

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 274 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 2. **Official seal.** The seal described in subdivision 3 3a is the "Great Seal of the
1.5 State of Minnesota." When the seal, the impression of the seal, the scene within the seal,
1.6 or its likeness is reproduced at state expense, it must conform to subdivision 3 and section
1.7 4.04. A seal, impression, scene, or likeness which does not conform to these provisions is
1.8 not official.

1.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.11 read:

1.12 Subd. 3a. **Official seal; May 11, 2024, and thereafter.** The Great Seal of the State of
1.13 Minnesota is the design as certified in the report of the State Emblems Redesign Commission,
1.14 as established by this act.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

1.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 4. **Additional effects; size.** Every effort shall be made to reproduce the seal with
1.18 justification to the 12 o'clock position ~~and with attention to the authenticity of the illustrations~~
1.19 ~~used to create the scene within the seal. The description of the scene in this section does~~
1.20 ~~not preclude the graphic inclusion of the effects of movement, sunlight, or falling water~~
1.21 ~~when the seal is reproduced. Nor does~~ This section does not prohibit the enlargement,
1.22 proportioned reduction, or embossment of the seal for its use in unofficial acts.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

2.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 6. **State's duties.** State agencies and departments using the seal, its impression,
2.4 ~~the scene within the seal~~ or its likeness shall make every effort to bring any seal, impression,
2.5 ~~scene~~, or likeness currently fixed to a permanent object into accordance with this section
2.6 and section 4.04. Expendable material to which the seal in effect prior to May 11, 2024, or
2.7 any impression, scene, or likeness of that seal is currently affixed may be used until the
2.8 supply is exhausted or until January 1, 2025, whichever occurs first. All unused dies and
2.9 engravings of the Great Seal shall be given to the Minnesota Historical Society, along with
2.10 all historical information available about the seal, to be retained in the society's permanent
2.11 collection.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

2.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.141, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.14 Subdivision 1. **Adoption.** The design of the state flag ~~proposed by the Legislative Interim~~
2.15 ~~Commission acting under Laws 1955, chapter 632,~~ as certified in the report of the State
2.16 Emblems Redesign Commission, as established by this act, is adopted as the official state
2.17 flag.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

2.19 Sec. 6. **STATE EMBLEMS REDESIGN COMMISSION.**

2.20 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The State Emblems Redesign Commission is established.
2.21 The purpose of the commission is to develop and adopt a new design for the official state
2.22 flag and the official state seal no later than January 1, 2024.

2.23 Subd. 2. **Membership; meetings.** (a) The commission consists of the following members:

2.24 (1) three members of the public, appointed by the governor;

2.25 (2) one member appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;

2.26 (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;

2.27 (4) one member appointed by the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;

2.28 (5) one member representing the Dakota community and one member representing the
2.29 Ojibwe community, appointed by the executive board of the Indian Affairs Council;

2.30 (6) the secretary of state or the secretary's designee;

- 3.1 (7) the executive director of the Minnesota Historical Society or the director's designee;
3.2 (8) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;
3.3 (9) the chair of the Minnesota Arts Board or the chair's designee; and
3.4 (10) the executive director of Explore Minnesota Tourism or the director's designee.

3.5 (b) The following serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: (1) two
3.6 members of the house of representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house
3.7 and the minority leader of the house; and (2) two members of the senate, one representing
3.8 the majority caucus appointed by the senate majority leader and one representing the minority
3.9 caucus appointed by the senate minority leader.

3.10 (c) Appointments to the commission must be made no later than August 1, 2023. The
3.11 voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair. An appointee designated
3.12 by the governor shall convene the commission's first meeting. Decisions of the commission
3.13 must be made by majority vote. The Minnesota Historical Society must provide office space
3.14 and administrative support to the commission.

3.15 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** Meetings of the commission are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
3.16 chapter 13D.

3.17 Subd. 4. **Duties; form and style of recommended state emblems.** The commission
3.18 shall develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the
3.19 official state flag. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared
3.20 history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that
3.21 represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may
3.22 not be included in a design. The commission may solicit and secure the voluntary service
3.23 and aid of vexillologists and other persons who have either technical or artistic skill in flag
3.24 construction and design, or the design of official seals, to assist in the work. The commission
3.25 must also solicit public feedback and suggestions to inform its work.

3.26 Subd. 5. **Report.** The commission shall certify its adopted designs in a report to the
3.27 legislature and governor no later than January 1, 2024. The commission's report must
3.28 describe the symbols and other meanings incorporated in the design. The commission expires
3.29 upon submission of its report.

3.30 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

3.31 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 3 and 5; and 1.141, subdivisions
3.32 3, 4, and 6, are repealed.

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024."

4.2 Delete the title and insert:

4.3 "A bill for an act

4.4 relating to state government; creating a commission to redesign the official state
4.5 flag and the official state seal; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes
4.6 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 2, 4, 6, by adding a subdivision; 1.141,
4.7 subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 3,
4.8 5; 1.141, subdivisions 3, 4, 6."