

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1603 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 **"ARTICLE 1**  
1.4 **ELECTIONS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 9. **Data derived from driver's license applications.** Data on an application for  
1.8 a driver's license, a Minnesota identification card, or a learner's permit transferred to the  
1.9 secretary of state that are provided by a person whom the secretary of state determines is  
1.10 not eligible to vote are governed by section 201.161.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.09, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 5b. **Appointments to fill vacancies; special elections.** (a) Any vacancy on the  
1.13 board, other than a vacancy described in subdivision 4, must be filled by board appointment  
1.14 at a regular or special meeting. The appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered  
1.15 in the minutes and shall be effective 30 days following adoption of the resolution, subject  
1.16 to paragraph (b). If the appointment becomes effective, ~~it shall continue until an election is~~  
1.17 ~~held under this subdivision. All elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.~~  
1.18 ~~A special election to fill the vacancy must be held no later than the first Tuesday after the~~  
1.19 ~~first Monday in November following the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days~~  
1.20 ~~prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year in which the vacancy~~  
1.21 ~~occurs, the special election must be held no later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday~~  
1.22 ~~in November of the following calendar year. If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days prior~~  
1.23 ~~to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the third year of the term, no~~  
1.24 ~~special election is required. If the vacancy is filled by a special election, the person elected~~

2.1 ~~at that election for the ensuing term shall take office immediately after receiving the~~  
2.2 ~~certificate of election, filing the bond, and taking the oath of office~~ the appointee shall serve  
2.3 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

2.4 (b) An appointment made under paragraph (a) shall not be effective if a petition to reject  
2.5 the appointee is filed with the school district clerk. To be valid, a petition to reject an  
2.6 appointee must be signed by a number of eligible voters residing in the district equal to at  
2.7 least five percent of the total number of voters voting in the district at the most recent state  
2.8 general election, and must be filed within 30 days of the board's adoption of the resolution  
2.9 making the appointment. If a valid petition is filed according to the requirements of this  
2.10 paragraph, the appointment by the school board is ineffective and the board must name a  
2.11 new appointee as provided in paragraph (a).

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies  
2.13 created on or after that date.

2.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 174.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.15 read:

2.16 Subd. 7a. **Transit service on election day.** An eligible recipient of operating assistance  
2.17 under this section who contracts or has contracted to provide fixed route public transit shall  
2.18 provide fixed route public transit service free of charge on a day a state general election is  
2.19 held.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.014, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.22 read:

2.23 Subd. 2a. **Felony conviction; restoration of civil right to vote.** An individual convicted  
2.24 of a felony has the civil right to vote restored when the individual completes any incarceration  
2.25 imposed and executed by the court for the offense, or upon sentencing if no incarceration  
2.26 is imposed. If the individual is later incarcerated for the same offense, the individual's civil  
2.27 right to vote is lost only during the period of incarceration.

2.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.29 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter  
2.30 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing  
2.31 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the  
2.32 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

3.1 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,  
3.2 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

3.3 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for  
3.4 all voter registration information;

3.5 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;

3.6 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the  
3.7 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;

3.8 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;

3.9 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state  
3.10 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter  
3.11 record;

3.12 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;

3.13 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the  
3.14 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

3.15 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state  
3.16 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search  
3.17 capabilities;

3.18 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration  
3.19 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

3.20 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;

3.21 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should  
3.22 be assigned for voting purposes;

3.23 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,  
3.24 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on  
3.25 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;  
3.26 ~~and~~

3.27 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and  
3.28 cast by voters under section 203B.16.; and

3.29 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

3.30 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent  
3.31 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

4.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.2 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must  
4.3 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration  
4.4 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,  
4.5 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's  
4.6 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;  
4.7 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid  
4.8 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter  
4.9 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the  
4.10 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper  
4.11 registration application may include the voter's e-mail address, if provided by the voter. The  
4.12 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's e-mail address. The  
4.13 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if  
4.14 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter  
4.15 eligibility:

4.16 "I certify that I:

4.17 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

4.18 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

4.19 (3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

4.20 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

4.21 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right  
4.22 to vote;

4.23 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

4.24 (7) ~~have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence~~  
4.25 ~~has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence~~ am not currently  
4.26 incarcerated for a felony offense; and

4.27 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a  
4.28 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than  
4.29 \$10,000, or both."

4.30 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

4.31 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

4.32 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

5.1 And the instruction:

5.2 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

5.3 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility  
5.4 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter  
5.5 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted  
5.6 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not  
5.7 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

5.8 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in  
5.9 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

5.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.11 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must  
5.12 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration  
5.13 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,  
5.14 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's  
5.15 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;  
5.16 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid  
5.17 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter  
5.18 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the  
5.19 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; a box to indicate a voter's preference  
5.20 to join the permanent absentee voter list; and voter's signature. The paper registration  
5.21 application may include the voter's e-mail address, if provided by the voter. The electronic  
5.22 voter registration application must include the voter's e-mail address. The registration  
5.23 application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by  
5.24 the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

5.25 "I certify that I:

5.26 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

5.27 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

5.28 (3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

5.29 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

5.30 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right  
5.31 to vote;

5.32 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

6.1 (7) have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence  
6.2 has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and

6.3 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a  
6.4 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than  
6.5 \$10,000, or both."

6.6 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

6.7 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

6.8 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

6.9 And the instruction:

6.10 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

6.11 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility  
6.12 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter  
6.13 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted  
6.14 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not  
6.15 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

6.16 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in  
6.17 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

6.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
6.19 conducted on or after that date.

6.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.091, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.21 Subd. 4. **Public information lists.** The county auditor shall make available for inspection  
6.22 a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth, and voting  
6.23 history of each registered voter in the county. ~~The list must include the party choice of any~~  
6.24 ~~voter who voted in the most recent presidential nomination primary.~~ The telephone number  
6.25 must be included on the list if provided by the voter. The public information list may also  
6.26 include information on voting districts. The county auditor may adopt reasonable rules  
6.27 governing access to the list. No individual inspecting the public information list shall tamper  
6.28 with or alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information list or who  
6.29 acquires a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may use any  
6.30 information contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or  
6.31 law enforcement. The secretary of state may provide copies of the public information lists  
6.32 and other information from the statewide registration system for uses related to elections,

7.1 political activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a public official  
7.2 concerning a failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local tax statute.

7.3 Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other  
7.4 information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official  
7.5 having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information  
7.6 obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities,  
7.7 or law enforcement. Requests to examine or obtain information from the public information  
7.8 lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided  
7.9 in the rules of the secretary of state.

7.10 Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name from  
7.11 the public information list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the  
7.12 secretary of state and county auditor must withhold from the public information list the  
7.13 name of a registered voter.

7.14 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.161, is amended to read:

7.15 **201.161 AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE,**  
7.16 **INSTRUCTION PERMIT, AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATIONS**  
7.17 **APPLICANTS.**

7.18 Subdivision 1. Automatic registration. An individual who properly completes an  
7.19 application for a new or renewed Minnesota driver's license, instruction permit, or  
7.20 identification card, and who is eligible to vote under section 201.014, must be registered to  
7.21 vote as provided in this section, unless the applicant declines to be registered.

7.22 Subd. 2. Applications. The Department commissioner of public safety, in consultation  
7.23 with the secretary of state, shall change its the applications for an original, duplicate, or  
7.24 change of address driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card so that the forms  
7.25 may also serve as voter registration applications. The forms must contain spaces for all  
7.26 information collected by voter registration applications prescribed by the secretary of state.  
7.27 ~~Applicants for driver's licenses or identification cards must be asked if they want to register~~  
7.28 ~~to vote at the same time and that~~ and a box for the applicant to decline to be registered to  
7.29 vote. The form must clearly state that it is a felony for a person who is not eligible to vote  
7.30 to register to vote or cast a ballot. Unless the applicant has declined to be registered to vote  
7.31 or has provided an address other than the applicant's address of residence under section  
7.32 171.12, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), the commissioner shall transmit the information ~~must~~  
7.33 ~~be transmitted at least weekly~~ daily by electronic means to the secretary of state. Pursuant  
7.34 to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the computerized driver's

8.1 license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license  
8.2 number or state identification number, county, ~~town~~, and city or town must be made available  
8.3 for access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration  
8.4 system.

8.5 Subd. 3. **Registration.** (a) The secretary of state shall determine whether the applicant  
8.6 is currently registered in the statewide voter registration system. For each currently registered  
8.7 voter whose registration is not changed, the secretary of state shall update the voter's  
8.8 registration date in the statewide voter registration system. For each currently registered  
8.9 voter whose registration is changed, the secretary of state shall transmit the registration  
8.10 daily by electronic means to the county auditor of the county where the voter resides.

8.11 (b) If the applicant is not currently registered in the statewide voter registration system,  
8.12 the secretary of state shall determine whether the applicant is 18 years of age or older and  
8.13 a citizen of the United States and compare the voter registration information received under  
8.14 section 201.145 to determine whether the applicant is eligible to vote. If an applicant is less  
8.15 than 18 years of age, the secretary of state shall wait until the applicant has turned 18 years  
8.16 of age to determine whether the applicant is eligible to vote. For each applicant the secretary  
8.17 of state determines is an eligible voter, the secretary of state shall transmit the registration  
8.18 daily by electronic means to the county auditor of the county where the voter resides.

8.19 (c) Any data on applicants who the secretary determines are not eligible to vote are  
8.20 private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

8.21 Subd. 4. **Notice.** Upon receipt of the registration, the county auditor shall mail to the  
8.22 voter the notice of registration required by section 201.121, subdivision 2.

8.23 Subd. 5. **Registering 20 days before election.** An application for registration that is  
8.24 dated during the 20 days before an election in any jurisdiction within which the voter resides  
8.25 is not effective until the day after the election.

8.26 Subd. 6. **System certification.** An applicant for a Minnesota driver's license, instruction  
8.27 permit, or identification card must not be registered to vote until the commissioner of public  
8.28 safety has certified that the department's systems have been tested and can accurately provide  
8.29 the necessary data, and the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic  
8.30 registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining  
8.31 whether an applicant is eligible to vote.

8.32 Subd. 7. **Implementation costs.** The secretary of state and commissioner of public safety  
8.33 must absorb any costs associated with implementation of this section using existing  
8.34 appropriations provided to the secretary or commissioner by law.

9.1 Sec. 10. **[201.1612] VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**  
9.2 **FOR LANDLORDS.**

9.3 The secretary of state shall prepare written materials for use by landlords as required by  
9.4 section 504B.182. The materials must, at a minimum, contain information on the process  
9.5 for registering to vote or updating an existing registration and on locating the polling place  
9.6 for the precinct in which the tenant resides. The materials must be clearly posted and available  
9.7 for download from the secretary of state's website. The materials must be reviewed by the  
9.8 secretary at least annually and updated as necessary to reflect current laws and procedures.

9.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to lease  
9.10 agreements entered on or after that date.

9.11 Sec. 11. **[201.276] DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE; INFORMATION ABOUT**  
9.12 **VOTING RIGHTS.**

9.13 The secretary of state shall develop accurate and complete information in a single  
9.14 publication about the voting rights of people who have been charged with or convicted of  
9.15 a crime. This publication must be made available electronically to the state court administrator  
9.16 for distribution to judges, court personnel, probation officers, and the commissioner of  
9.17 corrections for distribution to corrections officials, parole and supervised release agents,  
9.18 and the public.

9.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

9.20 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

9.21 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting  
9.22 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

9.23 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
9.24 to read:

9.25 **Subd. 5. Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day at the  
9.26 office of the county auditor or designated municipal clerk within the time period provided  
9.27 in section 203B.31.

9.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.29 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

9.30 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

- 10.1 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;
- 10.2 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an  
10.3 illegal ballot;
- 10.4 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;
- 10.5 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an  
10.6 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;
- 10.7 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes  
10.8 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;
- 10.9 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by  
10.10 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;
- 10.11 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee or early voter while in the immediate presence of the  
10.12 voter during the time the individual knows the absentee or early voter is voting; or
- 10.13 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by  
10.14 an election official for administrative purposes.

10.15 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or  
10.16 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of  
10.17 the material or information.

10.18 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

10.19 Subd. 5. **Permanent absentee voter status.** (a) An eligible voter may apply to a county  
10.20 auditor or municipal clerk to automatically receive an absentee ballot ~~application~~ before  
10.21 each election, other than an election by mail conducted under section 204B.45, and to have  
10.22 the status as a permanent absentee voter indicated on the voter's registration record. An  
10.23 eligible voter listed as an ongoing absentee voter as of July 31, 2013, pursuant to laws in  
10.24 effect on that date, shall be treated as if the voter applied for status as a permanent absentee  
10.25 voter pursuant to this subdivision.

10.26 (b) A voter who applies under paragraph (a) must automatically be provided an absentee  
10.27 ballot ~~application~~ for each eligible election. A voter's permanent absentee status ends and  
10.28 automatic ballot ~~application~~ delivery must be terminated on:

- 10.29 (1) the voter's written request;
- 10.30 (2) the voter's death;
- 10.31 (3) return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable; or

11.1 (4) a change in the voter's status to "challenged" or "inactive" in the statewide voter  
11.2 registration system.

11.3 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules governing procedures under this subdivision.

11.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
11.5 conducted on or after that date.

11.6 Sec. 16. **[203B.045] VOTERS WITH A DISABILITY.**

11.7 Subdivision 1. **Transmitting ballot and certificate of voter eligibility.** (a) A voter with  
11.8 a temporary or permanent disability may include in an application for absentee ballots a  
11.9 request that the ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility meeting the  
11.10 requirements of section 203B.21, subdivision 3, be transmitted to the voter electronically  
11.11 in an accessible format, including ballots with the ability to be marked by accessible software  
11.12 or devices. Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting accessible electronic  
11.13 transmission, the county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the  
11.14 voter.

11.15 (b) Electronic materials provided by a county auditor to a voter under this subdivision  
11.16 must comply with the accessibility standards developed under section 16E.03, subdivision  
11.17 9.

11.18 Subd. 2. **Marking ballots.** The voter may electronically mark the ballot using accessible  
11.19 software or devices.

11.20 Subd. 3. **Returning voted ballots.** The voter must return the voted ballots and the  
11.21 certificate of voter eligibility to the county auditor in a sealed envelope.

11.22 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.23 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the  
11.24 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 if:

11.25 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

11.26 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer  
11.27 them.

11.28 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the  
11.29 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

11.30 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the  
11.31 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 to 203B.35 if the clerk has been

12.1 designated by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county  
12.2 auditors that the city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the  
12.3 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the  
12.4 statewide voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state.  
12.5 The secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical  
12.6 prerequisites necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the  
12.7 statewide voter registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary  
12.8 of state on the use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section.  
12.9 A clerk may not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the  
12.10 required training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal  
12.11 clerk who will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk  
12.12 will administer.

12.13 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

12.14 Subdivision 1. **Printing and delivery of forms.** Each county auditor and municipal  
12.15 clerk shall prepare and print a sufficient number of blank application forms for absentee  
12.16 ballots. The county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver a blank application form to any  
12.17 voter who requests one pursuant to section 203B.04. ~~Blank application forms must be mailed~~  
12.18 ~~to eligible voters who have requested an application pursuant to section 203B.04, subdivision~~  
12.19 ~~5, at least 60 days before:~~

12.20 ~~(1) each regularly scheduled primary for federal, state, county, city, or school board~~  
12.21 ~~office;~~

12.22 ~~(2) each regularly scheduled general election for city or school board office for which~~  
12.23 ~~a primary is not held; and~~

12.24 ~~(3) a special primary to fill a federal or county office vacancy or special election to fill~~  
12.25 ~~a federal or county office vacancy, if a primary is not required to be held pursuant to section~~  
12.26 ~~204D.03, subdivision 3, or 204D.07, subdivision 3; and~~

12.27 ~~(4) any election held in conjunction with an election described in clauses (1) to (3);~~  
12.28 ~~or at least 45 days before any other primary or other election for which a primary is not~~  
12.29 ~~held.~~

12.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
12.31 conducted on or after that date.

13.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

13.2 Subd. 3. **Delivery of ballots.** (a) The county auditor or municipal clerk, or full-time  
13.3 clerk of any city or town administering an election pursuant to section 203B.05, shall mail  
13.4 absentee ballots to voters on the permanent absentee ballot list pursuant to section 203B.04,  
13.5 subdivision 5, at least 45 days before:

13.6 (1) each regularly scheduled primary or general election for federal, state, county, city,  
13.7 or school board office;

13.8 (2) each special primary or special election to fill a federal, state, county, city, or school  
13.9 board vacancy; except

13.10 (3) town clerks administering absentee ballots for a town general election held in March  
13.11 shall deliver absentee ballots at least 30 days before the election.

13.12 (b) The commissioner of corrections must provide the secretary of state with a list of  
13.13 the names and mailing addresses of state adult correctional facilities. An application for an  
13.14 absentee ballot that provides an address included on the list provided by the commissioner  
13.15 of corrections must not be accepted and an absentee ballot must not be provided to the  
13.16 applicant. The county auditor or municipal clerk must promptly transmit a copy of the  
13.17 application to the county attorney. The Department of Corrections must implement procedures  
13.18 to ensure that absentee ballots issued under this chapter are not received or mailed by  
13.19 offenders incarcerated at state adult correctional facilities.

13.20 ~~(b)~~ (c) If an application for absentee ballots is accepted at a time when absentee ballots  
13.21 are not yet available for distribution, the county auditor, or municipal clerk accepting the  
13.22 application shall file it and as soon as absentee ballots are available for distribution shall  
13.23 mail them to the address specified in the application. If an application for absentee ballots  
13.24 is accepted when absentee ballots are available for distribution, the county auditor or  
13.25 municipal clerk accepting the application shall promptly:

13.26 (1) mail the ballots to the voter whose signature appears on the application if the  
13.27 application is submitted by mail and does not request commercial shipping under clause  
13.28 (2);

13.29 (2) ship the ballots to the voter using a commercial shipper requested by the voter at the  
13.30 voter's expense;

13.31 (3) deliver the absentee ballots directly to the voter if the application is submitted in  
13.32 person; or

14.1 (4) deliver the absentee ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope to an agent who has been  
14.2 designated to bring the ballots, as provided in section 203B.11, subdivision 4, to a voter  
14.3 who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or  
14.4 who is disabled, or who is a patient in a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing  
14.5 assisted living services governed by chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program  
14.6 for adults licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for  
14.7 battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.

14.8 ~~(e)~~ (d) If an application does not indicate the election for which absentee ballots are  
14.9 sought, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall mail or deliver only the ballots for the  
14.10 next election occurring after receipt of the application. Only one set of ballots may be mailed,  
14.11 shipped, or delivered to an applicant for any election, except as provided in section 203B.121,  
14.12 subdivision 2, or when a replacement ballot has been requested by the voter for a ballot that  
14.13 has been spoiled or lost in transit.

14.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
14.15 conducted on or after that date.

14.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.17 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing.** (a) An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in  
14.18 the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county  
14.19 auditor or by a municipal clerk authorized to conduct absentee balloting under section  
14.20 203B.05 during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this section.

14.21 (b) A polling place location, other than the office of the county auditor, may be opened  
14.22 for fewer than 46 days. If a polling place is open fewer than 46 days before the election,  
14.23 the county auditor or municipal clerk must post the polling place location and hours of  
14.24 operation on the jurisdiction's website and must inform the secretary of state of the polling  
14.25 place's location and hours.

14.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

14.27 Subd. 2. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election  
14.28 held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election, except that an eligible voter  
14.29 may not vote by absentee ballot in person during the period designated for early voting, as  
14.30 provided in section 203B.31. The county auditor shall make such designations at least 14  
14.31 weeks before the election. At least one voting booth in each polling place must be made  
14.32 available by the county auditor for this purpose. The county auditor must also make available  
14.33 at least one electronic ballot marker in each polling place that has implemented a voting

15.1 system that is accessible for individuals with disabilities pursuant to section 206.57,  
15.2 subdivision 5.

15.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

15.4 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**  
15.5 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

15.6 The county auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town  
15.7 authorized under section 203B.05 to administer absentee balloting must be open for  
15.8 acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots from 8:00 a.m.  
15.9 to 12:00 noon on the day immediately preceding an election subject to early voting under  
15.10 section 203B.30 unless that day falls on a Sunday. When performing the duties of the county  
15.11 auditor in an election not subject to early voting under section 203B.30, the clerk's office  
15.12 must be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until 5:00 p.m. on the day  
15.13 immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless that day falls on a  
15.14 Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices must be open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m.  
15.15 to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town general election held in March. The school  
15.16 district clerk, when performing the county auditor's election duties, need not comply with  
15.17 this section.

15.18 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.19 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,  
15.20 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or  
15.21 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The  
15.22 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of  
15.23 absentee ballots and appointed as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may  
15.24 include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks who have received training in the  
15.25 processing and counting of absentee ballots.

15.26 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that  
15.27 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

15.28 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election  
15.29 Law apply to a ballot board.

15.30 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.31 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board  
15.32 shall take possession of all return envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section

16.1 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,  
16.2 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each return envelope and shall mark  
16.3 it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges performing  
16.4 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt  
16.5 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10, subdivision  
16.6 2.

16.7 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the return envelope "Accepted" and  
16.8 initial or sign the return envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members  
16.9 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

16.10 (1) the voter's name and address on the return envelope are the same as the information  
16.11 provided on the absentee ballot application or voter record;

16.12 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

16.13 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four  
16.14 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee  
16.15 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must  
16.16 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were  
16.17 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

16.18 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly  
16.19 completed voter registration application in the return envelope;

16.20 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an  
16.21 absentee ballot; and

16.22 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the  
16.23 close of business on the seventh day before the election, by absentee ballot.

16.24 The return envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the county  
16.25 auditor.

16.26 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a return envelope find  
16.27 that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph (b),  
16.28 they shall mark the return envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word "Rejected,"  
16.29 list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county auditor. There  
16.30 is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by this section.  
16.31 Failure to place the ballot within the security envelope before placing it in the outer white  
16.32 envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

17.1 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope  
17.2 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with  
17.3 a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

17.4 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain  
17.5 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by  
17.6 telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official  
17.7 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

17.8 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice  
17.9 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official  
17.10 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.  
17.11 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the  
17.12 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of  
17.13 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

17.14 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after  
17.15 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

17.16 (2) the reason for rejection; and

17.17 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further  
17.18 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

17.19 (e) An absentee ballot return envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or subject  
17.20 to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

17.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
17.22 conducted on or after that date.

17.23 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, is amended by adding a subdivision  
17.24 to read:

17.25 **Subd. 2a. Duties of ballot board; early voting.** The members of the ballot board shall  
17.26 administer the process of early voting as prescribed in section 203B.35, and shall make a  
17.27 record of voters who cast ballots early and count those ballots as provided in subdivisions  
17.28 4 and 5.

17.29 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.30 **Subd. 3. Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
17.31 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter

18.1 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. A voter  
18.2 whose record indicates that the voter has cast an early ballot must not be permitted to cast  
18.3 another ballot in that election. After the close of business on the ~~seventh day before the~~  
18.4 ~~election~~ day prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section 203B.31,  
18.5 a voter whose record indicates that an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted  
18.6 to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special election  
18.7 for federal ~~or~~ state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information  
18.8 in the statewide voter registration system.

18.9 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters  
18.10 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later  
18.11 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot  
18.12 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

18.13 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

18.14 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

18.15 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

18.16 The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on  
18.17 the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained  
18.18 in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.

18.19 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

18.20 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh day before~~  
18.21 ~~the election~~ day prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section  
18.22 203B.31, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated  
18.23 as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86, subdivision 5, initialed by the members  
18.24 of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box. If more than one ballot is  
18.25 enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must be returned in the manner provided by  
18.26 section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and may not be counted.

18.27 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.121, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

18.28 Subd. 5. **Storage and counting of absentee and early voting ballots.** (a) On a day on  
18.29 which absentee or early voting ballots are inserted into a ballot box, two members of the  
18.30 ballot board must:

18.31 (1) remove the ballots from the ballot box at the end of the day;

19.1 (2) without inspecting the ballots, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the  
19.2 ballot box is equal to the number of voters who cast early votes and whose absentee ballots  
19.3 were accepted that day; and

19.4 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots present in that location at the end of  
19.5 the day.

19.6 (b) After the polls have closed on election day, two members of the ballot board must  
19.7 count the ballots, tabulating the vote in a manner that indicates each vote of the voter and  
19.8 the total votes cast for each candidate or question. In state primary and state general elections,  
19.9 the results must indicate the total votes cast for each candidate or question in each precinct  
19.10 and report the vote totals tabulated for each precinct. The count must be recorded on a  
19.11 summary statement in substantially the same format as provided in section 204C.26. The  
19.12 ballot board shall submit at least one completed summary statement to the county auditor  
19.13 or municipal clerk. The county auditor or municipal clerk may require the ballot board to  
19.14 submit a sufficient number of completed summary statements to comply with the provisions  
19.15 of section 204C.27, or the county auditor or municipal clerk may certify reports containing  
19.16 the details of the ballot board summary statement to the recipients of the summary statements  
19.17 designated in section 204C.27.

19.18 In state primary and state general elections, these vote totals shall be added to the vote  
19.19 totals on the summary statements of the returns for the appropriate precinct. In other elections,  
19.20 these vote totals may be added to the vote totals on the summary statement of returns for  
19.21 the appropriate precinct or may be reported as a separate total.

19.22 The count shall be public. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the  
19.23 close of voting on election day.

19.24 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b), if the task has not been  
19.25 completed previously, the members of the ballot board must verify as soon as possible, but  
19.26 no later than 24 hours after the end of the hours for voting, that voters whose absentee ballots  
19.27 arrived after the rosters were marked or supplemental reports were generated and whose  
19.28 ballots were accepted did not vote in person on election day. An absentee ballot submitted  
19.29 by a voter who has voted in person on election day must be rejected. All other accepted  
19.30 absentee ballots must be opened, duplicated if necessary, and counted by members of the  
19.31 ballot board. The vote totals from these ballots must be incorporated into the totals with the  
19.32 other absentee ballots and handled according to paragraph (b).

20.1 Sec. 29. **[203B.30] EARLY VOTING; APPLICABILITY.**

20.2 (a) Any eligible voter may vote in person in a federal, state, or county election prior to  
20.3 the date of the election, in the manner provided in sections 203B.31 to 203B.35.

20.4 (b)(1) Subject to clause (2), for city elections not held in conjunction with a federal,  
20.5 state, or county election, the city may authorize eligible voters to vote in the manner provided  
20.6 in sections 203B.31 to 203B.35 upon resolution of the governing body of the city, adopted  
20.7 prior to the first day for filing affidavits of candidacy for the election. In the case of a home  
20.8 rule charter city, authorization may alternatively be made by amendment to the city's charter  
20.9 for this purpose.

20.10 (2) A city may only authorize voting under sections 203B.31 to 203B.35 if the municipal  
20.11 clerk has the technical capacity to access the statewide voter registration system in the secure  
20.12 manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must identify hardware,  
20.13 software, security, or other technical prerequisites necessary to ensure the security, access  
20.14 controls, and performance of the statewide voter registration system. The clerk must receive  
20.15 training approved by the secretary of state on the use of the statewide voter registration  
20.16 system before administering voting authorized under this paragraph. The clerk may not use  
20.17 the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required training.

20.18 Sec. 30. **[203B.31] TIME PERIOD FOR EARLY VOTING.**

20.19 Early voting must be available to any eligible voter as provided in section 203B.32 for  
20.20 every primary, general, and special election subject to early voting under section 203B.30  
20.21 from 30 days before the election through 5:00 p.m. on the third day before the election. All  
20.22 voters in line at 5:00 p.m. on the third day before the election must be allowed to vote in  
20.23 the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision 2.

20.24 Sec. 31. **[203B.32] HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING.**

20.25 Early voting must be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each  
20.26 weekday during the time period provided in section 203B.31, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
20.27 on at least one weekday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the  
20.28 election.

20.29 Sec. 32. **[203B.33] LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING.**

20.30 (a) Early voting must be made available at polling places designated in the county  
20.31 auditor's offices in county-owned or operated buildings, at the municipal clerk's office in  
20.32 every municipality that has been delegated the responsibility to administer absentee voting

21.1 as provided in section 203B.05 or which is conducting an election that includes early voting,  
 21.2 as authorized in section 203B.30, and at any other county or city-owned or operated buildings  
 21.3 designated by the county auditor or municipal clerk. At least one voting station and one  
 21.4 ballot marking device for disabled voters must be made available in each polling place.

21.5 (b) The county auditor or municipal clerk must make an electronic ballot counter available  
 21.6 in each polling place.

21.7 **Sec. 33. [203B.34] NOTICE TO VOTERS.**

21.8 The county auditor or municipal clerk must prepare a notice to the voters of the days,  
 21.9 times, and locations for early voting. This notice must be posted on the county's website,  
 21.10 if applicable, and the website for each municipality in the county where an early voting  
 21.11 location is designated for the election at least 14 days before the first day for early voting.  
 21.12 If a county or municipality does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
 21.13 must publish the notice at least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven  
 21.14 days and not more than 14 days before the first day for early voting.

21.15 **Sec. 34. [203B.35] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.**

21.16 Subdivision 1. **Voting procedure.** Each voter shall sign the certification provided in  
 21.17 section 204C.10. An individual who is not registered to vote must register in the manner  
 21.18 provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3.

21.19 After the voter has signed the certification, a member of the ballot board must provide  
 21.20 a ballot to the voter. Ballots must be prepared and distributed by members of the ballot  
 21.21 board in the manner provided in section 204C.09. The voter must mark the ballot and deposit  
 21.22 it in either a precinct voting system or a sealed ballot box. A voter may not leave the polling  
 21.23 place with the ballot.

21.24 Subd. 2. **Processing of ballots.** Ballots cast pursuant to sections 203B.30 to 203B.35  
 21.25 must be processed and counted by a ballot board.

21.26 **Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:**

21.27 **Subd. 2. **Separate precincts; combined polling place.**** (a) The following shall constitute  
 21.28 at least one election precinct:

21.29 (1) each city ward; and

21.30 (2) each town and each statutory city.

22.1 (b) A single, accessible, combined polling place may be established no later than  
22.2 ~~November 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the following~~  
22.3 ~~year or~~ May 1 of any ~~other~~ year:

22.4 (1) for any city of the third or fourth class, any town, or any city having territory in more  
22.5 than one county, in which all the voters of the city or town shall cast their ballots;

22.6 (2) for contiguous precincts in the same municipality;

22.7 (3) for up to four contiguous municipalities located entirely outside the metropolitan  
22.8 area, as defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, that are contained in the same county;  
22.9 or

22.10 (4) for noncontiguous precincts located in one or more counties.

22.11 Subject to the requirements of paragraph (c), a single, accessible, combined polling place  
22.12 may be established after May 1 of any year in the event of an emergency.

22.13 A copy of the ordinance or resolution establishing a combined polling place must be  
22.14 filed with the county auditor within 30 days after approval by the governing body. A polling  
22.15 place combined under clause (3) must be approved by the governing body of each  
22.16 participating municipality. A polling place combined under clause (4) must be approved by  
22.17 the governing body of each participating municipality and the secretary of state and may  
22.18 be located outside any of the noncontiguous precincts. A municipality withdrawing from  
22.19 participation in a combined polling place must do so by filing a resolution of withdrawal  
22.20 with the county auditor no later than ~~October 1 if a presidential nomination primary is~~  
22.21 ~~scheduled to occur in the following year or~~ April 1 of any ~~other~~ year.

22.22 The secretary of state shall provide a separate polling place roster for each precinct  
22.23 served by the combined polling place, except that in a precinct that uses electronic rosters  
22.24 the secretary of state shall provide separate data files for each precinct. A single set of  
22.25 election judges may be appointed to serve at a combined polling place. The number of  
22.26 election judges required must be based on the total number of persons voting at the last  
22.27 similar election in all precincts to be voting at the combined polling place. Separate ballot  
22.28 boxes must be provided for the ballots from each precinct. The results of the election must  
22.29 be reported separately for each precinct served by the combined polling place, except in a  
22.30 polling place established under clause (2) where one of the precincts has fewer than ten  
22.31 registered voters, in which case the results of that precinct must be reported in the manner  
22.32 specified by the secretary of state.

23.1 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the  
23.2 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,  
23.3 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant  
23.4 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the  
23.5 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

23.6 (1) polling places may be combined after May 1 and until the polls close on election  
23.7 day;

23.8 (2) any city or town, regardless of size or location, may establish a combined polling  
23.9 place under this paragraph;

23.10 (3) the governing body is not required to adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish  
23.11 the combined polling place;

23.12 (4) a polling place combined under paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), must be approved  
23.13 by the local election official of each participating municipality;

23.14 (5) the local elections official must immediately notify the county auditor and the  
23.15 secretary of state of the combination, including the reason for the emergency combination  
23.16 and the location of the combined polling place. As soon as possible, the local elections  
23.17 official must also post a notice stating the reason for the combination and the location of  
23.18 the combined polling place. The notice must also be posted on the governing board's website,  
23.19 if one exists. The local elections official must also notify the election judges and request  
23.20 that local media outlets publicly announce the reason for the combination and the location  
23.21 of the combined polling place; and

23.22 (6) on election day, the local elections official must post a notice in large print in a  
23.23 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating  
23.24 the location of the combined polling place. The local election official must also post the  
23.25 notice, if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as  
23.26 provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to  
23.27 section 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph  
23.28 must include a statement that the polling place hours at the combined polling place will be  
23.29 extended until the specified time.

23.30 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

23.31 Subd. 4. **Boundary change procedure.** Any change in the boundary of an election  
23.32 precinct must be adopted at least ten weeks before the date of the next election and, for the  
23.33 state primary and general election or ~~presidential nomination primary~~, no later than December

24.1 June 1 in the ~~year prior to the~~ year of the state general election. The precinct boundary  
 24.2 change shall not take effect until notice of the change has been posted in the office of the  
 24.3 municipal clerk or county auditor for at least 56 days.

24.4 The county auditor must publish a notice illustrating or describing the congressional,  
 24.5 legislative, and county commissioner district boundaries in the county in one or more  
 24.6 qualified newspapers in the county at least 14 days before the first day to file affidavits of  
 24.7 candidacy for the state general election in the year ending in two.

24.8 Alternate dates for adopting changes in precinct boundaries, posting notices of boundary  
 24.9 changes, and notifying voters affected by boundary changes pursuant to this subdivision,  
 24.10 and procedures for coordinating precinct boundary changes with reestablishing local  
 24.11 government election district boundaries may be established in the manner provided in the  
 24.12 rules of the secretary of state.

24.13 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

24.14 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as  
 24.15 otherwise provided for absentee ballots in this section and in section 204B.35, subdivision  
 24.16 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the  
 24.17 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.  
 24.18 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later  
 24.19 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

24.20 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

24.21 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

24.22 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

24.23 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot  
 24.24 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with  
 24.25 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election  
 24.26 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts  
 24.27 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

24.28 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early  
 24.29 voting to city clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 at least  
 24.30 one day prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section 203B.31.

25.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.35, is amended by adding a subdivision  
25.2 to read:

25.3 Subd. 6. **Electronic voting systems.** Notwithstanding sections 204B.35 to 204B.44 and  
25.4 chapter 204D, a jurisdiction may employ an electronic voting system provided by section  
25.5 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (3), displaying the required ballot information on an electronic  
25.6 device in a format that substantially meets the requirements of law.

25.7 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

25.8 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~  
25.9 ~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1  
25.10 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~  
25.11 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling  
25.12 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor  
25.13 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct  
25.14 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized  
25.15 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any  
25.16 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county  
25.17 auditor.

25.18 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor  
25.19 or municipal clerk.

25.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections  
25.21 conducted on or after that date.

25.22 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

25.23 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given  
25.24 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before  
25.25 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any  
25.26 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered  
25.27 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the  
25.28 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after  
25.29 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered  
25.30 at the time the ballots are mailed and eligible voters with a temporary or permanent disability  
25.31 may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return  
25.32 postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the  
25.33 ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must

26.1 appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark  
26.2 them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days  
26.3 before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before  
26.4 election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks  
26.5 who have received training in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be  
26.6 affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section  
26.7 must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement  
26.8 under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected  
26.9 at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the  
26.10 auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in  
26.11 place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the  
26.12 envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to  
26.13 contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been  
26.14 rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

26.15 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
26.16 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business  
26.17 on the seventh day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"  
26.18 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision  
26.19 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

26.20 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
26.21 and counting of ballots apply.

26.22 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
26.23 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the  
26.24 close of voting on election day.

26.25 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter  
26.26 resides. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election must be counted.

26.27 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
26.28 to read:

26.29 Subd. 5. Transit service. Certain requirements for transit service on the date of a state  
26.30 general election are as provided in sections 174.24, subdivision 7a, and 473.408, subdivision  
26.31 11.

26.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

27.1 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

27.2 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**  
 27.3 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

27.4 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature  
 27.5 certificate which states that the individual:

27.6 (1) is at least 18 years of age; ;

27.7 (2) a citizen of the United States; ;

27.8 (3) has resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election; ;

27.9 (4) maintains residence at the address shown; ;

27.10 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to  
 27.11 vote; ;

27.12 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote ~~or~~; ;

27.13 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, ~~the felony~~  
 27.14 ~~sentence has expired or been completed~~ or the individual has ~~been discharged from the~~  
 27.15 ~~sentence~~, completed the term of incarceration, if any, for the felony offense;

27.16 (8) is registered; and

27.17 (9) has not already voted in the election.

27.18 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information  
 27.19 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than  
 27.20 \$10,000, or both."

27.21 ~~(b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I~~  
 27.22 ~~am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to~~  
 27.23 ~~vote, and I understand that my choice of a party's ballot will be public information." This~~  
 27.24 ~~statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a). The felony~~  
 27.25 ~~penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.~~

27.26 ~~(e)~~ (b) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,  
 27.27 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

27.28 ~~(d)~~ (c) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall  
 27.29 give the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge  
 27.30 in charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand

28.1 to the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice  
28.2 of filing an election contest.

28.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election  
28.4 judge must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other  
28.5 than the voter whose status is challenged.

28.6 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.7 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for  
28.8 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may  
28.9 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties.  
28.10 The election judges shall mark the ballots as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner  
28.11 as circumstances permit. A voter in need of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance  
28.12 of any individual the voter chooses. Only the following persons may not provide assistance  
28.13 to a voter: the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, an officer or agent of the  
28.14 voter's union, or a candidate for election. The person who assists the voter shall,  
28.15 unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth and mark the ballot  
28.16 as directed by the voter. ~~No person who assists another voter as provided in the preceding~~  
28.17 ~~sentence shall mark the ballots of more than three voters at one election.~~ Before the ballots  
28.18 are deposited, the voter may show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they  
28.19 are marked as the voter directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall  
28.20 not in any manner request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to  
28.21 vote for any particular political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals  
28.22 who assist the voter shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the  
28.23 voter has voted or anything that took place while assisting the voter.

28.24 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.25 Subdivision 1. **Information requirements.** Precinct summary statements shall be  
28.26 submitted by the election judges in every precinct. For all elections, the election judges  
28.27 shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall contain  
28.28 the following information for each kind of ballot:

28.29 (1) the number of ballots delivered to the precinct as adjusted by the actual count made  
28.30 by the election judges, the number of unofficial ballots made, and the number of absentee  
28.31 ballots delivered to the precinct;

29.1 (2) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on  
 29.2 each question, the number of undervotes, the number of overvotes, and the number of  
 29.3 defective ballots with respect to each office or question;

29.4 (3) the number of spoiled ballots, the number of duplicate ballots made, the number of  
 29.5 absentee ballots rejected, and the number of unused ballots, presuming that the total count  
 29.6 provided on each package of unopened prepackaged ballots is correct;

29.7 (4) the number of voted ballots indicating only a voter's choices as provided by section  
 29.8 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (3);

29.9 ~~(4)~~ (5) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct which must  
 29.10 equal the total number of ballots cast in the precinct, as required by sections 204C.20 and  
 29.11 206.86, subdivision 1;

29.12 ~~(5)~~ (6) the number of voters registering on election day in that precinct; and

29.13 ~~(6)~~ (7) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all  
 29.14 of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered  
 29.15 by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast  
 29.16 for each candidate and for and against each question.

29.17 At least two copies of the summary statement must be prepared for elections not held  
 29.18 on the same day as the state elections.

29.19 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.20 Subd. 2. **Special election when legislature will be in session.** Except for vacancies in  
 29.21 the legislature which occur at any time between the last day of session in an odd-numbered  
 29.22 year and the ~~40th~~ 54th day prior to the opening day of session in the succeeding  
 29.23 even-numbered year, when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that  
 29.24 the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties  
 29.25 of the office immediately upon election, the governor shall issue within five days after the  
 29.26 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The special election shall be held as  
 29.27 soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section 204D.22, subdivision  
 29.28 3, but in no event more than ~~35~~ 49 days after the issuance of the writ. A special election  
 29.29 must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a holiday as defined in  
 29.30 section 645.44, subdivision 5.

29.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies  
 29.32 occurring on or after that date.

30.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 3. **Notice of special election.** The county auditor of a county in which a special  
30.3 election is to be held shall direct the clerk of each municipality in which the election is to  
30.4 be held to post a notice of the special primary and special election at least ~~seven~~ 14 days  
30.5 before the special primary and at least ~~14~~ 21 days before the special election in the manner  
30.6 provided in sections 204B.33 and 204B.34. If the special primary is to be held ~~14~~ 21 days  
30.7 before the special election, a single notice of both elections may be posted seven days before  
30.8 the primary.

30.9 When the special primary or special election is to be held on the same day as any other  
30.10 election, notice of the special primary or special election may be included in the notice of  
30.11 the other election, if practicable.

30.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies  
30.13 occurring on or after that date.

30.14 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.15 Subd. 2. **Time of filing.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, the affidavits and petitions  
30.16 shall be filed no later than ~~14~~ 21 days before the special primary.

30.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to vacancies  
30.18 occurring on or after that date.

30.19 Sec. 48. **[204D.275] LOCAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS.**

30.20 **Subdivision 1. Reimbursement authorized.** Each county and municipality shall be  
30.21 reimbursed for the cost of conducting a special election as defined in section 200.02,  
30.22 subdivision 4, for a federal or state office.

30.23 **Subd. 2. Expenses eligible for reimbursement.** The secretary of state shall reimburse  
30.24 each county and municipality for the cost of:

30.25 (1) preparation and printing of ballots and other election materials for the special election;

30.26 (2) postage for absentee ballots;

30.27 (3) publication of the sample ballot;

30.28 (4) preparation of polling places;

30.29 (5) preparation of electronic voting systems;

30.30 (6) compensation paid to the county canvassing board members;

31.1 (7) election judge salaries; and

31.2 (8) other reasonable costs of administering the election, as approved by the secretary of  
31.3 state.

31.4 Reimbursable costs do not include salaries of permanent local officials or the cost of reusable  
31.5 supplies and equipment.

31.6 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement requests.** (a) Not more than 90 days after the special election,  
31.7 the county auditor must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the county  
31.8 for conducting the special election, and the municipal clerk must submit a request for  
31.9 payment of the costs incurred by the municipality for conducting the special election. The  
31.10 request for payment must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied  
31.11 by an itemized description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of  
31.12 invoices. In addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for  
31.13 reimbursement is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the special  
31.14 election. The secretary of state shall provide each county and municipality with the  
31.15 appropriate forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision.

31.16 (b) The secretary of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment  
31.17 and certification of costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary  
31.18 of state must complete the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities  
31.19 for qualifying claims no later than 120 days after the special election. Amounts necessary  
31.20 to pay qualifying claims are appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for  
31.21 that purpose.

31.22 Sec. 49. **[204E.01] APPLICABILITY.**

31.23 This chapter applies to all elections expressly authorized by law to use ranked-choice  
31.24 voting. All other provisions of the Minnesota Election Law also apply, to the extent they  
31.25 are not inconsistent with this chapter.

31.26 Sec. 50. **[204E.02] DEFINITIONS.**

31.27 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

31.28 Subd. 2. **Batch elimination.** "Batch elimination" means a simultaneous defeat of multiple  
31.29 continuing candidates that have no mathematical chance of being elected.

31.30 Subd. 3. **Chief election official.** "Chief election official" means the principal officer in  
31.31 the jurisdiction charged with duties relating to elections.

32.1 Subd. 4. **Duplicate ranking.** "Duplicate ranking" means a voter has ranked the same  
32.2 candidate at multiple rankings for the office being counted.

32.3 Subd. 5. **Exhausted ballot.** "Exhausted ballot" means a ballot that can no longer be  
32.4 advanced under the procedures in section 204E.06.

32.5 Subd. 6. **Highest continuing ranking.** "Highest continuing ranking" means the ranking  
32.6 on a voter's ballot with the lowest numerical value for a continuing candidate.

32.7 Subd. 7. **Mathematically impossible to be elected.** "Mathematically impossible to be  
32.8 elected" means either:

32.9 (1) the candidate cannot be elected because the candidate's current vote total plus all  
32.10 votes that could possibly be transferred to the candidate in future rounds from candidates  
32.11 with fewer votes or an equal number of votes and surplus votes would not be enough to  
32.12 surpass the candidate with the next higher current vote total; or

32.13 (2) the candidate has a lower current vote total than a candidate who is described by  
32.14 clause (1).

32.15 Subd. 8. **Overvote.** "Overvote" means a voter has ranked more than one candidate at  
32.16 the same ranking.

32.17 Subd. 9. **Partially defective ballot.** "Partially defective ballot" means a ballot that is  
32.18 defective to the extent that the election judges are unable to determine the voter's intent with  
32.19 respect to the office being counted.

32.20 Subd. 10. **Ranked-choice voting.** "Ranked-choice voting" means an election method  
32.21 in which voters rank candidates for an office in order of their preference, with each vote  
32.22 counting for the highest-ranked continuing candidate on each ballot until that candidate has  
32.23 been elected or defeated by the method established in this chapter.

32.24 Subd. 11. **Ranked-choice voting tabulation center.** "Ranked-choice voting tabulation  
32.25 center" means the place selected for the automatic or manual processing and tabulation of  
32.26 ballots.

32.27 Subd. 12. **Ranking.** "Ranking" means the number assigned by a voter to a candidate to  
32.28 express the voter's preference for that candidate. Ranking number one is the highest ranking.  
32.29 A ranking of lower numerical value indicates a greater preference for a candidate than a  
32.30 ranking of higher numerical value.

32.31 Subd. 13. **Round.** "Round" means an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation steps  
32.32 established in section 204E.06.

33.1 Subd. 14. **Skipped ranking.** "Skipped ranking" means a voter has left a ranking blank  
33.2 and ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking.

33.3 Subd. 15. **Surplus.** "Surplus" means the total number of votes cast for an elected  
33.4 candidate in excess of the threshold.

33.5 Subd. 16. **Surplus fraction of a vote.** "Surplus fraction of a vote" means the proportion  
33.6 of each vote to be transferred when a surplus is transferred. The surplus fraction is calculated  
33.7 by dividing the surplus by the total votes cast for the elected candidate, calculated to four  
33.8 decimal places, ignoring any remainder.

33.9 Subd. 17. **Threshold.** "Threshold" means the number of votes sufficient for a candidate  
33.10 to be elected. In any given election, the threshold equals the total votes counted in the first  
33.11 round after removing defective ballots, divided by the sum of one plus the number of offices  
33.12 to be filled and adding one to the quotient, disregarding any fractions.

33.13 Subd. 18. **Transfer value.** "Transfer value" means the fraction of a vote that a transferred  
33.14 ballot will contribute to the next ranked continuing candidate on that ballot. The transfer  
33.15 value of a vote cast for an elected candidate is calculated by multiplying the surplus fraction  
33.16 of each vote by its current value, calculated to four decimal places, ignoring any remainder.  
33.17 The transfer value of a vote cast for a defeated candidate is the same as its current value.

33.18 Subd. 19. **Transferable vote.** "Transferable vote" means a vote or a fraction of a vote  
33.19 for a candidate who has been either elected or defeated.

33.20 Subd. 20. **Totally defective ballot.** "Totally defective ballot" means a ballot that is  
33.21 defective to the extent that election judges are unable to determine the voter's intent for any  
33.22 office on the ballot.

33.23 Subd. 21. **Undervote.** "Undervote" means a voter did not rank any candidates for an  
33.24 office.

33.25 Sec. 51. **[204E.03] AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING;**  
33.26 **IMPLEMENTATION.**

33.27 (a) The following political subdivisions may adopt, in the manner provided in this section,  
33.28 ranked-choice voting as a method of voting for local offices within the political subdivision:

33.29 (1) home rule charter or statutory cities;

33.30 (2) counties;

33.31 (3) townships; and

34.1 (4) school districts.

34.2 (b) A jurisdiction that adopts ranked-choice voting may do so by adopting an ordinance  
34.3 or resolution or by a ballot question presented to the voters. The ranked-choice voting  
34.4 method may be repealed by one of the same methods provided for adoption.

34.5 (c) A home rule charter jurisdiction that adopts a ranked-choice voting system in its  
34.6 charter may adopt this chapter by reference in an ordinance, but is not required to do so.  
34.7 Nothing in this chapter prevents a home rule charter jurisdiction from adopting another  
34.8 voting method in its charter.

34.9 (d) Ranked-choice voting shall only be used to elect local offices at a general or special  
34.10 election, or at a primary election which serves as a party-nominating election for a partisan  
34.11 office. A primary election must not be held for any nonpartisan offices that are elected using  
34.12 ranked-choice voting.

34.13 (e) A jurisdiction that adopts the use of ranked-choice voting in local elections must do  
34.14 so no later than 30 days before the first day for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office  
34.15 for which ranked-choice voting is to be used as the method of election.

34.16 (f) Repeal of ranked-choice voting must be no later than 30 days before the first day for  
34.17 filing affidavits of candidacy for offices for which ranked-choice voting is used as the  
34.18 method of election.

34.19 (g) The chief election official shall notify the secretary of state and, if applicable, the  
34.20 county auditor within 30 days following adoption or repeal of ranked-choice voting.

34.21 **Sec. 52. [204E.04] BALLOTS.**

34.22 Subdivision 1. **Ballot format.** (a) If there are three or more qualified candidates, a ballot  
34.23 must allow a voter to rank at least three candidates for each office in order of preference  
34.24 and must also allow the voter to add write-in candidates.

34.25 (b) A ballot must:

34.26 (1) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to mark the ballot;

34.27 (2) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to rank candidates in order  
34.28 of the voter's preference; and

34.29 (3) indicate the number of seats to be elected for each office.

34.30 (c) A jurisdiction may use ballots compatible with alphanumeric character recognition  
34.31 voting equipment.

35.1 Subd. 2. **Mixed-election method ballots.** If elections are held in which ranked-choice  
35.2 voting is used in addition to other methods of voting, the ranked-choice voting and  
35.3 non-ranked-choice voting elections must be on the same ballot card if possible, with  
35.4 ranked-choice voting and non-ranked-choice voting portions clearly separated on the ballot  
35.5 card. A separate ballot card may be used if necessary. A jurisdiction may deviate from the  
35.6 standard ballot order of offices to allow separation of ranked-choice voting and  
35.7 non-ranked-choice voting elections.

35.8 Subd. 3. **Ballot format rules.** The chief election official shall establish administrative  
35.9 rules for ballot format after a voting mechanism has been selected, consistent with this  
35.10 section.

35.11 **Sec. 53. [204E.05] RANKED-CHOICE VOTING TABULATION CENTER.**

35.12 Subdivision 1. **Tabulation of votes; generally.** The chief election official shall designate  
35.13 one location to serve as the ranked-choice voting tabulation center. The center must be  
35.14 accessible to the public for the purpose of observing the vote tabulation. Tabulation of votes  
35.15 must be conducted as described in section 204E.06.

35.16 Subd. 2. **Precinct tabulation.** When the hours for voting have ended and all voting has  
35.17 concluded, the election judges in each precinct shall record and publicly declare the number  
35.18 of first choices cast for each candidate in that precinct. The election judges must then securely  
35.19 transfer all electronic voting data and ballots from the precinct to the ranked-choice voting  
35.20 tabulation center designated under this section. Upon receipt at the ranked-choice voting  
35.21 tabulation center, all electronic voting data and ballots shall be secured.

35.22 Subd. 3. **Notice of recess in count.** At any time following receipt of materials under  
35.23 subdivision 1, the chief election official may declare a recess. Notice of the recess must  
35.24 include the date, time, and location at which the process of recording and tabulating votes  
35.25 will resume and the reason for the recess. Notice must be posted on the city's official bulletin  
35.26 board and on the door of the ranked-choice voting tabulation center.

35.27 Subd. 4. **Recording write-in votes.** At a time set by the chief election official, the  
35.28 election judges shall convene at the ranked-choice voting tabulation center to examine  
35.29 ballots on which voters have indicated a write-in choice, and record the names and number  
35.30 of votes received by each write-in candidate. In the event that votes cast for the write-in  
35.31 category are not eliminated as provided in section 204E.06, the results must be entered into  
35.32 the ranked-choice voting tabulation software.

36.1 Subd. 5. **Ranked-choice vote tabulation.** After all votes have been recorded, and at a  
36.2 time set by the chief election official, the process of tabulating votes cast for offices to be  
36.3 elected using the ranked-choice method must begin. The counting must continue until  
36.4 preliminary results for all races are determined, subject to subdivision 3.

36.5 Sec. 54. [204E.06] **TABULATION OF VOTES.**

36.6 (a) Tabulation of votes at the ranked-choice voting tabulation center must proceed in  
36.7 rounds for each office to be counted. The threshold must be calculated and publicly declared.  
36.8 Each round must proceed sequentially as follows:

36.9 (1) the number of votes cast for each candidate for the current round must be counted.  
36.10 If the number of candidates whose vote totals equal or exceed the threshold are equal to the  
36.11 number of seats to be filled, those candidates who are continuing candidates are elected and  
36.12 the tabulation is complete. If the number of candidates whose vote totals are equal to or  
36.13 greater than the threshold is not equal to the number of seats to be filled, a new round begins  
36.14 and the tabulation must continue as provided in the remainder of this paragraph;

36.15 (2) surplus votes for any candidates whose vote totals are equal to or greater than the  
36.16 threshold must be calculated;

36.17 (3) after any surplus votes are calculated but not yet transferred, all candidates for whom  
36.18 it is mathematically impossible to be elected must be defeated by batch elimination. Votes  
36.19 for the defeated candidates must be transferred to each ballot's next-ranked continuing  
36.20 candidate, and the tabulation process reiterates beginning with clause (2). If no candidate  
36.21 can be defeated mathematically, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (4);

36.22 (4) the transfer value of each vote cast for an elected candidate must be transferred to  
36.23 the next continuing candidate on that ballot. Of the candidates whose vote totals reach or  
36.24 exceed the threshold, the candidate with the largest surplus is declared elected and that  
36.25 candidate's surplus is transferred. A tie between two or more candidates must immediately  
36.26 and publicly be resolved by lot by the chief election official at the tabulation center. The  
36.27 surplus of the candidate chosen by lot must be transferred before other transfers are made.  
36.28 The result of the tie resolution must be recorded and reused in the event of a recount. If no  
36.29 candidate has a surplus, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (5); otherwise,  
36.30 the tabulation process must reiterate beginning with clause (2);

36.31 (5) if there are no transferable surplus votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is  
36.32 defeated. Votes for the defeated candidate must be transferred to each ballot's next-ranked  
36.33 continuing candidate. Ties between candidates with the fewest votes must be decided by

37.1 lot, and the candidate chosen by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution must  
37.2 be recorded and reused in the event of a recount. The tabulation process must reiterate  
37.3 beginning with clause (2); and

37.4 (6) the procedures in clauses (2) to (5) must be repeated until the number of candidates  
37.5 whose vote totals are equal to or exceed the threshold is equal to the number of seats to be  
37.6 filled, or until the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of offices yet to  
37.7 be elected. If the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of offices yet to  
37.8 be elected, the remaining continuing candidates must be declared elected. In the case of a  
37.9 tie between two continuing candidates, the tie must be decided by lot as provided in section  
37.10 204C.34, and the candidate chosen by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution  
37.11 must be recorded and reused in the event of a recount.

37.12 (b) When a single skipped ranking is encountered on a ballot, that ballot must count  
37.13 toward the next nonskipped ranking. If any ballot cannot be advanced because no further  
37.14 candidates are ranked on that ballot, because a voter has skipped more than one ranking, or  
37.15 because an undervote, overvote, or duplicate ranking is encountered, the ballot must not  
37.16 count toward any candidate in that round or in subsequent rounds for the office being  
37.17 counted.

37.18 **Sec. 55. [204E.07] REPORTING RESULTS.**

37.19 (a) Each precinct must print a precinct summary statement, which must include the  
37.20 number of first choices cast for each candidate in that precinct.

37.21 (b) The ranked-choice voting tabulation center must print a summary statement with the  
37.22 following information: total votes cast; number of undervotes; number of totally defective  
37.23 and spoiled ballots; threshold calculation; total first choice rankings for all candidates;  
37.24 round-by-round tabulation results, including simultaneous batch eliminations, surplus  
37.25 transfers, and defeated candidate transfers; and exhausted ballots at each round.

37.26 (c) The election abstract must include the information required in the ranked-choice  
37.27 voting tabulation center summary statement, with the addition of the number of registered  
37.28 voters by precinct, the number of same-day voter registrations, and the number of absentee  
37.29 voters.

37.30 **Sec. 56. [204E.08] RECOUNTS.**

37.31 (a) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation may request a recount as provided  
37.32 in section 204C.36.

38.1 (b) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation when the vote difference is  
38.2 greater than that provided in section 204C.36 may request a recount at the candidate's own  
38.3 expense. A candidate defeated in an earlier round of tabulation may request a recount at the  
38.4 candidate's own expense. The candidate is responsible for all expenses associated with the  
38.5 recount, regardless of the vote difference between the candidates in the round in which the  
38.6 requesting candidate was defeated. The requesting candidate shall file with the filing officer  
38.7 a bond, cash, or surety in an amount set by the filing officer for the payment of the recount  
38.8 expenses. Expenses must be determined as provided in section 204C.36, subdivision 4.

38.9 (c) Rules adopted by the secretary of state under section 204C.36 for recounts apply to  
38.10 recounts conducted under this section.

38.11 **Sec. 57. [204E.09] RULES.**

38.12 The secretary of state may adopt rules necessary to implement the requirements and  
38.13 procedures established by this chapter.

38.14 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 205.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

38.15 Subd. 2. **Notice of filing dates.** At least two weeks before the first day to file affidavits  
38.16 of candidacy, the municipal clerk shall publish a notice stating the first and last dates on  
38.17 which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in the clerk's office and the closing time for  
38.18 filing on the last day for filing. The clerk shall post a similar notice at least ten days before  
38.19 the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. The notice must indicate the method of election  
38.20 to be used for the offices on the ballot. The notice must separately list any office for which  
38.21 affidavits of candidacy may be filed to fill the unexpired portion of a term when a special  
38.22 election is being held to fill a vacancy as provided in section 412.02, subdivision 2a.

38.23 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.58, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

38.24 Subdivision 1. **Municipalities.** (a) The governing body of a municipality, at a regular  
38.25 meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, may provide for the use of an  
38.26 electronic voting system in one or more precincts and at all elections in the precincts, subject  
38.27 to approval by the county auditor. The governing body shall disseminate information to the  
38.28 public about the use of a new voting system at least 60 days prior to the election and shall  
38.29 provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration voting system in a public place for  
38.30 the six weeks immediately prior to the first election at which the new voting system will be  
38.31 used.

39.1 (b) No system may be adopted or used unless it has been approved by the secretary of  
39.2 state pursuant to section 206.57.

39.3 (c) The governing body of a municipality may provide for the use of an electronic voting  
39.4 system that has been approved by the secretary of state under section 206.57 but includes  
39.5 an automatic tabulating equipment reallocation feature that has not been approved by the  
39.6 secretary of state if the municipal clerk certifies to the secretary of state, within 30 days  
39.7 from the date of adoption under paragraph (a), that the reallocation feature:

39.8 (1) has been certified as required under section 206.57, subdivision 6; and

39.9 (2) meets the municipality's ordinance requirements for electronic voting systems.

39.10 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.80, is amended to read:

39.11 **206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.**

39.12 (a) An electronic voting system may not be employed unless it:

39.13 (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;

39.14 (2) permits every voter to vote for all candidates and questions for whom or upon which  
39.15 the voter is legally entitled to vote;

39.16 (3) provides for write-in voting when authorized;

39.17 (4) automatically rejects, except as provided in section 206.84 with respect to write-in  
39.18 votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the  
39.19 number which the voter is entitled to cast;

39.20 (5) permits a voter at a primary election to select secretly the party for which the voter  
39.21 wishes to vote;

39.22 (6) automatically rejects all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter  
39.23 votes for candidates of more than one party; and

39.24 (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent paper  
39.25 ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, and to change votes or correct  
39.26 any error before the voter's ballot is cast and counted, produces an individual, discrete,  
39.27 permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter, and preserves the paper ballot as an official record  
39.28 available for use in any recount.

39.29 (b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after June 4, 2005, may not be employed  
39.30 unless it:

40.1 (1) accepts and tabulates, in the polling place or at a counting center, a marked optical  
40.2 scan ballot; ~~or~~

40.3 (2) creates a marked optical scan ballot that can be tabulated in the polling place or at a  
40.4 counting center by automatic tabulating equipment certified for use in this state; or

40.5 (3) creates a marked paper ballot indicating, at a minimum, the date of the election, the  
40.6 name of the precinct, an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator,  
40.7 and the voter's votes for each office or question, generated from the voter's use of a touch  
40.8 screen or other electronic device on which a complete ballot meeting the information  
40.9 requirements of any applicable law was displayed electronically.

40.10 (c) Jurisdictions using multiple ballot formats must not record the ballot formats of  
40.11 electronic voting system used by a particular voter.

40.12 Sec. 61. **[206.802] ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS; PURCHASING.**

40.13 Any new voting equipment purchased for use in Minnesota for the purpose of replacing  
40.14 a voting system must have the ability to:

40.15 (1) capture and store ballot data;

40.16 (2) keep data anonymous;

40.17 (3) accept ranked or cumulative voting data under a variety of tabulation rules;

40.18 (4) be programmable to follow all other specifications of the ranked-choice voting system  
40.19 as provided in chapter 204E;

40.20 (5) provide a minimum of three rankings for ranked-choice voting elections;

40.21 (6) notify voters of the following errors: overvotes, skipped rankings, and duplicate  
40.22 rankings in a ranked-choice voting election; and

40.23 (7) be programmable to print a zero tape indicating all rankings for all candidates in a  
40.24 ranked-choice voting election.

40.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon certification by the secretary of  
40.26 state that equipment meeting the standards required by this section is available for purchase  
40.27 and implementation.

40.28 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.29 Subdivision 1. **Program.** A program or programs for use in an election conducted by  
40.30 means of an electronic voting system or using an electronic ballot marker shall be prepared

41.1 at the direction of the county auditor or municipal clerk who is responsible for the conduct  
41.2 of the election and shall be independently verified by a competent person designated by  
41.3 that official. The term "competent person" as used in this section means a person who can  
41.4 demonstrate knowledge as a computer programmer and who is other than and wholly  
41.5 independent of any person operating or employed by the counting center or the corporation  
41.6 or other preparer of the program. A test deck prepared by a competent person shall be used  
41.7 for independent verification of the program; it shall test the maximum digits used in totaling  
41.8 the returns and shall be usable by insertion during the tabulation process as well as prior to  
41.9 tabulation. A test deck must also be prepared using the electronic ballot marker program  
41.10 and must also be used to verify that all valid votes counted by the vote tabulator may be  
41.11 selected using the electronic ballot marker. The computer program for any election and an  
41.12 exact duplicate of the program for use as backup must be completed and delivered to the  
41.13 election jurisdiction or the county auditor in charge of a common central counting center  
41.14 at least 40 days prior to the election. The secretary of state shall adopt rules further specifying  
41.15 test procedures.

41.16 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.83, is amended to read:

41.17 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

41.18 (a) Within ~~14~~ 37 days before election day, the official in charge of elections shall have  
41.19 the voting system tested to ascertain that the system will correctly mark ballots using all  
41.20 methods supported by the system, including ranked-choice voting if applicable, and through  
41.21 assistive technology, and count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public  
41.22 notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least two days in advance by  
41.23 publication once in official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election  
41.24 judges, who are not of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives  
41.25 of the political parties, candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by  
41.26 (1) processing a preaudited group of ballots punched or marked to record a predetermined  
41.27 number of valid votes for each candidate and on each question, and must include for each  
41.28 office one or more ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law  
41.29 in order to test the ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to  
41.30 reject those votes; and (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the  
41.31 electronic ballot marker for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot  
41.32 display, audio ballot reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic  
41.33 ballot marker. If an election is to be conducted using ranked-choice voting, the equipment  
41.34 must also be tested to ensure that each ranking for each candidate is recorded properly.

42.1 (b) If any error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless  
42.2 count must be made before the voting system may be used in the election.

42.3 (c) After the completion of the test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed,  
42.4 retained, and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

42.5 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.86, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
42.6 read:

42.7 Subd. 5a. **Ballots in precincts with multiple styles of voting system.** (a) This subdivision  
42.8 applies only to precincts using a ballot format as provided by section 206.80, paragraph (b),  
42.9 clause (3), that was used by ten or fewer voters.

42.10 (b) In the event the results of a precinct are subject to a recount under section 204C.35  
42.11 or 204C.36, or are subject to postelection review under section 206.89, the election judges  
42.12 from that precinct are not eligible to participate in conducting a recount or postelection  
42.13 review in that precinct.

42.14 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.89, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

42.15 Subd. 2. **Selection for review; notice.** At the canvass of the state primary, the county  
42.16 canvassing board in each county must set the date, time, and place for the postelection  
42.17 review of the state general election to be held under this section. In jurisdictions where  
42.18 ranked-choice voting is used, the date, time, and place for postelection review must be set  
42.19 by the county auditor at least 30 days before the election. The postelection review must not  
42.20 begin before the 11th day after the state general election and must be complete no later than  
42.21 the 18th day after the state general election.

42.22 At the canvass of the state general election, the county canvassing boards must select  
42.23 the precincts to be reviewed by lot. The ballots to be reviewed for a precinct include both  
42.24 the ballots counted at the polling place for that precinct and the absentee ballots counted  
42.25 centrally by a ballot board for that precinct. The county canvassing board of a county with  
42.26 fewer than 50,000 registered voters must conduct a postelection review of a total of at least  
42.27 two precincts. The county canvassing board of a county with between 50,000 and 100,000  
42.28 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of at least three precincts. The county  
42.29 canvassing board of a county with over 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review  
42.30 of a total of at least four precincts, or three percent of the total number of precincts in the  
42.31 county, whichever is greater. At least one precinct selected in each county must have had  
42.32 more than 150 votes cast at the general election.

43.1 The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of the precincts that have been  
43.2 chosen for review and the time and place the postelection review for that county will be  
43.3 conducted, as soon as the decisions are made. If the selection of precincts has not resulted  
43.4 in the selection of at least four precincts in each congressional district, the secretary of state  
43.5 may require counties to select by lot additional precincts to meet the congressional district  
43.6 requirement. The secretary of state must post this information on the office website.

43.7 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 206.89, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

43.8 Subd. 3. **Scope and conduct of review.** The county canvassing board shall appoint the  
43.9 postelection review official as defined in subdivision 1. The postelection review must be  
43.10 conducted of the votes cast for president or governor; United States senator; and United  
43.11 States representative. In jurisdictions where ranked-choice voting is used, the review must  
43.12 also include at least one single-seat ranked-choice voting election and at least one  
43.13 multiple-seat ranked-choice voting election, if such an election occurred. A postelection  
43.14 review of a ranked-choice voting election must be conducted for elections decided most  
43.15 closely in the final round, by percentage. The postelection review official may conduct  
43.16 postelection review of the votes cast for additional offices.

43.17 The postelection review must be conducted in public at the location where the voted  
43.18 ballots have been securely stored after the state general election or at another location chosen  
43.19 by the county canvassing board. The postelection review official for each precinct selected  
43.20 must conduct the postelection review and may be assisted by election judges designated by  
43.21 the postelection review official for this purpose. The party balance requirement of section  
43.22 204B.19 applies to election judges designated for the review. The postelection review must  
43.23 consist of a manual count of the ballots used in the precincts selected and must be performed  
43.24 in the manner provided by section 204C.21. The postelection review must be conducted in  
43.25 the manner provided for recounts under section 204C.361 to the extent practicable, and  
43.26 where ranked-choice voting is used, must include testing of the accumulation software using  
43.27 stored electronic data for those precincts that are not reviewed by manual count. The review  
43.28 must be completed no later than two days before the meeting of the state canvassing board  
43.29 to certify the results of the state general election.

44.1 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.12, is amended to read:

44.2 **207A.12 CONDUCTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY.**

44.3 Subdivision 1. Election law applies. ~~(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, the  
44.4 presidential nomination primary must be conducted, and the results canvassed and returned,  
44.5 in the manner provided by law for the state primary and for absentee voting.

44.6 ~~(b) An individual seeking to vote at the presidential nomination primary must be~~  
44.7 ~~registered to vote pursuant to section 201.054, subdivision 1. The voter must request the~~  
44.8 ~~ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Notwithstanding section~~  
44.9 ~~204C.18, subdivision 1, the election judge must record in the polling place roster the name~~  
44.10 ~~of the political party whose ballot the voter requested. When posting voter history pursuant~~  
44.11 ~~to section 201.171, the county auditor must include the name of the political party whose~~  
44.12 ~~ballot the voter requested. The voter instruction posters, pamphlets, and other informational~~  
44.13 ~~materials prepared for a presidential primary by the secretary of state pursuant to section~~  
44.14 ~~204B.27 must include information about the requirements of this paragraph, including a~~  
44.15 ~~notice that the voter's choice of a political party's ballot will be recorded and is public~~  
44.16 ~~information.~~

44.17 ~~(c) Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of the presidential~~  
44.18 ~~nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each party of the results.~~

44.19 ~~(d) The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election of delegates~~  
44.20 ~~in each party.~~

44.21 Subd. 2. Mail balloting. (a) The presidential nomination primary shall be conducted by  
44.22 mail with no polling place other than the office of the county auditor or other locations  
44.23 designated by the county auditor. The voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to  
44.24 the office of the county auditor or other location as designated by the county auditor.

44.25 (b) Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before the date of the presidential  
44.26 nomination primary, the county auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all  
44.27 voters registered in the county. No later than 14 days before the election, the county auditor  
44.28 must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the  
44.29 initial mailing but before the 20th day before the presidential nomination primary. Eligible  
44.30 voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in  
44.31 chapter 203B.

45.1 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.13, is amended to read:

45.2 **207A.13 FORM OF BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES; CANDIDATES ON BALLOT.**

45.3 Subdivision 1. **Form of ballots.** (a) Except as provided by law, presidential nomination  
45.4 primary ballots shall be printed in the same manner as state primary ballots as far as  
45.5 practicable. A sufficient number of ~~each ballot~~ ballots shall be printed for each precinct and  
45.6 ward in the state.

45.7 (b) There must be ~~separate ballots for the names of the candidates of each political party.~~  
45.8 ~~Each ballot must be~~ a single ballot for the presidential nomination primary. The ballot shall  
45.9 be headed by the words "Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot." ~~The heading must also~~  
45.10 ~~indicate the party that appears on the ballot~~ The presidential nomination primary is exempt  
45.11 from the base rotation requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8220.0825.

45.12 (c) If requested by a party chair, the column on the ballot for that party must contain a  
45.13 place for a voter to indicate a preference for having delegates to the party's national  
45.14 convention remain uncommitted. If requested by a party chair, the column on the ballot for  
45.15 that party must contain a blank line printed below the other choices on the ballot so that a  
45.16 voter may write in the name of a person who is not listed on the ballot. A request under this  
45.17 paragraph must be submitted to the secretary of state no later than 63 days before the  
45.18 presidential nomination primary.

45.19 **Subd. 1a. Form of envelope.** The signature envelope must include:

45.20 (1) a place for the voter to select which party the voter will vote for; and

45.21 (2) the following statement: "I am in general agreement with the principles of the party  
45.22 for whose candidate I intend to vote."

45.23 Subd. 2. **Candidates on the ballot.** (a) Each party must determine which candidates are  
45.24 to be placed on the presidential nomination primary ballot for that party. The chair of each  
45.25 party must submit to the secretary of state the names of the candidates to appear on the  
45.26 ballot ~~for that party~~ no later than 63 days before the presidential nomination primary. Once  
45.27 submitted, changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot.

45.28 (b) No later than the seventh day before the presidential nomination primary, the chair  
45.29 of each party must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in candidates, if any,  
45.30 to be counted for that party.

46.1 **Sec. 69. [207A.131] BALLOT BOARD; PARTY LISTS; PRIMARY RESULTS.**

46.2 Subdivision 1. **Ballot board.** (a) The county auditor must appoint a ballot board to  
 46.3 examine the signature envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" as provided in  
 46.4 section 203B.121. For each signature envelope examined, the county auditor, or designee  
 46.5 on the ballot board, must record in the polling place roster the name of the political party  
 46.6 selected by the voter. If a voter did not select a party or selected more than one party, the  
 46.7 ballot board must reject the ballot. The selection of a political party must not be included  
 46.8 in the voter's history or the public information list.

46.9 (b) After opening a signature envelope, the secrecy envelope must be removed and  
 46.10 placed into the pile corresponding to the party selected by the voter on the signature envelope.  
 46.11 When the secrecy envelopes are opened, a ballot must be spoiled if:

46.12 (1) there are votes for more than one party; or

46.13 (2) the party voted for does not correspond to the party in which pile the ballot was  
 46.14 placed.

46.15 Subd. 2. **Party list.** The secretary of state must maintain a list of each voter who voted  
 46.16 in the presidential nomination primary and the party selected by that voter. Information  
 46.17 maintained on the list is private data on individuals as defined under section 13.02,  
 46.18 subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide to the chair of each major  
 46.19 political party a list of voters who selected that party for the most recent presidential  
 46.20 nomination primary.

46.21 Subd. 3. **Results.** Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of  
 46.22 the presidential nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each  
 46.23 party of the results. The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election  
 46.24 of delegates in each party.

46.25 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.14, is amended to read:

46.26 **207A.14 NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY; SAMPLE**  
 46.27 **BALLOTS.**

46.28 **Subdivision 1. ~~Notice of primary to counties and municipalities.~~** Twenty weeks before  
 46.29 a presidential nomination primary is to be held, the secretary of state shall provide notice  
 46.30 to the county auditor of each county of the date of the presidential nomination primary.  
 46.31 ~~Within ten days after notification by the secretary of state, each county auditor shall provide~~  
 46.32 ~~notice of the date of the presidential nomination primary to each municipal clerk in the~~  
 46.33 ~~county.~~

47.1 Subd. 2. **Sample ballots.** No later than 70 days before the presidential nomination  
47.2 primary, the secretary of state must supply each county auditor with a sample ballots ballot  
47.3 to be used at the presidential nomination primary. The sample ~~ballots~~ ballot must illustrate  
47.4 the format required for the ballots used in the presidential nomination primary.

47.5 Subd. 3. **Notice of primary to public.** At least 15 days before the date of the presidential  
47.6 nomination primary, each ~~municipal clerk~~ county auditor shall post a public notice stating  
47.7 the date of the presidential nomination primary, ~~the location of each polling place in the~~  
47.8 ~~municipality, the hours during which the polling places in the municipality will be open,~~  
47.9 ~~and information about the requirements of section 207A.12, paragraph (b), including a~~  
47.10 ~~notice that the voter's choice of a political party's ballot will be recorded and is public~~  
47.11 ~~information. The county auditor shall post a similar notice in the auditor's office with~~  
47.12 ~~information for any polling places in unorganized territory in the county.~~ The governing  
47.13 body of ~~a municipality or~~ a county may publish the notice in addition to posting it. Failure  
47.14 to give notice does not invalidate the election.

47.15 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 207A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.16 Subd. 2. **Reimbursable local expenses.** (a) The secretary of state shall reimburse the  
47.17 counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of the presidential  
47.18 nomination primary from money contained in the presidential nomination primary elections  
47.19 account. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement: preparation and printing  
47.20 of ballots; postage for ~~absentee mailing and returning~~ ballots; publication of the sample  
47.21 ballot; ~~preparation of polling places in an amount not to exceed \$150 per polling place;~~  
47.22 ~~preparation of electronic voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$100 per precinct;~~  
47.23 compensation for temporary staff or overtime payments; salaries of election judges; ~~and~~  
47.24 compensation of county canvassing board members; and other expenses as approved by the  
47.25 secretary of state.

47.26 (b) Within 60 days after the results of a presidential nomination primary are certified  
47.27 by the State Canvassing Board, the county auditor must submit a request for payment of  
47.28 the costs incurred by the county for conducting the presidential nomination primary, and  
47.29 the municipal clerk must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the  
47.30 municipality for conducting the presidential nomination primary. The request for payment  
47.31 must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by an itemized  
47.32 description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of invoices. In  
47.33 addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for reimbursement

48.1 is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the presidential nomination  
48.2 primary.

48.3 (c) The secretary of state shall provide each county and municipality with the appropriate  
48.4 forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision. The secretary  
48.5 of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment and certification of  
48.6 costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary of state must complete  
48.7 the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities no later than 90 days after  
48.8 the results of the presidential nomination primary have been certified by the State Canvassing  
48.9 Board.

48.10 **Sec. 72. [208.051] AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE**  
48.11 **PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.**

48.12 The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is  
48.13 enacted into law and entered into with all other states legally joining in it in substantially  
48.14 the following form:

48.15 Article I - Membership

48.16 Any state of the United States and the District of Columbia may become a member of  
48.17 this agreement by enacting this agreement.

48.18 Article II - Right of the People in Member States to

48.19 Vote for President and Vice President

48.20 Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for president and vice  
48.21 president of the United States.

48.22 Article III - Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors in Member States

48.23 Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the  
48.24 chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each  
48.25 presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which  
48.26 votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to  
48.27 produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential slate. The chief election official  
48.28 of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular  
48.29 vote total as the "national popular vote winner." The presidential elector certifying official  
48.30 of each member state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector  
48.31 slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner. At least  
48.32 six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors,

49.1 each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in  
49.2 the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such  
49.3 determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other member state. The  
49.4 chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official statement  
49.5 containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the  
49.6 day established by federal law for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the  
49.7 counting of electoral votes by Congress. In event of a tie for the national popular vote  
49.8 winner, the presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the  
49.9 appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving  
49.10 the largest number of popular votes within that official's own state. If, for any reason, the  
49.11 number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in association with the national  
49.12 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the  
49.13 presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national  
49.14 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors for that state  
49.15 and that state's presidential elector certifying official shall certify the appointment of such  
49.16 nominees. The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the  
49.17 public all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained. This article  
49.18 shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in  
49.19 which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority  
49.20 of the electoral votes.

49.21 Article IV - Other Provisions

49.22 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the  
49.23 electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments  
49.24 by such states have taken effect in each state. Any member state may withdraw from this  
49.25 agreement, except that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a  
49.26 president's term shall not become effective until a president or vice president shall have  
49.27 been qualified to serve the next term. The chief executive of each member state shall promptly  
49.28 notify the chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted and  
49.29 has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement,  
49.30 and when this agreement takes effect generally. This agreement shall terminate if the electoral  
49.31 college is abolished. If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining  
49.32 provisions shall not be affected.

49.33 Article V - Definitions

49.34 For purposes of this agreement,

50.1 "chief executive" means the governor of a state of the United States or the mayor of the  
50.2 District of Columbia;

50.3 "elector slate" means a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for the  
50.4 position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

50.5 "chief election official" means the state official or body that is authorized to certify the  
50.6 total number of popular votes for each presidential slate;

50.7 "presidential elector" means an elector for president and vice president of the United  
50.8 States;

50.9 "presidential elector certifying official" means the state official or body that is authorized  
50.10 to certify the appointment of the state's presidential electors;

50.11 "presidential slate" means a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nominated  
50.12 as a candidate for president of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated  
50.13 as a candidate for vice president of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons,  
50.14 regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular  
50.15 state;

50.16 "state" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

50.17 "statewide popular election" means a general election in which votes are cast for  
50.18 presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis.

50.19 **Sec. 73. [243.205] NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT TO VOTE.**

50.20 Subdivision 1. **Correctional facilities; designation of official.** The chief executive  
50.21 officer of each state and local correctional facility shall designate an official within the  
50.22 facility to provide the notice and application required under this section to persons to whom  
50.23 the civil right to vote is restored by reason of the persons' release from actual incarceration.  
50.24 The official shall maintain an adequate supply of voter registration applications and  
50.25 informational materials for this purpose.

50.26 Subd. 2. **Notice requirement.** A notice of restoration of the civil right to vote and a  
50.27 voter registration application must be provided as follows:

50.28 (1) the chief executive officer of each state and local correctional facility shall provide  
50.29 the notice and application to a person being released from the facility following incarceration  
50.30 for a felony-level offense; and

50.31 (2) a probation officer or supervised release agent shall provide the notice and application  
50.32 to all individuals under correctional supervision for a felony-level offense.

51.1 Subd. 3. **Form of notice.** The notice required by subdivision 2 must appear substantially  
51.2 as follows:

51.3 **"NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.**

51.4 Your receipt of this notice today means that your right to vote in Minnesota has been  
51.5 restored. Before you can vote on election day, you still need to register to vote. To register,  
51.6 you may complete a voter registration application and return it to the Office of the Minnesota  
51.7 Secretary of State. You may also register to vote in your polling place on election day. You  
51.8 will not be permitted to cast a ballot until you register to vote. The first time you appear at  
51.9 your polling place to cast a ballot, you may be required to provide proof of your current  
51.10 residence."

51.11 Subd. 4. **Failure to provide notice.** A failure to provide proper notice as required by  
51.12 this section does not prevent the restoration of the person's civil right to vote.

51.13 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.408, is amended by adding a subdivision  
51.14 to read:

51.15 Subd. 11. **Transit service on election day.** (a) The Metropolitan Council shall provide  
51.16 regular route transit, as defined under section 473.385, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), free  
51.17 of charge on a day a state general election is held.

51.18 (b) The requirements under this subdivision apply to operators of regular route transit  
51.19 (1) receiving financial assistance under section 473.388, or (2) operating under section  
51.20 473.405, subdivision 12.

51.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective July 1, 2020, and  
51.22 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

51.23 Sec. 75. **[504B.182] LANDLORD TO PROVIDE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**  
51.24 **ON VOTER REGISTRATION.**

51.25 No more than 30 days after a lease is entered into, a landlord must provide each tenant  
51.26 who is 18 years of age or older at the time of first occupancy, written information on voting  
51.27 in Minnesota, including the process for registering to vote and locating the polling place  
51.28 for the precinct in which the tenant resides. The form and content of the information shall  
51.29 be prescribed and made available by the secretary of state, as provided in section 201.1612.

51.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to lease  
51.31 agreements entered on or after that date.

52.1 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.165, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.2 Subdivision 1. **Restoration.** Except as provided in section 201.014, subdivision 2a,  
52.3 when a person has been deprived of civil rights by reason of conviction of a crime and is  
52.4 thereafter discharged, such discharge shall restore the person to all civil rights and to full  
52.5 citizenship, ~~with full right to vote and hold office,~~ the same as if such conviction had not  
52.6 taken place, and the order of discharge shall so provide.

52.7 Sec. 77. **HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS;**  
52.8 **SECRETARY OF STATE.**

52.9 (a) \$6,595,610 is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the HAVA account established  
52.10 in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, to the secretary of state for the purposes of improving  
52.11 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law, including but not  
52.12 limited to any of the following activities:

52.13 (1) modernizing, securing, and updating the statewide voter registration system and for  
52.14 cybersecurity upgrades as authorized by federal law;

52.15 (2) improving accessibility;

52.16 (3) preparing training materials and training local election officials;

52.17 (4) implementing security improvements for election systems; and

52.18 (5) funding other activities to improve the security of elections.

52.19 (b) Any amount earned in interest on the amount appropriated under paragraph (a) is  
52.20 appropriated from the HAVA account to the secretary of state for purposes of improving  
52.21 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law.

52.22 (c) The appropriations under paragraphs (a) and (b) are onetime and available until  
52.23 March 23, 2023.

52.24 (d) \$167,000 expended by the secretary of state in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for  
52.25 increasing secure access to the statewide voter registration system is deemed: (1) to be  
52.26 money used for carrying out the purposes authorized under the Omnibus Appropriations  
52.27 Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law  
52.28 107-252, section 101; and (2) to be credited toward any match required by those laws.

52.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

53.1 Sec. 78. APPROPRIATION; EARLY VOTING.

53.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state  
 53.3 to implement early voting requirements of this article.

53.4 Sec. 79. REPEALER; EARLY VOTING.

53.5 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is repealed.

53.6 Sec. 80. EFFECTIVE DATE; EARLY VOTING.

53.7 The provisions of this article related to early voting are effective when the secretary of  
 53.8 state has certified that:

53.9 (1) the statewide voter registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow  
 53.10 for the tracking of the information required to conduct early voting, and can handle the  
 53.11 expected volume of use; and

53.12 (2) precinct voting equipment that can tabulate at least 30 different ballot styles has been  
 53.13 certified for use in this state. Upon certification pursuant to this section, the provisions of  
 53.14 this act related to early voting apply to all federal, state, and county elections held on August  
 53.15 1, 2019, and thereafter. A jurisdiction may implement the requirements of this act prior to  
 53.16 the date provided in this section, if the secretary of state has made the required certifications  
 53.17 at least 90 days prior to the date of the election at which early voting will be used.

53.18 **ARTICLE 2**53.19 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

53.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

53.21 Subd. 4. **Approved expenditure.** "Approved expenditure" means an expenditure made  
 53.22 on behalf of a candidate or a local candidate by an entity other than the candidate's principal  
 53.23 campaign committee ~~of the candidate~~ or the local candidate, if the expenditure is made with  
 53.24 the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with,  
 53.25 or at the request or suggestion of the candidate or local candidate, the candidate's principal  
 53.26 campaign committee, or the candidate's or local candidate's agent. An approved expenditure  
 53.27 is a contribution to that candidate or local candidate.

53.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

53.29 Subd. 7. **Ballot question.** "Ballot question" means a question or proposition that is placed  
 53.30 on the ballot and that may be voted on by:

54.1 (1) all voters of the state;

54.2 (2) all voters of Hennepin County;

54.3 (3) all voters of any home rule charter city or statutory city located wholly within  
54.4 Hennepin County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or

54.5 (4) all voters of Special School District No. 1.

54.6 "Promoting or defeating a ballot question" includes activities, other than lobbying  
54.7 activities, related to qualifying the question for placement on the ballot.

54.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

54.9 Subd. 9. **Campaign expenditure.** "Campaign expenditure" or "expenditure" means a  
54.10 purchase or payment of money or anything of value, or an advance of credit, made or  
54.11 incurred for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or a local  
54.12 candidate or for the purpose of promoting or defeating a ballot question.

54.13 An expenditure is considered to be made in the year in which the candidate made the  
54.14 purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods or services.

54.15 An expenditure made for the purpose of defeating a candidate or a local candidate is  
54.16 considered made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of that candidate  
54.17 or local candidate or any opponent of that candidate or local candidate.

54.18 Except as provided in clause (1), "expenditure" includes the dollar value of a donation  
54.19 in kind.

54.20 "Expenditure" does not include:

54.21 (1) noncampaign disbursements as defined in subdivision 26;

54.22 (2) services provided without compensation by an individual volunteering personal time  
54.23 on behalf of a candidate or a local candidate, ballot question, political committee, political  
54.24 fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit;

54.25 (3) the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news  
54.26 media; or

54.27 (4) an individual's unreimbursed personal use of an automobile owned by the individual  
54.28 and used by the individual while volunteering personal time.

55.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
55.2 read:

55.3 Subd. 10d. **Local candidate.** "Local candidate" means an individual who seeks  
55.4 nomination or election to:

55.5 (1) any county office in Hennepin County;

55.6 (2) any city office in any home rule charter city or statutory city located wholly within  
55.7 Hennepin County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or

55.8 (3) the school board in Special School District No. 1.

55.9 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

55.10 Subd. 11. **Contribution.** (a) "Contribution" means money, a negotiable instrument, or  
55.11 a donation in kind that is given to a political committee, political fund, principal campaign  
55.12 committee, local candidate, or party unit. An allocation by an association of general treasury  
55.13 money to be used for activities that must be or are reported through the association's political  
55.14 fund is considered to be a contribution for the purposes of disclosure required by this chapter.

55.15 (b) "Contribution" includes a loan or advance of credit to a political committee, political  
55.16 fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party unit, if the loan or advance  
55.17 of credit is: (1) forgiven; or (2) repaid by an individual or an association other than the  
55.18 political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party  
55.19 unit to which the loan or advance of credit was made. If an advance of credit or a loan is  
55.20 forgiven or repaid as provided in this paragraph, it is a contribution in the year in which the  
55.21 loan or advance of credit was made.

55.22 (c) "Contribution" does not include services provided without compensation by an  
55.23 individual volunteering personal time on behalf of a candidate, local candidate, ballot  
55.24 question, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit;  
55.25 the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news media; or  
55.26 an individual's unreimbursed personal use of an automobile owned by the individual while  
55.27 volunteering personal time.

55.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:

55.29 Subd. 16a. **Expressly advocating.** "Expressly advocating" means:

55.30 (1) that a communication clearly identifies a candidate and uses words or phrases of  
55.31 express advocacy; or

56.1 (2) that a communication when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external  
56.2 events, such as the proximity to the election, is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation  
56.3 other than as an appeal advocating the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified  
56.4 candidates.

56.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
56.6 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

56.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:

56.8 Subd. 16a. **Expressly advocating.** "Expressly advocating" means that a communication  
56.9 clearly identifies a candidate or a local candidate and uses words or phrases of express  
56.10 advocacy.

56.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 17c, is amended to read:

56.12 Subd. 17c. **General treasury money.** "General treasury money" means money that an  
56.13 association other than a principal campaign committee, party unit, or political committee  
56.14 accumulates through membership dues and fees, donations to the association for its general  
56.15 purposes, and income from the operation of a business. General treasury money does not  
56.16 include money collected to influence the nomination or election of candidates or local  
56.17 candidates or to promote or defeat a ballot question.

56.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

56.19 Subd. 18. **Independent expenditure.** "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure  
56.20 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or local candidate,  
56.21 if the expenditure is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, or  
56.22 cooperation of, and not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or  
56.23 any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent or any local candidate or local  
56.24 candidate's agent. An independent expenditure is not a contribution to that candidate or  
56.25 local candidate. An independent expenditure does not include the act of announcing a formal  
56.26 public endorsement of a candidate or local candidate for public office, unless the act is  
56.27 simultaneously accompanied by an expenditure that would otherwise qualify as an  
56.28 independent expenditure under this subdivision.

57.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

57.2 Subd. 20. **Loan.** "Loan" means an advance of money or anything of value made to a  
57.3 political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party  
57.4 unit.

57.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

57.6 Subd. 24. **Metropolitan governmental unit.** "Metropolitan governmental unit" means  
57.7 any of the seven counties in the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision  
57.8 2, a regional railroad authority established by one or more of those counties under section  
57.9 398A.03, a city with a population of over 50,000 located in the seven-county metropolitan  
57.10 area, the Metropolitan Council, ~~or~~ a metropolitan agency as defined in section 473.121,  
57.11 subdivision 5a, or Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis.

57.12 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

57.13 Subd. 26. **Noncampaign disbursement.** (a) "Noncampaign disbursement" means a  
57.14 purchase or payment of money or anything of value made, or an advance of credit incurred,  
57.15 or a donation in kind received, by a principal campaign committee for any of the following  
57.16 purposes:

57.17 (1) payment for accounting and legal services;

57.18 (2) return of a contribution to the source;

57.19 (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;

57.20 (4) return of a public subsidy;

57.21 (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment,  
57.22 and facility rental for a fund-raising event;

57.23 (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer  
57.24 in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1;

57.25 (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they  
57.26 are engaged in campaign activities;

57.27 (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting  
57.28 directly related to legislative duties;

57.29 (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus  
57.30 in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;

- 58.1 (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving  
58.2 in public office, other than for personal uses;
- 58.3 (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;
- 58.4 (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;
- 58.5 (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will  
58.6 no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;
- 58.7 (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;
- 58.8 (15) filing fees;
- 58.9 (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements  
58.10 in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;
- 58.11 (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if  
58.12 the defective material is destroyed without being used;
- 58.13 (18) contributions to a party unit;
- 58.14 (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;
- 58.15 (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact  
58.16 information and distributed to constituents;
- 58.17 (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national  
58.18 convention in this state;
- 58.19 (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being  
58.20 for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to  
58.21 promote or defeat a ballot question;
- 58.22 (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit  
58.23 card, or electronic check;
- 58.24 (24) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount  
58.25 of ballots affecting that candidate's election;
- 58.26 (25) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception  
58.27 given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for  
58.28 affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;
- 58.29 (26) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general  
58.30 fund; ~~and~~

59.1 (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county obligated  
59.2 to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state office; and

59.3 (28) payment of security-related expenses for a candidate and any immediate family  
59.4 members of the candidate residing in the candidate's household, including but not limited  
59.5 to home security cameras, a home security system, and identity theft monitoring services.

59.6 (b) The board must determine whether an activity involves a noncampaign disbursement  
59.7 within the meaning of this subdivision.

59.8 (c) A noncampaign disbursement is considered to be made in the year in which the  
59.9 candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods  
59.10 or services.

59.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

59.12 Subd. 27. **Political committee.** "Political committee" means an association whose major  
59.13 purpose is to influence the nomination or election of one or more candidates or local  
59.14 candidates or to promote or defeat a ballot question, other than a principal campaign  
59.15 committee, local candidate, or a political party unit.

59.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.01, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

59.17 Subd. 28. **Political fund.** "Political fund" means an accumulation of dues or voluntary  
59.18 contributions by an association other than a political committee, principal campaign  
59.19 committee, or party unit, if the accumulation is collected or expended to influence the  
59.20 nomination or election of one or more candidates or local candidates or to promote or defeat  
59.21 a ballot question. The term political fund as used in this chapter may also refer to the  
59.22 association acting through its political fund.

59.23 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

59.24 Subdivision 1. **When required for contributions and approved expenditures.** An  
59.25 association other than a political committee or party unit may not contribute more than \$750  
59.26 in aggregate in any calendar year to candidates, local candidates, political committees, or  
59.27 party units or make approved expenditures of more than \$750 in aggregate in any calendar  
59.28 year unless the contribution or expenditure is made through a political fund.

60.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.2 Subd. 2. **Commingling prohibited.** The contents of an association's political fund may  
60.3 not be commingled with other funds or with the personal funds of an officer or member of  
60.4 the association or the fund. It is not commingling for an association that uses only its own  
60.5 general treasury money to make expenditures and disbursements permitted under section  
60.6 10A.121, subdivision 1, directly from the depository used for its general treasury money.  
60.7 An association that accepts more than \$1,500 in aggregate in contributions to influence the  
60.8 nomination or election of candidates or local candidates or more than \$5,000 in contributions  
60.9 to promote or defeat a ballot question must establish a separate depository for those  
60.10 contributions.

60.11 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

60.12 Subdivision 1. **Permitted disbursements.** An independent expenditure political  
60.13 committee or fund, or a ballot question political committee or fund, may:

60.14 (1) pay costs associated with its fund-raising and general operations;

60.15 (2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved expenditures;

60.16 (3) make contributions to independent expenditure or ballot question political committees  
60.17 or funds;

60.18 (4) make independent expenditures;

60.19 (5) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;

60.20 (6) return a contribution to its source;

60.21 (7) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's general  
60.22 treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of the association;

60.23 ~~and~~

60.24 (8) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate depository  
60.25 to the general depository of the association-; and

60.26 (9) make disbursements for electioneering communications.

60.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
60.28 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

61.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

61.2 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) An independent expenditure political committee or independent  
61.3 expenditure political fund is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the  
61.4 contribution or approved expenditure if it does the following:

61.5 (1) makes a contribution to a candidate, local candidate, party unit, political committee,  
61.6 or political fund other than an independent expenditure political committee or an independent  
61.7 expenditure political fund; or

61.8 (2) makes an approved expenditure.

61.9 (b) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a  
61.10 civil penalty under this section.

61.11 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.12 Subdivision 1. **Accounts; penalty.** The treasurer of a political committee, political fund,  
61.13 principal campaign committee, or party unit must keep an account of:

61.14 (1) the sum of all contributions, except any donation in kind valued at \$20 or less, made  
61.15 to the committee, fund, or party unit;

61.16 (2) the name and address of each source of a contribution made to the committee, fund,  
61.17 or party unit in excess of \$20, together with the date and amount of each;

61.18 (3) each expenditure made by the committee, fund, or party unit, together with the date  
61.19 and amount;

61.20 (4) each approved expenditure made on behalf of the committee, fund, or party unit,  
61.21 together with the date and amount; and

61.22 (5) the name and address of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign  
61.23 committee, local candidate, or party unit to which contributions in excess of \$20 have been  
61.24 made, together with the date and amount.

61.25 Any individual who knowingly violates this subdivision is subject to a civil penalty  
61.26 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

61.27 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.28 Subd. 4. **Independent expenditures.** An individual, political committee, political fund,  
61.29 principal campaign committee, or party unit that independently solicits or accepts  
61.30 contributions or makes independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate or local candidate

62.1 must publicly disclose that the expenditure is an independent expenditure. All written and  
62.2 broadcast communications with those from whom contributions are independently solicited  
62.3 or accepted or to whom independent expenditures are made on behalf of a candidate or local  
62.4 candidate must contain a statement in substantially the form provided in section 211B.04,  
62.5 subdivision 2. The statement must be on the front page of all written communications and  
62.6 at the end of all broadcast communications made by that individual, political committee,  
62.7 political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit on the candidate's or local  
62.8 candidate's behalf.

62.9 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
62.10 read:

62.11 Subd. 2a. **Local election reports.** (a) This subdivision applies to a political committee,  
62.12 political fund, or political party unit that during a non-general election year:

62.13 (1) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to influence the nomination or election of local  
62.14 candidates;

62.15 (2) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to make independent expenditures on behalf of  
62.16 local candidates; or

62.17 (3) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to promote or defeat ballot questions defined  
62.18 in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), or (4).

62.19 (b) In addition to the reports required by subdivision 2, the entities listed in paragraph  
62.20 (a) must file the following reports in each non-general election year:

62.21 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due  
62.22 April 14;

62.23 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

62.24 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before the local primary election date  
62.25 specified in section 205.065;

62.26 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the local general election; and

62.27 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a local general election.

62.28 The reporting obligations in this paragraph begin with the first report due after the  
62.29 reporting period in which the entity reaches the spending threshold specified in paragraph  
62.30 (a).

63.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.2 Subd. 3. **Contents of report.** (a) The report required by this section must include each  
63.3 of the items listed in paragraphs (b) to (q) that are applicable to the filer. The board shall  
63.4 prescribe forms based on filer type indicating which of those items must be included on the  
63.5 filer's report.

63.6 (b) The report must disclose the amount of liquid assets on hand at the beginning of the  
63.7 reporting period.

63.8 (c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,  
63.9 and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that  
63.10 has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets  
63.11 for a fund-raising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or  
63.12 statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and  
63.13 date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from  
63.14 each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An  
63.15 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered  
63.16 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must  
63.17 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under  
63.18 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is  
63.19 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the  
63.20 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and  
63.21 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the  
63.22 report.

63.23 (d) The report must disclose the sum of contributions to the reporting entity during the  
63.24 reporting period.

63.25 (e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within  
63.26 the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven,  
63.27 together with the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and  
63.28 registration number if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date  
63.29 and amount of the loan. If a loan made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate  
63.30 is forgiven or is repaid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must  
63.31 be reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

63.32 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200 during the reporting period not  
63.33 otherwise listed under paragraphs (c) to (e).

64.1 (g) The report must disclose the sum of all receipts of the reporting entity during the  
64.2 reporting period.

64.3 (h) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered  
64.4 with the board of each individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved  
64.5 expenditures, independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures have been made  
64.6 by or on behalf of the reporting entity within the year in excess of \$200, together with the  
64.7 amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, including an explanation of how the  
64.8 expenditure was used, and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate  
64.9 or local candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made, identification of the ballot  
64.10 question that the expenditure was intended to promote or defeat and an indication of whether  
64.11 the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot question, and in the case of independent  
64.12 expenditures made in opposition to a candidate or local candidate, the candidate's or local  
64.13 candidate's name, address, and office sought. A reporting entity making an expenditure on  
64.14 behalf of more than one candidate ~~for state or legislative office~~ or local candidate must  
64.15 allocate the expenditure among the candidates and local candidates on a reasonable cost  
64.16 basis and report the allocation for each candidate or local candidate. The report must list  
64.17 on separate schedules any independent expenditures made on behalf of local candidates and  
64.18 any expenditures made for ballot questions as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 7,  
64.19 clause (2), (3), or (4).

64.20 (i) The report must disclose the sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the  
64.21 reporting entity during the reporting period.

64.22 (j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by  
64.23 the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit  
64.24 incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or  
64.25 paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a  
64.26 donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

64.27 (k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered  
64.28 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,  
64.29 local candidate, or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess  
64.30 of \$200 within the year and the amount and date of each contribution. The report must list  
64.31 on separate schedules any contributions made to state candidates' principal campaign  
64.32 committees and any contributions made to local candidates.

65.1 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity  
65.2 during the reporting period and must separately disclose the sum of all contributions made  
65.3 to local candidates by the reporting entity during the reporting period.

65.4 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered  
65.5 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have  
65.6 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting  
65.7 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement, including an  
65.8 explanation of how the expenditure was used.

65.9 (n) The report must disclose the sum of all noncampaign disbursements made within  
65.10 the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

65.11 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides  
65.12 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section  
65.13 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate  
65.14 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political  
65.15 fund during the reporting period.

65.16 (p) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, and political committees  
65.17 and funds must itemize contributions that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for  
65.18 legislative or statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions on reports submitted  
65.19 to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received,  
65.20 the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor.  
65.21 Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item  
65.22 or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported  
65.23 as an aggregate total.

65.24 (q) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and  
65.25 funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and  
65.26 noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year on reports  
65.27 submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made  
65.28 or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the  
65.29 vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item  
65.30 purchased, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used. Expenditures and  
65.31 noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically by vendor.

66.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

66.2 Subd. 3. **Contents of report.** (a) The report required by this section must include each  
66.3 of the items listed in paragraphs (b) to (q) that are applicable to the filer. The board shall  
66.4 prescribe forms based on filer type indicating which of those items must be included on the  
66.5 filer's report.

66.6 (b) The report must disclose the amount of liquid assets on hand at the beginning of the  
66.7 reporting period.

66.8 (c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,  
66.9 and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that  
66.10 has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets  
66.11 for a fund-raising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or  
66.12 statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and  
66.13 date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from  
66.14 each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An  
66.15 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered  
66.16 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must  
66.17 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under  
66.18 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is  
66.19 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the  
66.20 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and  
66.21 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the  
66.22 report.

66.23 (d) The report must disclose the sum of contributions to the reporting entity during the  
66.24 reporting period.

66.25 (e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within  
66.26 the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven,  
66.27 together with the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and  
66.28 registration number if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date  
66.29 and amount of the loan. If a loan made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate  
66.30 is forgiven or is repaid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must  
66.31 be reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

66.32 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200 during the reporting period not  
66.33 otherwise listed under paragraphs (c) to (e).

67.1 (g) The report must disclose the sum of all receipts of the reporting entity during the  
67.2 reporting period.

67.3 (h) The report must disclose the following:

67.4 (1) the name, address, and registration number if registered with the board of each  
67.5 individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved expenditures,  
67.6 independent expenditures, ~~and~~ ballot question expenditures, and disbursements for  
67.7 electioneering communications have been made by or on behalf of the reporting entity  
67.8 within the year in excess of \$200, ~~together with~~;

67.9 (2) the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, including an explanation of how  
67.10 the expenditure was used, ~~and~~;

67.11 (3) the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf the  
67.12 expenditure was made, ~~or, in the case of electioneering communications, each candidate~~  
67.13 identified positively in the communication;

67.14 (4) identification of the ballot question that the expenditure was intended to promote or  
67.15 defeat and an indication of whether the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot  
67.16 question; and

67.17 (5) in the case of independent expenditures made in opposition to a candidate or  
67.18 electioneering communications in which a candidate is identified negatively, the candidate's  
67.19 name, address, and office sought. A reporting entity making an expenditure on behalf of  
67.20 more than one candidate for state or legislative office must allocate the expenditure among  
67.21 the candidates on a reasonable cost basis and report the allocation for each candidate.

67.22 (i) The report must disclose the sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the  
67.23 reporting entity during the reporting period.

67.24 (j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by  
67.25 the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit  
67.26 incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or  
67.27 paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a  
67.28 donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

67.29 (k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered  
67.30 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,  
67.31 or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within  
67.32 the year and the amount and date of each contribution.

68.1 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity  
68.2 during the reporting period.

68.3 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered  
68.4 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have  
68.5 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting  
68.6 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement, including an  
68.7 explanation of how the expenditure was used.

68.8 (n) The report must disclose the sum of all noncampaign disbursements made within  
68.9 the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

68.10 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides  
68.11 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section  
68.12 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate  
68.13 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political  
68.14 fund during the reporting period.

68.15 (p) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, and political committees  
68.16 and funds must itemize contributions that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for  
68.17 legislative or statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions on reports submitted  
68.18 to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received,  
68.19 the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor.  
68.20 Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item  
68.21 or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported  
68.22 as an aggregate total.

68.23 (q) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and  
68.24 funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and  
68.25 noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year on reports  
68.26 submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made  
68.27 or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the  
68.28 vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item  
68.29 purchased, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used. Expenditures and  
68.30 noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically by vendor.

68.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
68.32 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

69.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.20, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

69.2 Subd. 6a. **Statement of independence.** An individual, political committee, political  
69.3 fund, or party unit filing a report or statement disclosing an independent expenditure under  
69.4 subdivision 3 or 6 must file with the report a sworn statement that the disclosed expenditures  
69.5 were not made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation  
69.6 or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate; ~~or~~ any candidate's  
69.7 principal campaign committee or agent; any local candidate, or any local candidate's agent.

69.8 Sec. 25. **[10A.201] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.**

69.9 Subdivision 1. Electioneering communication. (a) "Electioneering communication"  
69.10 means a communication distributed by television, radio, satellite, the Internet, or cable  
69.11 broadcasting system; by means of printed material, signs, or billboards; through the use of  
69.12 telephone communications; or by electronic communication, including electronic mail or  
69.13 electronic text messaging that:

69.14 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate;

69.15 (2) is made within:

69.16 (i) 30 days before a primary election or special primary election for the office sought  
69.17 by the candidate; or

69.18 (ii) 60 days before a general election or special election for the office sought by the  
69.19 candidate;

69.20 (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate; and

69.21 (4) is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, or cooperation of, and  
69.22 not in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or a candidate's principal  
69.23 campaign committee or agent.

69.24 (b) Electioneering communication does not include:

69.25 (1) the publishing or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news  
69.26 media;

69.27 (2) a communication that constitutes an approved expenditure or an independent  
69.28 expenditure;

69.29 (3) a voter guide, which is a pamphlet or similar printed material, intended to help voters  
69.30 compare candidates' positions on a set of issues, as long as each of the following is true:

70.1 (i) the guide does not focus on a single issue or a narrow range of issues, but includes  
70.2 questions and subjects sufficient to encompass major issues of interest to the entire electorate;

70.3 (ii) the questions and any other description of the issues are clear and unbiased in both  
70.4 their structure and content;

70.5 (iii) the questions posed and provided to the candidates are identical to those included  
70.6 in the guide;

70.7 (iv) each candidate included in the guide is given a reasonable amount of time and the  
70.8 same opportunity as other candidates to respond to the questions;

70.9 (v) if the candidate is given limited choices for an answer to a question, for example:  
70.10 "support," "oppose," "yes," or "no," the candidate is also given an opportunity, subject to  
70.11 reasonable limits, to explain the candidate's position in the candidate's own words; the fact  
70.12 that a candidate provided an explanation is clearly indicated in the guide; and the guide  
70.13 clearly indicates that the explanations will be made available for public inspection, subject  
70.14 to reasonable conditions;

70.15 (vi) answers included in the guide are those provided by the candidates in response to  
70.16 questions, the candidates' answers are unedited, and the answers appear in close proximity  
70.17 to the question to which they respond;

70.18 (vii) if the guide includes candidates' positions based on information other than responses  
70.19 provided directly by the candidate, the positions are based on recorded votes or public  
70.20 statements of the candidates and are presented in an unedited and unbiased manner; and

70.21 (viii) the guide includes all major party candidates for each office listed in the guide;

70.22 (4) any other communication specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being  
70.23 excluded from the definition of electioneering communication; or

70.24 (5) a communication that:

70.25 (i) refers to a clearly identified candidate who is an incumbent member of the legislature  
70.26 or a constitutional officer;

70.27 (ii) refers to a clearly identified issue that is or was before the legislature in the form of  
70.28 an introduced bill; and

70.29 (iii) is made when the legislature is in session or within ten days after the last day of a  
70.30 regular session of the legislature.

70.31 (c) A communication that meets the requirements of paragraph (a) but is made with the  
70.32 authorization or express or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at

71.1 the request or suggestion of a candidate, a candidate's principal campaign committee, or a  
71.2 candidate's agent is an approved expenditure.

71.3 (d) Distributing a voter guide questionnaire, survey, or similar document to candidates  
71.4 and communications with candidates limited to obtaining their responses, without more, do  
71.5 not constitute communications that would result in the voter guide being an approved  
71.6 expenditure on behalf of the candidate.

71.7 Subd. 2. **Targeted to relevant electorate.** (a) For purposes of this section, a  
71.8 communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate is targeted to the relevant electorate  
71.9 if the communication is distributed to or can be received by more than 1,500 persons in the  
71.10 district the candidate seeks to represent, in the case of a candidate for the house of  
71.11 representatives, senate, or a district court judicial office or by more than 6,000 persons in  
71.12 the state, in the case of a candidate for constitutional office or appellate court judicial office.  
71.13 When determining the number of persons to whom a communication in the form of printed  
71.14 material, telephone communication, electronic mail, or electronic text messaging is  
71.15 distributed, an association may exclude communications distributed to its own members.

71.16 (b) A communication consisting of printed materials, other than signs, billboards, or  
71.17 advertisements published in the print media, is targeted to the relevant electorate if it meets  
71.18 the requirements of paragraph (a) and is distributed to voters by means of United States  
71.19 mail or through direct delivery to a resident's home or business.

71.20 Subd. 3. **Disclosure of electioneering communications.** (a) Electioneering  
71.21 communications made by a political committee, a party unit, or a principal campaign  
71.22 committee must be disclosed on the periodic reports of receipts and expenditures filed by  
71.23 the association on the schedule and in accordance with the terms of section 10A.20.

71.24 (b) An association other than a political committee, party unit, or principal campaign  
71.25 committee may register a political fund with the board and disclose its electioneering  
71.26 communications on the reports of receipts and expenditures filed by the political fund. If it  
71.27 does so, it must disclose its disbursements for electioneering communications on the schedule  
71.28 and in accordance with the terms of section 10A.20.

71.29 (c) An association that does not disclose its disbursements for electioneering  
71.30 communications under paragraph (a) or (b) must disclose its electioneering communications  
71.31 according to the requirements of subdivision 4.

71.32 Subd. 4. **Statement required for electioneering communications.** (a) Except for  
71.33 associations providing disclosure as specified in subdivision 3, paragraph (a) or (b), every  
71.34 person who makes a disbursement for the costs of producing or distributing electioneering

72.1 communications that aggregate more than \$1,500 in a calendar year must, within 24 hours  
72.2 of each disclosure date, file with the board a disclosure statement containing the information  
72.3 described in this subdivision.

72.4 (b) Each statement required to be filed under this section must contain the following  
72.5 information:

72.6 (1) the names of: (i) the association making the disbursement; (ii) any person exercising  
72.7 direction or control over the activities of the association with respect to the disbursement;  
72.8 and (iii) the custodian of the financial records of the association making the disbursement;

72.9 (2) the address of the association making the disbursement;

72.10 (3) the amount of each disbursement of more than \$200 during the period covered by  
72.11 the statement, a description of the purpose of the disbursement, and the identification of the  
72.12 person to whom the disbursement was made;

72.13 (4) the names of the candidates identified or to be identified in the communication;

72.14 (5) if the disbursements were paid out of a segregated bank account that consists of funds  
72.15 donated specifically for electioneering communications, the name and address of each  
72.16 person who gave the association more than \$200 in aggregate to that account during the  
72.17 period beginning on the first day of the preceding calendar year and ending on the disclosure  
72.18 date; and

72.19 (6) if the disbursements for electioneering communications were made using general  
72.20 treasury money of the association, an association that has paid more than \$5,000 in aggregate  
72.21 for electioneering communications during the calendar year must file with its disclosure  
72.22 statement a written statement that includes the name, address, and amount attributable to  
72.23 each person that paid the association membership dues or fees, or made donations to the  
72.24 association that, in total, aggregate more than \$5,000 of the money used by the association  
72.25 for electioneering communications. The statement must also include the total amount of the  
72.26 disbursements for electioneering communications attributable to persons not subject to  
72.27 itemization under this clause. The statement must be certified as true by an officer of the  
72.28 association that made the disbursements for the electioneering communications.

72.29 (c) To determine the amount of the membership dues or fees, or donations made by a  
72.30 person to an association and attributable to the association's disbursements for electioneering  
72.31 communications, the association must separately prorate the total disbursements made for  
72.32 electioneering communications during the calendar year over all general treasury money  
72.33 received during the calendar year.

73.1 (d) If the amount spent for electioneering communications exceeds the amount of general  
73.2 treasury money received by the association during that year:

73.3 (1) the electioneering communications must be attributed first to all receipts of general  
73.4 treasury money received during the calendar year in which the electioneering communications  
73.5 were made;

73.6 (2) any amount of current year electioneering communications that exceeds the total of  
73.7 all receipts of general treasury money during the current calendar year must be prorated  
73.8 over all general treasury money received in the preceding calendar year; and

73.9 (3) if the allocation made in clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cover the subject  
73.10 electioneering communications, no further allocation is required.

73.11 (e) After a portion of the general treasury money received by an association from a  
73.12 person has been designated as the source of a disbursement for electioneering  
73.13 communications, that portion of the association's general treasury money received from that  
73.14 person may not be designated as the source of any other disbursement for electioneering  
73.15 communications or as the source for any contribution to an independent expenditure political  
73.16 committee or fund.

73.17 Subd. 5. **Disclosure date.** For purposes of this section, the term "disclosure date" means  
73.18 the earlier of:

73.19 (1) the first date on which an electioneering communication is publicly distributed,  
73.20 provided that the person making the electioneering communication has made disbursements  
73.21 for the direct costs of producing or distributing one or more electioneering communication  
73.22 aggregating in excess of \$1,500; or

73.23 (2) any other date during the same calendar year on which an electioneering  
73.24 communication is publicly distributed, provided that the person making the electioneering  
73.25 communication has made disbursements for the direct costs of distributing one or more  
73.26 electioneering communication aggregating in excess of \$1,500 since the most recent  
73.27 disclosure date.

73.28 Subd. 6. **Contracts to disburse.** For purposes of this section, a person shall be treated  
73.29 as having made a disbursement if the person has entered into an obligation to make the  
73.30 disbursement.

73.31 Subd. 7. **Statement of attribution.** (a) An electioneering communication must include  
73.32 a statement of attribution.

74.1 (1) For communications distributed by printed material, signs, and billboards, the  
74.2 statement must say, in conspicuous letters: "Paid for by [association name] [address]."

74.3 (2) For communications distributed by television, radio, satellite, or cable broadcasting  
74.4 system, the statement must be included at the end of the communication and must orally  
74.5 state at a volume and speed that a person of ordinary hearing can comprehend: "The preceding  
74.6 communication was paid for by the [association name]."

74.7 (3) For communications distributed by telephone, the statement must precede the  
74.8 communication and must orally state at a volume and speed that a person of ordinary hearing  
74.9 can comprehend: "The following communication is paid for by the [association name]."

74.10 (b) If the communication is paid for by an association registered with the board, the  
74.11 statement of attribution must use the association's name as it is registered with the board.  
74.12 If the communication is paid for by an association not registered with the board, the statement  
74.13 of attribution must use the association's name as it is disclosed to the board on the  
74.14 association's disclosure statement associated with the communication.

74.15 Subd. 8. **Failure to file; penalty.** (a) If a person fails to file a statement required by this  
74.16 section by the date the statement is due, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$50 per  
74.17 day, not to exceed \$1,000, commencing the day after the statement was due.

74.18 (b) The board must send notice by certified mail to a person who fails to file a statement  
74.19 within ten business days after the statement was due that the person may be subject to a  
74.20 civil penalty for failure to file the statement. A person who fails to file the statement within  
74.21 seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty  
74.22 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

74.23 (c) An association that provides disclosure under section 10A.20 rather than under this  
74.24 section is subject to the late filing fee and civil penalty provisions of section 10A.20 and is  
74.25 not subject to the penalties provided in this subdivision.

74.26 (d) An association that makes electioneering communications under this section and  
74.27 willfully fails to provide the statement required by subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (6),  
74.28 within the time specified is subject to an additional civil penalty of up to four times the  
74.29 amount of the electioneering communications disbursements that should have been included  
74.30 on the statement.

74.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
74.32 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

75.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.244, is amended to read:

75.2 **10A.244 VOLUNTARY INACTIVE STATUS; POLITICAL FUNDS.**

75.3 Subdivision 1. **Election of voluntary inactive status.** An association that has a political  
75.4 fund registered under this chapter may elect to have the fund placed on voluntary inactive  
75.5 status if the following conditions are met:

75.6 (1) the association makes a written request for inactive status;

75.7 (2) the association has filed all periodic reports required by this chapter and has received  
75.8 no contributions into its political fund and made no expenditures or disbursements, including  
75.9 disbursements for electioneering communications, through its political fund since the last  
75.10 date included on the association's most recent report; and

75.11 (3) the association has satisfied all obligations to the state for late filing fees and civil  
75.12 penalties imposed by the board or the board has waived this requirement.

75.13 Subd. 2. **Effect of voluntary inactive status.** After an association has complied with  
75.14 the requirements of subdivision 1:

75.15 (1) the board must notify the association that its political fund has been placed in  
75.16 voluntary inactive status and of the terms of this section;

75.17 (2) the board must stop sending the association reports, forms, and notices of report due  
75.18 dates that are periodically sent to entities registered with the board;

75.19 (3) the association is not required to file periodic disclosure reports for its political fund  
75.20 as otherwise required under this chapter;

75.21 (4) the association may not accept contributions into its political fund and may not make  
75.22 expenditures, contributions, or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering  
75.23 communications, through its political fund; and

75.24 (5) if the association maintains a separate depository account for its political fund, it  
75.25 may continue to pay bank service charges and receive interest paid on that account while  
75.26 its political fund is in inactive status.

75.27 Subd. 3. **Resumption of active status or termination.** (a) An association that has placed  
75.28 its political fund in voluntary inactive status may resume active status upon written notice  
75.29 to the board.

75.30 (b) A political fund placed in voluntary inactive status must resume active status within  
75.31 14 days of the date that it has accepted contributions or made expenditures, contributions,  
75.32 or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering communications, that aggregate

76.1 more than \$750 since the political fund was placed on inactive status. If, after meeting this  
76.2 threshold, the association does not notify the board that its fund has resumed active status,  
76.3 the board may place the association's political fund in active status and notify the association  
76.4 of the change in status.

76.5 (c) An association that has placed its political fund in voluntary inactive status may  
76.6 terminate the registration of the fund without returning it to active status.

76.7 Subd. 4. **Penalty for financial activity while in voluntary inactive status.** If an  
76.8 association fails to notify the board of its political fund's resumption of active status under  
76.9 subdivision 3, the board may impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000  
76.10 commencing on the 15th calendar day after the fund resumed active status.

76.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
76.12 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

76.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.25, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

76.14 Subd. 3a. **Independent expenditures and electioneering communications.** The principal  
76.15 campaign committee of a candidate must not make independent expenditures or  
76.16 disbursements for electioneering communications. If the principal campaign committee of  
76.17 a candidate makes a contribution to an independent expenditure committee or independent  
76.18 expenditure fund on or after January 1 of the year the candidate's office will appear on the  
76.19 ballot, the independent expenditure committee or independent expenditure fund must not  
76.20 make an independent expenditure for that candidate.

76.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
76.22 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

76.23 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.27, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

76.24 Subd. 15. **Contributions or use of general treasury money.** (a) An association may,  
76.25 if not prohibited by other law, contribute its general treasury money to an independent  
76.26 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, including its own independent  
76.27 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, without complying with  
76.28 subdivision 13.

76.29 (b) Before the day when the recipient committee or fund's next report must be filed with  
76.30 the board under section 10A.20, subdivision 2 or 5, an association that has contributed more  
76.31 than \$5,000 in aggregate to independent expenditure political committees or funds during  
76.32 the calendar year or has contributed more than \$5,000 in aggregate to ballot question political

77.1 committees or funds during the calendar year must provide in writing to the recipient's  
77.2 treasurer a statement that includes the name, address, and amount attributable to each person  
77.3 that paid the association dues or fees, or made donations to the association that, in total,  
77.4 aggregate more than \$5,000 of the contribution from the association to the independent  
77.5 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund. The statement must also include  
77.6 the total amount of the contribution attributable to persons not subject to itemization under  
77.7 this section. The statement must be certified as true by an officer of the donor association.

77.8 (c) To determine the amount of membership dues or fees, or donations made by a person  
77.9 to an association and attributable to the association's contribution to the independent  
77.10 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, the donor association must:  
77.11 separately prorate the total independent expenditures and ballot question expenditures made  
77.12 during the calendar year over all general treasury money received during the calendar year.

77.13 ~~(1) apply a pro-rata calculation to all unrestricted dues, fees, and contributions received~~  
77.14 ~~by the donor association in the calendar year; or~~

77.15 ~~(2) as provided in paragraph (d), identify the specific individuals or associations whose~~  
77.16 ~~dues, fees, or contributions are included in the contribution to the independent expenditure~~  
77.17 ~~political committee or fund.~~

77.18 ~~(d) Dues, fees, or contributions from an individual or association must be identified in~~  
77.19 ~~a contribution to an independent expenditure political committee or fund under paragraph~~  
77.20 ~~(e), clause (2), if:~~

77.21 ~~(1) the individual or association has specifically authorized the donor association to use~~  
77.22 ~~the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions for this purpose; or~~

77.23 ~~(2) the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions to the donor association~~  
77.24 ~~are unrestricted and the donor association designates them as the source of the subject~~  
77.25 ~~contribution to the independent expenditure political committee or fund.~~

77.26 (d) If the amount contributed to independent expenditure and ballot question political  
77.27 committees or funds in a calendar year exceeds the amount of general treasury money  
77.28 received by the association during that year:

77.29 (1) the contributions must be attributed first to all receipts of general treasury money  
77.30 received during the calendar year in which the contributions were made;

77.31 (2) any amount of current-year contributions that exceeds the total of all receipts of  
77.32 general treasury money during the current calendar year must be prorated over all general  
77.33 treasury money received in the preceding calendar year; and

78.1 (3) if the allocation made in clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cover the subject  
78.2 independent expenditures and ballot question expenditures, no further allocation is required.

78.3 (e) After a portion of the general treasury money received by an association from a  
78.4 person has been designated as the source of a contribution to an independent expenditure  
78.5 or ballot question political committee or fund, that portion of the association's general  
78.6 treasury money received from that person may not be designated as the source of any other  
78.7 contribution to an independent expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund,  
78.8 or as the source of funds for a disbursement for electioneering communications made by  
78.9 that association.

78.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to  
78.11 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

78.12 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 383B.041, is amended to read:

78.13 **383B.041 CAMPAIGN FINANCING, DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC**  
78.14 **INTERESTS.**

78.15 Subdivision 1. **Hennepin County candidates.** Sections 383B.041 to 383B.058 apply  
78.16 to the financing of campaigns for county elections in Hennepin County and for city elections  
78.17 in home rule charter cities and statutory cities located wholly within Hennepin County,  
78.18 having a population of 75,000 or more, and for school board elections in the Special School  
78.19 District No. 1, Minneapolis, and to disclosure of economic interests by candidates and  
78.20 elected public officials of those jurisdictions. The provisions of sections 211A.02 to 211A.07  
78.21 do not apply to the financing of campaigns for elections subject to the provisions of sections  
78.22 383B.041 to 383B.058. Candidates for county commissioner, county attorney, and sheriff  
78.23 of Hennepin County must file campaign disclosure forms with the filing officer for Hennepin  
78.24 County. These candidates are subject to the provisions of chapter 211A.

78.25 Subd. 2. **Political subdivision candidates.** Candidates for elected city, school board,  
78.26 park commissioner, and other political subdivision offices within Hennepin County shall  
78.27 file campaign disclosure forms with the filing officer for the political subdivision for which  
78.28 the candidate is seeking office. These candidates are subject to the provisions of chapter  
78.29 211A.

78.30 Subd. 3. **Political committees, political funds, and independent expenditures.** (a)  
78.31 The provisions of chapter 10A apply to political committees as defined in section 10A.01,  
78.32 subdivision 27; political funds as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 28; and independent  
78.33 expenditures as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 18, related to:

- 79.1 (1) a campaign for the nomination or election of a candidate for:
- 79.2 (i) a county office in Hennepin County;
- 79.3 (ii) a city office in a home rule charter or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin
- 79.4 County with a population of 75,000 or more; or
- 79.5 (iii) the school board in Special School District No. 1; and
- 79.6 (2) a ballot question or proposition that may be voted on by:
- 79.7 (i) all voters in Hennepin County;
- 79.8 (ii) all voters of a home rule charter or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin
- 79.9 County and having a population of 75,000 or more; or
- 79.10 (iii) all voters in Special School District No. 1.
- 79.11 (b) The provisions of chapter 211A apply to a campaign for nomination or election for
- 79.12 an office in the following political subdivisions:
- 79.13 (1) a home rule or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin County and having a
- 79.14 population of less than 75,000; and
- 79.15 (2) a school district located wholly within Hennepin County other than Special School
- 79.16 District No. 1.
- 79.17 (c) The provisions of chapter 211A apply to a ballot question or proposition that may
- 79.18 be voted on by:
- 79.19 (1) all voters of a home rule or statutory city located wholly within Hennepin County
- 79.20 and having a population of less than 75,000; and
- 79.21 (2) all voters of a school district located wholly within Hennepin County other than
- 79.22 Special School District No. 1.
- 79.23 Subd. 4. **Local ordinances and charters superseded.** This section supersedes the
- 79.24 provisions of any ordinance or resolution of a political subdivision within Hennepin County,
- 79.25 or any existing special law or home rule charter provision of a political subdivision within
- 79.26 Hennepin County requiring disclosure of information related to the financing of election
- 79.27 campaigns.



81.1 (3) a person, or member of the person's immediate family, who has done any of the  
81.2 following during the ten years immediately preceding the date of application:

81.3 (i) has been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for federal or state office;

81.4 (ii) served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or of the  
81.5 campaign committee of a candidate for elective federal or state office;

81.6 (iii) served as an elected or appointed member of a political party state central committee;

81.7 (iv) registered as a federal, state, or local lobbyist or principal;

81.8 (v) served as paid congressional or legislative staff; or

81.9 (vi) violated the candidate contribution limits in section 10A.27.

81.10 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, a member of a person's immediate family means a  
81.11 sibling, spouse, parent or stepparent, child or stepchild, or in-law.

81.12 (f) The secretary of state shall process applications as they are received and remove from  
81.13 the applicant pool any person not eligible to serve as a commissioner and notify the person  
81.14 of the reason they were removed. To be considered, applications must be received by  
81.15 September 15 of the year ending in zero. An applicant must provide with the application  
81.16 two positive references from community leaders or groups that promote civic engagement  
81.17 with whom the applicant has worked and demonstrate that the applicant:

81.18 (1) has experience with outreach to community groups to encourage civic participation  
81.19 with an emphasis on historically disenfranchised groups; or

81.20 (2) has an interest in or experience with government, elections, or civic life.

81.21 (g) The secretary of state shall, based on a review of the applications, prepare a list of  
81.22 120 applicant finalists who have demonstrated based on their application an ability to be  
81.23 impartial and respect the diversity of this state's many communities. The list must, to the  
81.24 extent practicable, reflect the gender, socioeconomic, age, racial, language, ethnic, and  
81.25 geographic diversity of the state.

81.26 (h) The list must include:

81.27 (1) 40 applicant finalists identifying with the largest major political party in Minnesota;

81.28 (2) 40 applicant finalists identifying with the second largest major political party in  
81.29 Minnesota; and

81.30 (3) 40 applicant finalists identifying their political party preference as belonging to a  
81.31 party not described in clause (1) or (2) or to no party.

82.1 For purposes of this paragraph, the two largest political parties are the parties whose  
82.2 candidates received the greatest and second greatest number of votes at the most recent two  
82.3 gubernatorial elections.

82.4 (i) By December 15 of the year ending in zero, the secretary of state shall give the list  
82.5 of finalists and their applications to the majority and minority leaders of the senate, the  
82.6 speaker of the house, and the minority leader of the house of representatives. At an open  
82.7 meeting, each of the four leaders shall remove 21 applicant finalists from the list: 7 applicant  
82.8 finalists identifying their political party preference with the majority party in the house of  
82.9 representatives, 7 applicant finalists identifying their political party preference with the  
82.10 minority party in the house of representatives, and 7 applicant finalists who identified their  
82.11 political party preference with a party different than the majority party in the house of  
82.12 representatives and the minority party of the house of representatives or with no party. The  
82.13 leaders shall remove applicants one at a time in the order listed above, unless the leaders  
82.14 agree to a different order.

82.15 (j) By January 15 of each year ending in one, after the process of removing applicants  
82.16 from the list is completed, each of the four leaders of the house of representatives and senate  
82.17 shall give the list of finalists and their applications to the secretary of state. The secretary  
82.18 of state shall randomly draw four names from the remaining applicants identifying their  
82.19 political party preference as belonging to the majority party of the house of representatives,  
82.20 four identifying their political party preference as belonging to the minority party of the  
82.21 house of representatives, and four identifying their political party preference as belonging  
82.22 to a different party than the majority party in the house of representatives and the minority  
82.23 party of the house of representatives or to no party. These 12 persons shall serve as public  
82.24 member commissioners.

82.25 (k) The secretary of state's actions under this subdivision are not subject to chapter 14.

82.26 Subd. 3. **Retired judges; appointment.** By January 15 of each year ending in one, the  
82.27 four leaders of the house of representatives and senate shall each appoint one retired judge,  
82.28 after consulting with each other in an effort to attain geographic balance in their  
82.29 appointments. If the legislative leaders do not make the appointment by the deadline, the  
82.30 chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment by January 22 of that year.  
82.31 The director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall convene a meeting of the  
82.32 four retired judges by January 29 of that year. The four retired judges shall then appoint the  
82.33 fifth retired judge by a vote of at least three judges.

83.1 Subd. 4. **Code of conduct.** (a) In performing their duties, the five retired judges serving  
83.2 as commissioners shall abide by the Code of Judicial Conduct and are considered judicial  
83.3 officers as defined in section 609.415.

83.4 (b) Public members of the commission exercise the function of a public officer as defined  
83.5 in section 609.415.

83.6 Subd. 5. **Removal; filling vacancies.** (a) A commissioner can be removed with two-thirds  
83.7 vote of the commission after notice and a hearing for reasons that would justify recall of a  
83.8 state official under section 211C.02.

83.9 (b) The commission must remove a commissioner who participates in a communication  
83.10 that violates subdivision 8.

83.11 (c) Except for vacancies filled by the chief justice, vacancies on the commission must  
83.12 be filled by the appointing authority that made the initial appointment and filled within 30  
83.13 days after the vacancy occurs. The appointing authority for public members is the secretary  
83.14 of state and must be filled by drawing from the same partisan pool as the vacant position.  
83.15 If no applicants in the pool are available for service, the secretary of state shall establish a  
83.16 new pool, as provided in subdivision 2.

83.17 Subd. 6. **Open records.** The commission is subject to chapter 13, except that a plan is  
83.18 not public data until it has been submitted to the commission for its consideration.

83.19 Subd. 7. **Open meetings.** The commission is subject to chapter 13D.

83.20 Subd. 8. **Certain communications prohibited.** (a) Commissioners and commission  
83.21 staff must not communicate with anyone except other commissioners or staff regarding the  
83.22 content of a plan. The prohibition under this paragraph does not apply to open meetings of  
83.23 the commission.

83.24 (b) A commissioner may not direct, request, suggest, or recommend an interpretation  
83.25 of a districting principle or a change to a district boundary to commission staff except during  
83.26 open meetings of the commission. Commission staff shall report to the commission attempts  
83.27 made to exert influence over the staff's role in the drafting of plans.

83.28 Subd. 9. **Lobbyist registration.** Action of the commission to submit a redistricting plan  
83.29 to the legislature is an administrative action for purposes of section 10A.01, subdivision  
83.30 21, requiring certain persons to register as a lobbyist.

83.31 Subd. 10. **Compensation and expenses.** Commissioners must be compensated for their  
83.32 commission activity as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3.

84.1 Subd. 11. **Plans submitted to commission.** The commission shall adopt a schedule for  
84.2 interested persons to submit proposed plans and to respond to plans proposed by others.  
84.3 The commission shall also adopt standards to govern the format of plans submitted. The  
84.4 schedule and standards adopted by the commission under this subdivision are not rules.  
84.5 Chapter 14 and section 14.386 do not apply to this section.

84.6 Subd. 12. **Public hearings.** The commission shall hold at least one public hearing in  
84.7 each congressional district before adopting the first congressional and legislative district  
84.8 plans. The commission must ask for input on defining communities of interest for  
84.9 consideration. The commission must publish on its website preliminary drafts of the  
84.10 congressional and legislative district plans and each preliminary draft's accompanying  
84.11 reports at least one week before a hearing required under this subdivision and allow the  
84.12 public at least 30 days to submit comments after publication.

84.13 Subd. 13. **Deadlines.** (a) By April 30 of each year ending in one, the commission shall  
84.14 submit plans to the legislature for congressional and legislative districts. Each plan must be  
84.15 accompanied by a report summarizing information and testimony received by the commission  
84.16 in the course of the hearings and including any comments and conclusions the commissioners  
84.17 deem appropriate on the information and testimony received at the hearings or otherwise  
84.18 presented. Any plan submitted to the legislature must be approved by an affirmative vote  
84.19 of at least 13 members of the commission.

84.20 (b) The legislature intends that a bill be introduced to enact each plan and that the bill  
84.21 be brought to a vote in either the senate or the house of representatives under a procedure  
84.22 or rule permitting no amendments except those of a purely corrective nature, not less than  
84.23 one week after the report of the commission was received and made available to the members  
84.24 of the legislature. The legislature further intends that the bill be brought to a vote in the  
84.25 second body within one week after final passage in the first body under a similar procedure  
84.26 or rule. If either the senate or the house of representatives fails to approve a first plan  
84.27 submitted by the commission, within one week after the failure the secretary of the senate  
84.28 or the chief clerk of the house must notify the commission of the failure, including any  
84.29 information that the senate or house of representatives may direct by resolution regarding  
84.30 reasons why the plan was not approved. If the governor vetoes a plan, the veto message  
84.31 serves as the notice.

84.32 (c) The commission shall submit a second plan within two weeks after the commission  
84.33 received the notice, unless by then the legislature has adjourned the regular session in the  
84.34 year ending in one, in which case the second plan must be submitted to the legislature at  
84.35 the opening of its regular session in the year ending in two. The legislature intends that a

85.1 second plan be considered by the legislature under the same procedure as provided for a  
85.2 first plan under paragraph (b).

85.3 (d) If the commission fails to submit a plan by either of these two deadlines, the legislature  
85.4 may proceed to enact a plan in place of the missing plan without waiting for the commission  
85.5 to submit a plan.

85.6 (e) If the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house notifies the commission  
85.7 that a second plan has failed, or the governor vetoes a second plan, the commission shall  
85.8 submit a third plan within two weeks after the commission received the notice, unless by  
85.9 then the legislature has adjourned the regular session in the year ending in one, in which  
85.10 case the third plan must be submitted to the legislature at the opening of its regular session  
85.11 in the year ending in two. The third plan is subject to the same procedure as provided for  
85.12 first and second plans under paragraph (b).

85.13 Final approval of all plans, whether enacted by the legislature or as provided by order  
85.14 of the court, must take place no later than the date provided in section 204B.14, subdivision  
85.15 1a.

85.16 Subd. 14. **Data used.** (a) To draw congressional and legislative districts, the commission  
85.17 shall use, at a minimum, census data representing the entire population of Minnesota.

85.18 (b) The commission shall use redistricting population data that includes data for persons  
85.19 who are incarcerated reflecting their residence to be their last known residential address  
85.20 before incarceration.

85.21 Subd. 15. **Expiration.** (a) The commission expires when both congressional and  
85.22 legislative redistricting plans have been enacted into law or adopted by order of the court  
85.23 and any legal challenges to the plans have been resolved.

85.24 (b) If use of a plan is enjoined after the commission expires, the court enjoining the plan  
85.25 may direct that a new commission be appointed under this section to draft a remedial plan  
85.26 for presentation to the legislature in accordance with deadlines established by order of the  
85.27 court.

85.28 Sec. 2. **[2.035] DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES.**

85.29 Subdivision 1. **Application.** The principles in this section apply to congressional and  
85.30 legislative districts.

85.31 Subd. 2. **Prohibited information.** (a) No plan shall be drawn to purposefully favor or  
85.32 disfavor a political party or candidate.

86.1 (b) Information regarding registered voters, political affiliation, voting history, and  
86.2 demographics shall be sequestered from the Redistricting Commission for the initial phase  
86.3 of the process, but may be used to test for compliance with the goals in subdivision 3 and  
86.4 reports described in section 2.036, subdivision 4.

86.5 Subd. 3. **Priority of principles.** Redistricting commissioners appointed under section  
86.6 2.032 shall adhere to the principles in subdivisions 4 to 12 when drawing congressional and  
86.7 legislative districts. Where it is not possible to fully comply with the principles contained  
86.8 below, a redistricting plan shall give priority to those principles in the order in which they  
86.9 are listed, except to the extent that doing so would violate federal or state law.

86.10 Subd. 4. **Population equality.** (a) Congressional districts must be as nearly equal in  
86.11 population as practicable.

86.12 (b) Legislative districts must be substantially equal in population. The population of a  
86.13 legislative district must not deviate from the ideal by more than one percent.

86.14 Subd. 5. **Contiguity.** The districts must be contiguous allowing for easy travel throughout  
86.15 the district. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel  
86.16 within the district. Districts with areas that touch only at a point are not contiguous.

86.17 Subd. 6. **Minority representation.** (a) Each district must be drawn in compliance with  
86.18 all state and federal laws. A district must not be drawn with either the purpose or effect of  
86.19 diluting, denying, or abridging the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account  
86.20 of race, ethnicity, or membership in a language minority group, whether by themselves or  
86.21 when voting in concert with other people.

86.22 (b) Racial, ethnic, and language minorities must have an equal opportunity to participate  
86.23 in the political process and elect candidates of their choice. Racial, ethnic, and language  
86.24 minorities who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a district must have an  
86.25 opportunity to substantially influence the outcome of an election.

86.26 Subd. 7. **Communities of interest.** District boundaries shall recognize communities of  
86.27 interest. A community of interest is a contiguous population sharing common social and  
86.28 economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of the  
86.29 community's effective and fair representation. Communities of interest include but are not  
86.30 limited to geographic areas where there are clearly recognizable similarities of social,  
86.31 cultural, ethnic, economic, or other interests. Examples of shared interests are those common  
86.32 to an urban area, rural area, industrial area, or agricultural area and those common to areas  
86.33 in which the people share similar living standards, have similar work opportunities, or have  
86.34 access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities

87.1 of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political  
87.2 candidates.

87.3 Subd. 8. **Political subdivisions.** Counties, cities, and municipalities should be preserved  
87.4 to the greatest extent possible and in compliance with the other principles to preserve rather  
87.5 than divide them among multiple districts.

87.6 Subd. 9. **Incumbents.** The residence of incumbents shall not be taken into consideration  
87.7 in the development or approval of a proposed plan.

87.8 Subd. 10. **Compactness.** Compactness must be measured by using one or more statistical  
87.9 tests and must be compact.

87.10 Subd. 11. **Partisan symmetry and bias.** A district must not be drawn in a manner that  
87.11 unduly favors or disfavors any political party. The commission shall use judicial standards  
87.12 and the best available scientific and statistical methods to assess whether a plan unduly  
87.13 favors or disfavors a political party.

87.14 Subd. 12. **Numbering.** (a) Congressional district numbers must begin with district one  
87.15 in the southeast corner of the state and end with the district with the highest number in the  
87.16 northeast corner of the state.

87.17 (b) Legislative districts must be numbered in a regular series, beginning with house  
87.18 district 1A in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across the state from west to  
87.19 east, north to south. In a county that includes more than one whole senate district, the districts  
87.20 must be numbered consecutively.

87.21 Sec. 3. **[2.036] LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION;**  
87.22 **REDISTRICTING.**

87.23 Subdivision 1. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission  
87.24 shall provide administrative support to the Redistricting Commission.

87.25 Subd. 2. **Database.** The geographic areas and population counts used in maps, tables,  
87.26 and legal descriptions of congressional and legislative districts considered by the legislature  
87.27 must be those used by the Geographic Information Services (GIS) Office of the Legislative  
87.28 Coordinating Commission. The population counts shall be the block population counts  
87.29 provided to the state under Public Law 94-171 after each decennial census, subject to  
87.30 correction of any errors acknowledged by the United States Census Bureau. The GIS Office  
87.31 must make the database available to the public on the GIS Office website.

88.1 Subd. 3. **Publication; consideration of plans.** A redistricting plan must not be considered  
88.2 for adoption by the senate or house of representatives until the redistricting plan's block  
88.3 equivalency file has been submitted to the GIS Office in a form prescribed by the GIS  
88.4 Office. The block equivalency file must show the district to which each census block has  
88.5 been assigned. The GIS Office shall publish each plan submitted to it on the GIS Office  
88.6 website.

88.7 Subd. 4. **Reports.** Publication of a plan must include the following reports:

88.8 (1) a population equality report, listing each district in the plan, its population as the  
88.9 total number of persons, and deviations from the ideal as both a number of persons and as  
88.10 a percentage of the population. The report must also show the populations of the largest  
88.11 and smallest districts and the overall range of deviations of the districts;

88.12 (2) a contiguity report, listing each district that is noncontiguous either because two  
88.13 areas of a district do not touch or because they are linked by a point;

88.14 (3) a minority voting-age population report, listing for each district the voting age  
88.15 population of each racial or language minority and the total minority voting age population,  
88.16 according to the categories recommended by the United States Department of Justice. The  
88.17 report must also highlight each district with 30 percent or more total minority population;

88.18 (4) a communities of interest report, if the chief author of a plan asserts that it preserves  
88.19 a community of interest, maps of the plan must include a layer identifying the census blocks  
88.20 within the community of interest. Publication of the plan must also include a report that  
88.21 lays out the research and process used to identify the communities of interest and lists the  
88.22 district or districts to which the community of interest has been assigned. The report must  
88.23 include the number of communities of interest that are split and the number of times the  
88.24 communities were split;

88.25 (5) a political subdivision splits report, listing the split counties, cities, towns, unorganized  
88.26 territories, and precincts, and the district to which each portion of a split subdivision is  
88.27 assigned. The report must also show the number of subdivisions split and the number of  
88.28 times a subdivision is split;

88.29 (6) a plan components report, listing for each district the names and populations of the  
88.30 counties within it and, where a county is split between or among districts, the names and  
88.31 populations of the portion of the split county and each of the split county's whole or partial  
88.32 cities, townships, unorganized territories, and precincts within each district.

89.1 (7) a measures of compactness report, listing for each district at least the results of the  
89.2 Reock, Polsby-Popper, Minimum Convex Hull, Population Polygon, Population Circle,  
89.3 Ehrenburg, Length-Width, measures of compactness. The report must also state for all the  
89.4 districts in a plan the sum of its perimeters and the mean of its other measurements. The  
89.5 commission may consider other tests of compactness; and

89.6 (8) a partisan bias report, listing multiple measures of partisan symmetry or other  
89.7 measures of partisan bias as accepted in political science literature and the best available  
89.8 scientific and statistical methods.

89.9 **Sec. 4. [204B.136] REDISTRICTING OF LOCAL ELECTION DISTRICTS.**

89.10 Subdivision 1. **Redistricting plan standards; Redistricting Commission.** The principles  
89.11 provided in section 2.035 must be applied to the redistricting of:

89.12 (1) county commissioner districts, county park districts, and soil and water conservation  
89.13 supervisor districts in counties with a population greater than 100,000; and

89.14 (2) wards in cities with a population greater than 75,000.

89.15 Subd. 2. **Population variance.** The minimum population variance permitted for county  
89.16 districts and wards may be up to 1.5 percent of the mean population for all districts or wards  
89.17 in a redistricting plan adopted as provided in this section.

89.18 Subd. 3. **Procedure.** Redistricting plans required by this section shall be prepared and  
89.19 adopted by the charter commission, or where such a commission does not exist, by a  
89.20 redistricting commission of no fewer than seven and no more than 15 members appointed  
89.21 by the chief judge of the district court in which a majority of the population of the affected  
89.22 jurisdiction reside. Members of a commission appointed under this subdivision must meet  
89.23 the qualification standards for a public member of the Redistricting Advisory Commission  
89.24 as described in section 2.032, subdivision 2, paragraph (d).

89.25 **Sec. 5. ACCESS TO MULTIUNIT FACILITIES BY UNITED STATES CENSUS**  
89.26 **EMPLOYEES.**

89.27 Subdivision 1. **Access required.** It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,  
89.28 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,  
89.29 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family  
89.30 dwelling are located on private roadways, to an employee of the United States Census who  
89.31 displays a current, valid census credential and who is engaged in official census business.  
89.32 An employee granted access under this section must be permitted to leave census materials

90.1 for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the  
90.2 materials be left at a central location within the facility. The materials must be left in an  
90.3 orderly manner.

90.4 Subd. 2. **Limitations.** This section does not prohibit:

90.5 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or  
90.6 personal residential unit;

90.7 (2) in the case of a nursing home or a registered housing with services establishment  
90.8 providing assisted living services meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section  
90.9 144G.03, subdivision 2, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

90.10 (3) limiting visits to a reasonable number of census employees or reasonable hours;

90.11 (4) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or

90.12 (5) denial of admittance to or expulsion of an individual employee from a multiple unit  
90.13 dwelling for good cause.

90.14 Subd. 3. **Compliance with federal law.** A person in compliance with United States  
90.15 Code, title 13, section 223, and any guidance or rules adopted by the United States  
90.16 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, governing access to a facility described  
90.17 in subdivision 1 is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of this section.

90.18 Subd. 4. **Applicability.** This section is effective from January 1 to July 1 in any year  
90.19 during which a decennial census is conducted under the authority of the United States  
90.20 Constitution, Article 1, section 2.

90.21 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

90.22 Subdivision 1. **Legislative Coordinating Commission.** \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and  
90.23 \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
90.24 Coordinating Commission for costs associated with implementing this article. These are  
90.25 onetime appropriations.

90.26 Subd. 2. **Secretary of State.** \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are  
90.27 appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for costs associated with  
90.28 implementing this article. These are onetime appropriations."