

2021 State Government Finance Omnibus: HF 1952
Comparison of Senate and House: Elections Article

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Rx-A1		Article 3			Article 1	
R1	Help America Vote Act	1	<p>Provides a permanent statutory appropriation of money in the state’s Help America Vote Act (HAVA) account to the secretary of state, to be used for purposes authorized by federal law. Under current law, HAVA funds must be separately appropriated to the secretary of state by the legislature before they may be spent. This bill would allow the secretary of state access to the funds without the need for legislative action. Restrictions on how the funds may be used would remain unchanged.</p> <p>An extension of the availability of currently appropriated HAVA funds is provided later in this article.</p>	House only		
R1, R2	Ballot Question Advocacy			Senate only	1, 2	Prohibits the secretary of state and public officials from spending public funds for the purpose of promoting or defeating a ballot question.
R1, R6-R10, R12, R18, R19, R21, R26, R28, R29, R31, R32, R37-R39, R47, R50,	House Miscellaneous Elections Administration	2, 7, 8-12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 33, 35, 38-39, 41, 47-	Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. Among the changes are an extension of the time period during which absentee ballots may be opened and counted before an election, elimination of the three-person limit on the number of voters a person can assist on election day, and extension of the availability of previously-appropriated HAVA funds.	House only		

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R2, R65-R66, R67	Voter Intimidation	3, 81-82, 84	Provides civil and criminal remedies related to voter intimidation, interference, and deceptive practices in elections, including the authority for enforcement by the Attorney General.	House only		
R3, R15, R19	Automatic Voter Registration	4, 15, 17	Establishes procedures to facilitate voter registration by individuals when engaging in certain transactions with government, including at the time of application for a new or renewed driver’s license or state identification card.	House only		
R3	Student Housing Lists (Voter Registration)	5	Requires postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state financial aid to prepare a current list of students enrolled and residing in the institution’s housing or within ten miles of campus.	House only		
R3, R6, R20, R41, R68, R70	Restoration of Voting Rights	6, 7, 19, 52, 85, 90	Restores the right to vote to individuals convicted of a felony at the time any period of incarceration imposed for the conviction is complete. Certain notices and other procedures are required.	House only		

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R9, R14, R41, R42, R44, R47	Challenged Voter Registration Status; Challenged Ballots.			Senate only	6, 9, 32, 33, 35, 36, 67	Requires all voters whose registration status is challenged to cast challenged ballots. There are two types of challenged ballots. Administrative challenged ballots are reviewed by election judges after the election using data maintained by the state and accepted or rejected on that basis. Verification challenged ballots require the voter to appear before election judges during the week after the election to prove eligibility. The basis of the challenge determines which type of ballot is given to the voter.
R12, R25, R26, R27, R29, R36, R32, R48, R51, R59, R63	Similar Miscellaneous Elections Administration	13, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36, 40, 54, 59, 73, 74, 78	Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. Among the changes are changes in the postelection sampling timeline; changes to polling place designations; and amending thresholds for postelection review. House provisions include conforming changes to House only provisions.	Similar	8, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 37, 42, 55, 56, 59	Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. Among the changes are changes in the postelection sampling timeline; changes to polling place designations; and amending thresholds for postelection review. Senate provisions include conforming changes to Senate only provisions.

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R21, R36	Improper use of Political Party Name	20, 46	Permits a political party to protect against the improper use of the party’s name by a candidate through the existing “errors and omissions” petition process.	House only		
R21	Prohibited Compensation; Absentee Ballot Collection	25	Prohibits the payment of compensation to individuals for collecting absentee ballot applications, if the amount of payment is determined based on the number of applications solicited, collected, or accepted.	House only		
R25	Translated Voting Instructions for In-person Absentee Voters	29	Requires the secretary of state to prepare voting instructions in languages other than English for in-person absentee voters. Materials in the Spanish, Hmong, and Somali languages are required.	House only		
R30	Confidentiality of Candidate’s Residential Address	37	Permits a candidate to request that their residential address be protected from public disclosure, based on a reasonable fear for the safety of the candidate or the candidate’s family	House only		

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R33	Polling Place Designations	42	Modifies standards for when a local government must adopt an ordinance or resolution designating a polling place for each precinct. Rather than requiring an ordinance or resolution every year, a local government would only be required to adopt an ordinance or resolution if a polling place has changed.	Policy differences	25, 26	Allows local governments to re-designate polling places after redistricting is complete.
R34, R35	Student Trainee Election Judges	43, 44	Authorizes a school board to grant academic credit to students serving as a trainee election judges and requires the election judge appointing authorities to, when possible, recruit bilingual high school students to serve as trainee judges.	House only		
R35, R48, R61, R72, R73	Senate Miscellaneous Elections Administration			Senate only	27, 38, 58, 65, 68	Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. Among the changes are requiring a list of election judges and party affiliations, providing a copy of the summary statement to candidates, requiring election equipment to have audit logs, and requiring an audit of election equipment.
R40	Ranked-choice Voting Prohibition			Senate only	29	Prohibits political subdivisions from adopting or using ranked-choice voting for local offices.
R61	Election Security and Administration Grants	76	Authorizes the secretary of state to disburse HAVA funds as grants to political subdivisions for certain federally-authorized purposes.	House only		

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R64	Presidential Electors			Senate only	61, 62	Requires eight presidential electors to be elected based the vote totals of each congressional district. The two at-large presidential electors are elected based on the statewide vote total.
R71	Medical Bill to Prove Residence	93	Directs the secretary of state to adopt an administrative rule recognizing a medical bill as proof of residence for purposes of election day registration.	House only		