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**RE: HF 1800 – Voting Administration Provisions Modifications**

**Chair Quam and Member of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee:**

The Association of Minnesota Counties and League of Minnesota Cities have numerous elections-related policy platforms that have been adopted by our membership that focus on ease, transparency, and simplification of election related functions, increasing cybersecurity protections, and support for initiatives that reduce the cost and administrative requirements of the election process while maintaining high standards of election integrity. While many of the items included in HF 1800 are not specifically on our platforms, this proposal has a direct impact on the outlined themes.

HF 1800 carries a long list of proposed election law changes that would have a variety of logistical, legal, and cost implication while also creating potential intergovernmental conflicts. While our associations are still assessing the impacts of this legislation, it is clear that the proposal would impact election administrability while adding staff time, costs, and new liabilities.

As committee members are aware, the laws surrounding election administration are vast and complex. Minnesota towns, cities, schools, and counties are proud to administer elections on behalf of the state and federal government and are equally proud of the hard working, dedicated, professional election staff that we employ. AMC, LMC, and other local governments have urged legislators to keep this in mind when thinking about systemic or fundamental changes that may impact the work of county and city staff along with budgets and overall voting experiences.

Our organizations have been grateful for bipartisan support and interest in election administration and stand ready to work with legislators this session towards pursuing thoughtful and local government-considerate legislation.

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