



March 25, 2026 | HF 3862

To: Members of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee

From: Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Affiliation: Advocacy organization

City of Residence: Saint Paul

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) is the largest statewide association of nonprofits in the country, representing over 2,200 member organizations across the state. Through MCN, nonprofits join together across interest areas to work on issues of common interest to all. MCN works to inform, promote, connect, and strengthen individual nonprofits and the nonprofit sector.

We write to express our support of [HF 3862](#), proposing the establishment of a statewide voter information guide. Ensuring that Minnesotans have access to clear, reliable and accessible information about elections is essential to a healthy democracy to the work of nonprofit organizations across the state.

As you know, nonprofits often play a critical role in strengthening civic participation and supporting communities to engage within our democratic processes. Many organizations in our network work year-round to provide nonpartisan voter education, assist community members in understanding what's on their ballot and help to ensure that eligible voters can participate in elections up and down the ballot. We believe a voter information guide would provide a consistent, reliable resource that complements this work by ensuring voters have access to accurate and accessible information about upcoming elections.

As nonprofits, we understand how critical access to nonpartisan; fact-based election information is for voters and communities. Voters benefit not only from having a trusted source of essential election information, but from knowing that the information is presented in a clear, nonpartisan manner. Resources like a voter information guide are also invaluable to nonprofits engaged in voter education. Providing accurate, nonpartisan information helps voters navigate complex ballots and make informed decisions without confusion or misinformation.

We firmly believe that access to clear and credible election information is essential to a healthy democracy. By providing households across Minnesota with an official voter information guide -- while also making it available in multiple languages and accessible formats -- this legislation helps ensure that every Minnesotan has the information they need to show up at the polls as an informed voter. MCN believes that strengthening access to trustworthy election information benefits voters, communities, and the nonprofit organizations that work every day to encourage civic participation. For these reasons, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits respectfully urges support for this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Halla Henderson".

Halla Henderson, Director of Public Policy and Research

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Date of Hearing & Bill Number: March 25th 2026

To: Members of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee

From: We Choose Us Coalition

Affiliation (ex. student, parent, advocacy organization): Advocacy Organization

City of Residence: N/A



Chairs and members of the House Elections Finance and Gov Ops Committee,

We Choose Us (WCU) is a coalition of over 40 grassroots organizations, unions and advocacy groups, representing over 1 million Minnesotans, committed to protecting and expanding our democracy. As the Executive Director, I am writing in support of HF 3862 on behalf of our coalition, and in order to share some of my personal experience.

Growing up in Oregon, I had the benefit of using a printed and mailed voter guide for my very first experience voting. As an 18 year old new voter, I felt more informed and responsible - seeing who I could vote for, what they stood for, who their endorsements were, and access to their official websites. It helped me feel more prepared and more invested in the process.

A clear, nonpartisan voter information guide helps ensure that all eligible Minnesota voters—regardless of zip code, income, age, or education level—have access to key election information, the same basic information about candidates and proposed constitutional amendments. A voter guide would be an important tool for strengthening Minnesota’s tradition of high voter participation and civic engagement.

We appreciate that the voter guide outlined in HF3862 is comprehensive and would give voters all the basic information on the procedures to register and vote, and the work to refine the language through the DE. We particularly appreciate:

- the inclusion of information about college campuses and the name and contact information for vote coordinators
- including candidate statements, information about any state constitutional amendment and information about the campaign finance board.
- Making this guide available both in print and online, in multiple languages to further promote accessibility for all Minnesota voters. We would love to work with the Secretary of State to see if we could expand the number of languages that the voter guide be produced in.

Other states that produce official voter information guides have shown that these materials can increase voter understanding of complex issues and improve confidence in the electoral process. A Minnesota-

specific guide, tailored to our laws and communities, would build on that success and reinforce public trust in our elections.

By centralizing this information in an official publication, the state can reduce confusion, combat misinformation, and help voters make informed choices based on accurate, neutral descriptions rather than constant partisan messaging. This guide could help encourage engagement and give voters the confidence that they are relying on accurate information.

Thank you for your ongoing work to protect and enhance Minnesota's elections, and urge your support for HF3862.

Sincerely,

Lilly Sasse, We Choose Us Campaign Director

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as an OCR compliant PDF (optical character recognition)*

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Minnesota Voter Information Guide

Office of the Secretary of State (OSS)

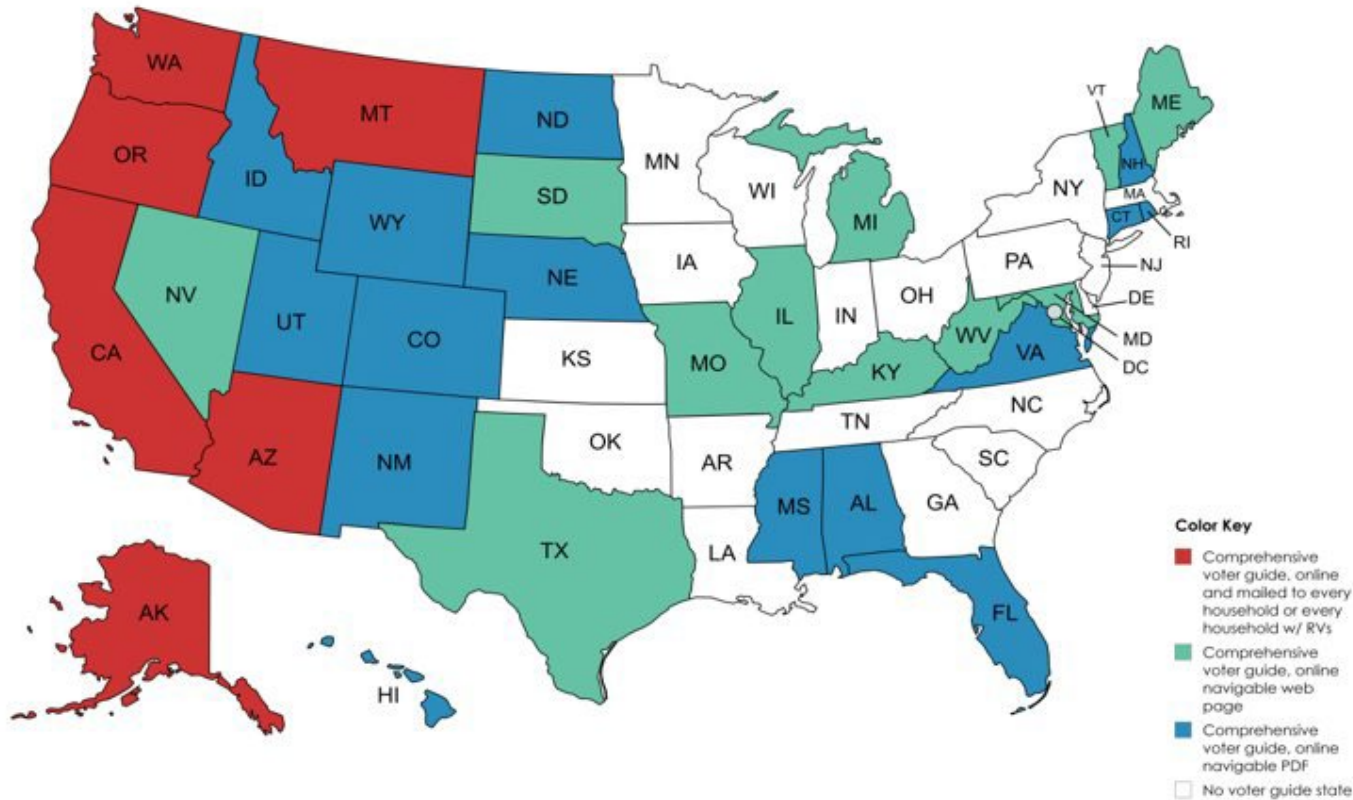
Presentation to the Minnesota House of Representatives
Elections and Government Operations Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Why a Voter Information Guide?

- Minnesotans want more information about candidates
 - Especially Judicial and Local candidates
- Basic information on voting methods and eligibility
- Candidate statements: candidates in their own words
- Common-denominator source of information for Minnesotans
- Sent to all households with 1+ registered voter
- Proven success in other states

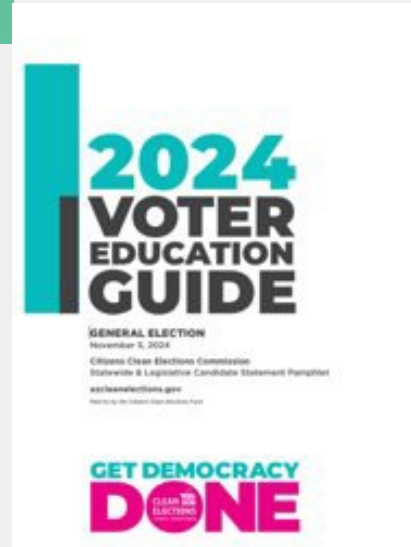
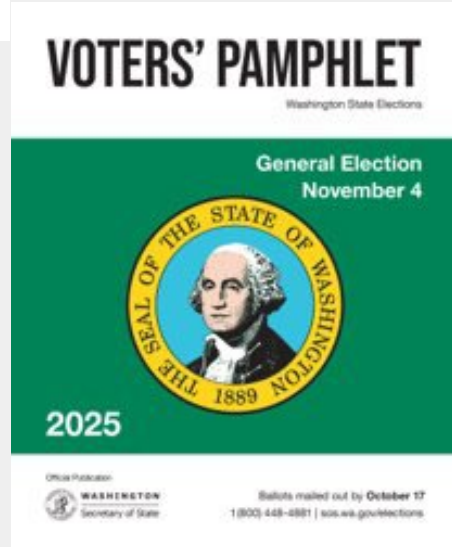
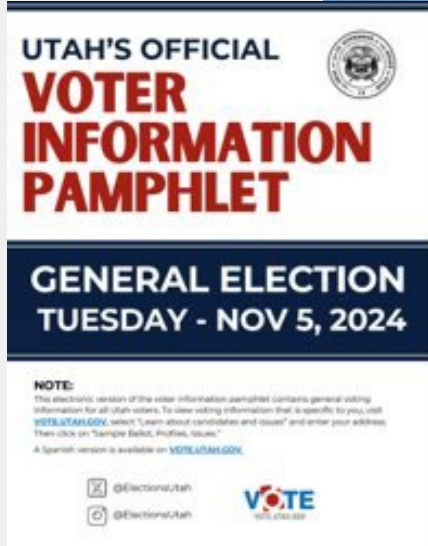
Which states have voter information guides?



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- Six states have Mailed + Online PDF voter guides (Red)
- 14 states have Online, PDF navigable guides (Blue)
- 11 states have Online, Webpage navigable guides (Green)
- 18 states + DC have no voter guide (White)

Cover Examples



Candidate Statements

Candidates included in the guide:

Federal: President/VP, US Senate, US House

State: Governor/Lt. Gov, Attorney General, Sec. of State, Auditor, all state Senate and state House of Representatives

Judicial: MN Supreme Court, MN Court of Appeals, MN District Court Judges

Candidates NOT included in the guide:

Candidates for local office are not included in this proposal. We plan to build a distribution model that preserves county lines in order provide a possible future path to include candidates for local offices.

Considerations for a printed, mailed guide

- Accessibility to eligible Minnesota voters
 - 12% of MN households lack internet speeds of 100mbps download/20 mbps upload (Source: Governor's task force on broadband)... ~282,064 households.
- Translated copies online in three primary non-English languages: Spanish, Somali, Hmong, with additional translations possible
- Distribution to households with at least one registered voter
- Increased cost compared to online only guide is weighed against the desire for more eligible voters to have access to information on voting and candidates

Questions?

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