

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3549 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TASK FORCE.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) A Presidential Primary Task Force is established
1.5 to study and make recommendations on the possibility of implementing a presidential
1.6 primary election in Minnesota. The task force consists of the following members:

- 1.7 (1) one representative from each of the major political parties;
- 1.8 (2) one town election official, appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;
- 1.9 (3) one city election official, appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;
- 1.10 (4) one county auditor, appointed by the Minnesota Association of County Officers;
- 1.11 (5) one representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 1.12 (6) one representative appointed by the minority leader of the house of
1.13 representatives;
- 1.14 (7) one senator appointed by the senate majority leader;
- 1.15 (8) one senator appointed by the senate minority leader;
- 1.16 (9) the secretary of state, or the secretary's designee;
- 1.17 (10) one individual designated by the secretary of state, from the elections division
1.18 in the Office of the Secretary of State; and
- 1.19 (11) three members of the public with expertise in election administration and
1.20 elections law, appointed by the governor.

1.21 (b) Members shall be appointed by July 1, 2016. Any vacancy shall be filled by
1.22 appointment of the appointing authority for the vacating member.

1.23 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The task force must consider at least the following:

- 1.24 (1) the advantages and disadvantages of an open presidential primary and a closed
1.25 presidential primary, including the ability of unaffiliated voters to participate in a closed
1.26 primary;

2.1 (2) the cost to state and local governments of implementing and administering a
 2.2 presidential primary, and a process for assuring that all ongoing local government costs
 2.3 associated with the primary are refunded by the state;

2.4 (3) the presidential primary laws of other states and a review of best practices among
 2.5 the states; and

2.6 (4) an assessment of the impact of a presidential primary on precinct caucuses.

2.7 (b) The task force must hold at least five public hearings, at various locations
 2.8 throughout the state, to receive public input on the perceived benefits and drawbacks of
 2.9 conducting a presidential primary election in Minnesota.

2.10 Subd. 3. **First meeting; chair.** The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee,
 2.11 must convene the initial meeting of the task force by August 1, 2016. The members of
 2.12 the task force must elect a chair and vice-chair from the members of the task force at the
 2.13 first meeting.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide staff
 2.15 support, as needed, to facilitate the task force's work.

2.16 Subd. 5. **Report.** The task force must submit a report by February 1, 2017, to
 2.17 the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the senate and house of
 2.18 representatives with primary jurisdiction over elections, summarizing its findings and
 2.19 listing its findings and recommendations under subdivision 2. The report may include
 2.20 draft legislation if the task force recommends that a presidential primary should be held
 2.21 in Minnesota.

2.22 Subd. 6. **Sunset.** The task force shall sunset the day following the submission of the
 2.23 report under subdivision 5, or February 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

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

2.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.26 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative
 2.27 Coordinating Commission for the purposes of the Presidential Primary Task Force
 2.28 established under section 1."

2.29 Amend the title accordingly