as determined by the court.

111.11 Subd. 10. **Cumulative remedies.** Civil remedies allowable under this section are
111.12 cumulative and do not restrict any other right or remedy otherwise available. Any civil
111.13 action brought under this section must be commenced within two years after the cause of
111.14 action accrues. Sections 211B.31 to 211B.37 do not apply to violations of this section.

111.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, and applies to violations
111.16 committed on or after that date.

111.17 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.18 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person may not display campaign
111.19 material, post signs, ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter within
111.20 a polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or
111.21 anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary or election
111.22 day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person may not
111.23 provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at or about
111.24 the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political button, or
111.25 other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary or election

111.26 day. This section applies only during voting hours and to areas established by the county
111.27 auditor or municipal clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

111.28 Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as provided
111.29 in section 204B.49.

111.30 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.31 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~
111.32 paragraphs (b) and (c), a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be
112.1 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the
112.2 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

112.3 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and
112.4 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign
112.5 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

112.6 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may be enforced as provided in section 211B.076.

112.7 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 367.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

112.8 Subd. 6. **Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in a town office, the town board shall
112.9 fill the vacancy by appointment. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the person appointed
112.10 shall hold office until the next annual town election, when a successor shall be elected for
112.11 the unexpired term.

112.12 (b) When a vacancy occurs in a town office:

112.13 (1) with more than one year remaining in the term; and

112.14 (2) on or after the 14th day before the first day to file an affidavit of candidacy for the
112.15 town election;

112.16 the vacancy must be filled by appointment. The person appointed serves until the next annual
112.17 town election following the election for which affidavits of candidacy are to be filed, when
112.18 a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

112.19 (c) A vacancy in the office of supervisor must be filled by an appointment committee
112.20 comprised of the remaining supervisors and the town clerk.

112.21 (d) Any person appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of supervisor must, upon
112.22 assuming the office, be an eligible voter, be 21 years of age, and have ~~resided~~ maintained
112.23 residence in the town for at least 30 days.

112.24 (e) When, because of a vacancy, more than one supervisor is to be chosen at the same
112.25 election, candidates for the offices of supervisor shall file for one of the specific terms being
112.26 filled.

112.27 (f) When, for any reason, the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a
112.28 vacancy in the position of an elected town officer by appointment, a special election may

112.29 be called. To call a special election, the supervisors and town clerk, or any two of them
112.30 together with at least 12 other town freeholders, must file a statement in the town clerk's
112.31 office. The statement must tell why the election is called and that the interests of the town
112.32 require the election. When the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a
113.1 vacancy by appointment, a special town election may also be called on petition of 20 percent
113.2 of the electors of the town. The percentage is of the number of voters at the last general
113.3 election. A special town election must be conducted in the manner required for the annual
113.4 town election.

113.5 (g) Law enforcement vacancies must be filled by appointment by the town board.

113.6 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 447.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

113.7 Subd. 4. **Candidates; ballots; certifying election.** A person who wants to be a candidate
113.8 for the hospital board shall file an affidavit of candidacy for the election either as member
113.9 at large or as a member representing the city or town where the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains
113.10 residence. The affidavit of candidacy must be filed with the city or town clerk not more
113.11 than 98 days nor less than 84 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
113.12 November of the year in which the general election is held. The city or town clerk must
113.13 forward the affidavits of candidacy to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the first election,
113.14 the clerk of the most populous city or town immediately after the last day of the filing period.
113.15 A candidate may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the
113.16 clerk of the district no later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day to file affidavits of
113.17 candidacy.

113.18 Voting must be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district,
113.19 necessary ballots for the election of officers. Ballots must be prepared as provided in the
113.20 rules of the secretary of state. The ballots must be marked and initialed by at least two judges
113.21 as official ballots and used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted on may
113.22 be printed on the ballot provided for the election of officers. The hospital board may also
113.23 authorize the use of voting systems subject to chapter 206. Enough election judges may be
113.24 appointed to receive the votes at each polling place. The election judges shall act as clerks
113.25 of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass.

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

100.1 Sec. 38. **SECRETARY OF STATE; REPORTS.**

100.2 (a) No later than January 15, 2024, the secretary of state must submit a report to the
100.3 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
100.4 elections on grants awarded under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 12, article 1,
100.5 section 6, for ballot dropbox security and integrity. The report must detail each grant awarded
100.6 including the jurisdiction, the amount of the grant, and what the grant money is intended to
100.7 purchase.

100.8 (b) No later than January 15, 2024, the secretary of state must submit a report to the
100.9 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
100.10 elections on grants awarded under article 1, section 2 for temporary staffing, livestreaming
100.11 of election-related activity, and purchasing ballot paper with security markings. The report
100.12 must detail each grant awarded including the jurisdiction, the amount of the grant, and what
100.13 the grant money is intended to purchase.

100.14 Sec. 39. **REPEALER.**

100.15 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 13.607, subdivision 6; and 201.091, subdivision 9,
100.16 are repealed.

100.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
100.18 applies to requests for data made on or after that date.

100.19 Sec. 40. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

100.20 Except as otherwise provided, this article is effective July 1, 2022, and applies to elections
100.21 conducted on or after that date.