

1.1 Freiberg and Quam from the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations
1.2 to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 4241, A bill for an act relating to medical examiners; modifying the procedure
1.4 to select the Hennepin County medical examiner; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.5 390.0065.

1.6 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.7 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 383B.041, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 6. **Economic interest disclosure; Three Rivers Park District.** A candidate for
1.11 park district board of commissioners in Three Rivers Park District must file an original
1.12 statement of economic interest with Hennepin County within 14 days of the end of the
1.13 candidate filing period. An elected official in Three Rivers Park District must file the annual
1.14 statement required in section 10A.09, subdivision 6, with Hennepin County for each year
1.15 the individual remains in office. An original statement and annual statement must contain
1.16 the information listed in section 10A.09, subdivision 5. The provisions of section 10A.09,
1.17 subdivisions 6a, 7, and 9, apply to statements required by this subdivision."

1.18 Page 2, after line 12, insert:

1.19 "Sec. 3. Laws 1969, chapter 193, section 3, as amended by Laws 1974, chapter 235, section
1.20 1, and Laws 1980, chapter 371, section 1, is amended to read:

1.21 **Sec. 3. INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 535; ELECTIONS.**

1.22 ~~Election districts may at any time be established in the manner provided by this act or~~
1.23 ~~the board of education of the district may by resolution at any time provide that the board~~

2.1 ~~members be elected at large. If the members are elected at large the notice of election should~~
2.2 ~~include substantially the following form:~~

2.3 ~~"Position number 3 and Position number 5 are to be filled by election. Candidates may~~
2.4 ~~not file for more than one position."~~

2.5 ~~If the members are elected at large the ballots shall read as follows:~~

2.6 ~~"For school board position number 3 of Independent School District Number 535" or~~
2.7 ~~"For school board position number 5 of Independent School District Number 535."~~

2.8 ~~The names of the candidates for each seat shall be rotated on the ballots to avoid any~~
2.9 ~~appearance of preference for incumbents, and incumbency shall not be indicated on the~~
2.10 ~~ballot.~~

2.11 ~~Newly elected school board members shall take office at the next regularly scheduled~~
2.12 ~~meeting of the board following receipt of their certificates of election and notwithstanding~~
2.13 ~~section 123.34, subdivision 1, the board may organize at that meeting rather than at the time~~
2.14 ~~required by section 123.34, subdivision 1. If the school district changes from election by~~
2.15 ~~district to election at large or from election at large to election by district incumbents shall~~
2.16 ~~serve the entire terms to which they were elected under the prior system. If the school district~~
2.17 ~~changes from election by district to election at large incumbents shall be assigned by lot to~~
2.18 ~~the numbered positions.~~

2.19 School board elections for Independent School District No. 535, Rochester, shall be
2.20 conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 205A. Notwithstanding Minnesota
2.21 Statutes, section 205A.12, the district may alter its organization into separate election districts
2.22 for the purpose of election of board members using the procedures provided in that section.
2.23 School board membership shall be governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.09.

2.24 Sec. 4. **SPECIAL LAW.**

2.25 Section 3 is a special law enacted pursuant to the Minnesota Constitution, article XII,
2.26 section 2, and applies to Independent School District No. 535, Rochester.

2.27 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.28 Section 3 is effective upon approval by the governing body of Independent School
2.29 District No. 535 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2
2.30 and 3, for school district elections held after completion of local approval. The local approval
2.31 process must be completed by June 30, 2026, to apply to 2026 school district elections."

3.1 Renumber the sections in sequence

3.2 Amend the title as follows:

3.3 Page 1, line 2, delete everything after "relating to" and insert "elections; modifying
3.4 certain selection procedures for the Hennepin County medical examiner; modifying school
3.5 board procedure for Independent School District No. 535; requiring economic interest
3.6 disclosure for certain park district board candidates"

3.7 Page 1, line 3, delete everything before the semicolon

3.8 Correct the title numbers accordingly

3.9 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General

3.10 Register.

3.11 This Committee action taken March 18, 2026

3.12 Co-Chair

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