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1.	<div>Elections Administration</div> <div>(Senate Article 7, House Article 5 unless otherwise noted)</div>						
2.	R1, R62, R63	Access to multiunit dwellings		House only	1, 2, 44, 45	Amends the laws governing access to multi-unit dwellings by United States Census workers (sections 1 and 2) and candidates (sections 44 and 45), including a notice requirement and the times during which access must be provided.	House 44 and 45 with the following amendment: On R62-A9, Line 83.24, delete “10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.” and insert “9:00 a.m. thorough 9:00 p.m.” and line 83.25, reinstate the stricken language and delete the new language
3.	R2, R3, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R17, R20, R21, R30, R48, R49, R52, R53, R54	Updating voter registration	1, 2, 3, 4, 5* (lines 146.11, 146.15, 147.26), 7, 9, 10* (151.18), 11, 13* (lines 152.19-152.20), 14, 15, 16, 17* (lines 159.29-156.30), 18, 19, 20, 21* (line 159.26), 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 42, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68* (lines 196.30, 197.21-22), 71* (line 199.12, 199.15), 72* (line	Senate only		Amends various sections of law to specifically refer to or to allow for updating voter registrations.	Accept Senate Sections

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			199.22), 73, 74, 75				
4.	R4	<b>Voter registration; residential facilities</b>	5*	Policy differences	5	<p>Strikes the requirement for a residential facility operator to prepare a list of employee names to be certified to the county auditor to be used for vouching for residential facility residents. Instead requires employees to provide proof that they are employed by and working in the residential facility before vouching for a resident. Adds references to updating voter registration. This section is effective the day following final enactment.</p> <p><b>Senate only:</b> immediate effective date.</p> <p><b>House only:</b> An election judge may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any individual who appears in the precinct where the election judge is working. The Secretary of state must publish guidance for residential facilities and residential facility employees on the vouching process.</p>	<p>Accept House 5 with change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Line 4.30, after “working” insert “unless the election judge personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct”</li><li>- Add effective date of 1/1/26</li></ul>
5.	R8, R18, R66	<b>Registration form</b>	10*, 25, 94	Similar	7, 8	<p>Amend provisions related to absentee ballot applications and returning those applications.</p> <p>Senate section 10 and House section 7 amend the absentee ballot application by striking a requirement that the voter registration application include a box to indicate a voter’s preference to join the permanent absentee voter list.</p>	<p>Accept House 7 with Senate effective date</p> <p>Accept Senate 25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- lines 162.28-163.4</li><li>- 164.5, after period insert: “The application form must</li></ul>

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						<p>Difference: Senate includes an effective date of July 1, except that the change is effective January 1, 2026, for the online voter registration application.</p> <p>Senate section 25 and House section 8 amend the deadlines for submitting absentee ballot applications, depending on how the application is returned. After 5 pm on the deadline before an election, the secretary of state must replace the electronic absentee ballot application with information about options to vote for the upcoming election. Applicants using the online absentee application must provide both a driver’s license number or state ID card number and the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security number. The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk must retain all applications. If an application is received after the deadline for receipt, the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the applicant to notify the applicant of opportunities to vote in the election.</p> <p>Differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senate excludes agent delivery.</li> <li>- Senate specifies other means of delivery Lines 162.10-.11) and House does not (lines 58.29)</li> <li>- Senate timeline is five days before the election and House is seven days before the election</li> <li>- Senate specifies “primary, general, or special election) (line 162.24) and house refers to “an election” (line 59.12)</li> </ul>	<p>not be preprinted in a manner that requires the applicant to affirmatively opt-out of being assigned to a permanent absentee voter list.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1/1/26 effective date</li> </ul> <p>Accept Senate 94(a)</p>

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senate requires an absentee ballot application to include a space to apply to automatically receive an absentee ballot.</li> <li>- Senate includes an effective date of July 1, 2025, except the provisions relating to the online application are effective July 1, 2025.</li> </ul> <p>Senate section 94: Senate only provision. Provides for a transition to new voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications to accommodate for the changes to the forms related voters being able to apply to automatically receive an absentee ballot.</p>	
6.	R25	<del>Absentee ballot app.</del> public data		House only	13	<del>Make public the date on which an absentee ballot application is signed, the date it was accepted, and the method of submission</del>	<del>Accept House 13 except replace new language on 63.22-63.24 with “the date of application and the date on which the application was processed”</del>
7.	R38	Cannabis prohibited in polling place locations		House only	24	Prohibits a polling place from being located in any place or adjoining room to a place where cannabis products are served or sold.	Accept SCS3045A101
8.	R40	Election judge party balance reqs.		House only	26	Applies election judge party balance requirements to any location where ballots are being counted, recounted, or reviewed. Each major political party must be represented by at least one election judge in each precinct.	Accept House 26 with changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on 73.11 exclude “recounted, or reviewed”</li> <li>- On 73.10. before “No” insert “Unless exempted by 205.075,</li> </ul>

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							subd. 4 and 205A.10, subd. 1,” - Reference to 205A.10, subd. 1 should reference 205A.10, subd. 2.
9.	R44	Election reporting system	60	Senate only		Requires the secretary of state to maintain an election reporting system. Assigns responsibilities and timelines for entering candidate names into the system. Requires testing prior to elections. Requires county auditor to report unofficial election results in the system for federal and state elections. Specifies that the results in the system are unofficial and election results are not official until after the canvassing board certifies the result of the election. This section is effective on June 1, 2025.	Accept Senate 60
10.	R55, R56	Legislative vacancies; special elections		House only	38	Requires the filing period for a special election called to fill a vacancy in a legislative office to be a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days in length, excluding holidays. This section also allows special elections to be held within 40 days, rather than within 35 days, after issuance of a writ, if the elected person will be able to be seated immediately and participate in a legislative session.  Note: Related House Sections 37 and 39 were previously adopted.	SCS3045A113 and add immediate effective date to section 40
11.	R67	Effective date	97	Senate only		Provides an effective date of July 1, 2025, unless otherwise provided.	Accept Senate 97

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12.		<b>Election Observers</b>				Changes the term “election challenger” to “election observer.”	Accept S3045A11 except lines 2.27-2.30
13.	<div>Campaign Finance</div> <div>(Senate Article 8, House Article 5 unless otherwise noted)</div>						
14.	R1, R2, R3, R7, R19, R37	<b>Transition and Inaugural Expenses</b>	2, 3, 4, 11, 25, 51	Senate only		Establishes transfers from the general fund contingent account to provide for the establishment of transition offices and payment expenses of the secretary of state-elect, state auditor-elect and attorney general-elect. Defines transition and inaugural event expenses as noncampaign expenses. Prohibits a candidate or the candidate’s principal campaign committee from soliciting or accepting contributions for or making any expenditures for inaugural event expenses or transition expenses except through the candidate’s principal campaign committee or as provided through the statutes providing state resources for transition funds. Requires the Board to amend one of its rules to conform to the law changes.	Accept Senate and in sections 2, 3, and 4, change the amounts to \$25,000 for OSS and OSA and \$35,000 for AGO.
15.	R27	<b>Local Campaign Reports</b>	35, 36	Senate section 35: senate only  Senate section 36/ House section 42: similar	42	<b>Senate:</b> Section 35 specifies that certain local candidate reports are only required in a year in which the candidate is on the ballot (and not every year). Deletes unnecessary language. Section 36 requires a local candidate or committee report to include an email address. If the person responsible for filing the report does not have an email address, the person must include an attestation to that effect.	Accept Senate 35 and House 42

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						<b>House:</b> Section 42 permits a report to exclude an email address if the person responsible for filing the report attests that neither the candidate or the candidate’s campaign possess one. This change is effective January 1, 2026.	
16.	R15, R34	<b>Statements of Economic Interest - Timing for Filing</b>	21* (line 120.8), 48	Similar	3, 47	Shifts the deadline for candidates to file a statement of economic interest so that the deadline is counted from the end of the filing period for the office. Makes a similar change for Special School District Number 1.  <b>House only:</b> Effective dates on both sections of January 1, 2026.	Accept Senate sections 21 (line 120.8) and 48
17.	R24	<b>Personal Contributions to Campaigns</b>	29	Senate only		Requires a candidate for constitutional or legislative office to report to the Board the next business day when they make a contribution or loan to their own campaign committee that exceeds the contribution limit.	Accept Senate section 29
18.	R31	<b>Distribution of Absentee Ballot Applications and Sample Ballots</b>	43	Senate only		Requires a person or entity, except a unit of government or an election official, that mails absentee ballot applications or sample ballots to include specified statements on the application or sample ballot and the envelope. If an absentee ballot application is included, the application fields must be blank. This section is effective January 1, 2026.	Accept Senate 43, except lines 138.13-138.17
19.	R34, R37	<b>Repealing Unconstitutional Statutes</b>	46, 47, 52 (a) (211B.06; and 211B.08 only)	Senate only <i>See also Senate art. 2, sec. 48, subd 1, and</i>		Two statutes that have been ruled unconstitutional are being repealed. Conforming changes to strike cross-references are made.	Accept Senate sections 46 and 47

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				<i>House art. 2, sec. 49, subd. 4</i>			
20.	R37	Effective Date	53	Senate only		Provides that this article is effective January 1, 2026, unless otherwise provided.	Accept Senate section 53

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