

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 840 as follows:

1.2 Page 5, line 3, strike "the last" and strike "delivery" and insert "8 p.m."

1.3 Page 5, line 25, reinstate the comma

1.4 Page 8, after line 26, insert:

1.5 "Sec.13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Type.** All ballots shall be printed with black ink on paper of sufficient  
 1.7 thickness to prevent the printing from being discernible from the back. All ballots shall be  
 1.8 printed in easily readable type with suitable lines dividing candidates, offices, instructions  
 1.9 and other matter printed on ballots. ~~The name of each candidate shall be printed in capital~~  
 1.10 ~~letters.~~ The same type shall be used for the names of all candidates on the same ballot.

1.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 2. **Candidates and offices.** The name of each candidate shall be printed at a  
 1.13 right angle to the length of the ballot. At a general election the name of the political party  
 1.14 or the political principle of each candidate for partisan office shall be printed above or  
 1.15 below the name of the candidate. The name of a political party or a political principle  
 1.16 shall be printed in capital and lowercase letters of the same type, with the capital letters  
 1.17 at least one-half the height of the capital letters used for names of the candidates. At a  
 1.18 general election, blank lines containing the words "write-in, if any" shall be printed below  
 1.19 the name of the last candidate for each office, or below the title of the office if no candidate  
 1.20 has filed for that office, so that a voter may write in the names of individuals whose names  
 1.21 are not on the ballot. One blank line shall be printed for each officer of that kind to be  
 1.22 elected. At a primary election, no blank lines shall be provided for writing in the names of  
 1.23 individuals whose names do not appear on the primary ballot.

1.24 On the left side of the ballot at the same level with the name of each candidate and  
 1.25 each blank line shall be printed ~~a square~~ an oval or similar target shape in which the  
 1.26 voter may designate a vote by ~~a mark (X)~~ filling in the oval or similar mark if a different

2.1 target shape is used. Each square shall be the same size. Above the first name on each  
 2.2 ballot shall be ~~printed the words, "Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each~~  
 2.3 ~~candidate you wish to vote for."~~ At the same level with these words and directly above  
 2.4 ~~the squares shall be printed a small arrow pointing downward~~ instructions for voting.  
 2.5 Directly underneath the official title of each office shall be printed the words "Vote for  
 2.6 one" or "Vote for up to ..." (any greater number to be elected).

2.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.36, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 3. **Question; form of ballot.** When a question is to be submitted to a vote, a  
 2.9 concise statement of the nature of the question shall be printed on the ballot. The words,  
 2.10 "YES" "Yes" and "NO" "No" shall be printed to the left of this statement, with ~~a square~~  
 2.11 an oval or similar target shape to the left of each word so that the voter may indicate by  
 2.12 a mark (X) either a negative or affirmative vote. The ballot shall include instructions  
 2.13 directing the voter to ~~put an (X) in the square~~ fill in the oval or similar mark if a different  
 2.14 target shape is used, before the word "YES" "Yes" if the voter desires to vote for the  
 2.15 question, or to ~~put an (X)~~ fill in the oval or similar mark if a different target shape is used,  
 2.16 before the word "NO" "No" if the voter desires to vote against the question.

2.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.36, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.18 Subd. 4. **Judicial candidates.** The official ballot shall contain the names of all  
 2.19 candidates for each judicial office and shall state the number of those candidates for  
 2.20 whom a voter may vote. Each seat for an associate justice, associate judge, or judge of  
 2.21 the district court must be numbered. The words "~~SUPREME COURT,~~" "~~COURT OF~~  
 2.22 ~~APPEALS,~~" "Supreme Court," "Court of Appeals," and "~~(number) DISTRICT COURT~~"  
 2.23 "(number) District Court" must be printed above the respective judicial office groups on  
 2.24 the ballot. The title of each judicial office shall be printed on the official primary and  
 2.25 general election ballot as follows:

2.26 (a) In the case of the Supreme Court:

2.27 "Chief justice";

2.28 "Associate justice (number)";

2.29 (b) In the case of the Court of Appeals:

2.30 "Judge (number)"; or

2.31 (c) In the case of the district court:

2.32 "Judge (number)."

2.33 Page 10, line 11, reinstate the stricken "state" and insert a comma

2.34 Page 10, line 12, reinstate the stricken "federal" and insert ", or "

3.1 Page 11, after line 3, insert:

3.2 "Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.3 Subd. 2. **Voting booths.** One of the election judges shall explain to the voter the  
3.4 proper method of marking ~~and folding~~ the ballots and, during a primary election, the effect  
3.5 of attempting to vote in more than one party's primary. Except as otherwise provided in  
3.6 section 204C.15, the voter shall retire alone to an unoccupied voting booth or, at the  
3.7 voter's discretion, the voter may choose to use another writing surface. The voter shall  
3.8 mark the ballots without undue delay. The voter may take sample ballots into the booth to  
3.9 assist in voting. The election judges may adopt and enforce reasonable rules governing the  
3.10 amount of time a voter may spend in the voting booth marking ballots.

3.11 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.12 Subd. 3. **Marking ballots.** The voter shall mark each ballot in the following manner:

3.13 (a) ~~A mark (X) shall be placed in the square~~ The voter shall fill in the oval or similar  
3.14 mark if a different target shape is used, opposite the printed name of each candidate for  
3.15 whom the individual desires to vote, and in the ~~square~~ oval or other target shape before the  
3.16 "**YES**" "Yes" or "**NO**" "No" if the individual desires to vote for or against a question.

3.17 (b) The voter may write in other names on the lines provided under the printed  
3.18 names of the candidates, except that no names shall be written in on primary ballots.

3.19 (c) At a state primary an individual may vote for candidates of only one major  
3.20 political party on the partisan primary ballot. If a partisan primary ballot contains votes  
3.21 for the candidates of more than one major political party, the ballot is totally defective and  
3.22 no vote on the partisan section of the ballot shall be counted.

3.23 (d) An individual who spoils a ballot may return it to the election judges and receive  
3.24 another.

3.25 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

3.26 Subd. 5. **Deposit of ballots in ballot boxes** box. The voter shall then withdraw  
3.27 from the voting booth with the ballots ~~and hand them to the election judge in charge of~~  
3.28 ~~the ballot boxes. That election judge shall~~ immediately deposit each ballot in the proper  
3.29 ballot box. Ballots that have not been initialed by the election judges as provided in  
3.30 section 204C.09, shall not be deposited in the ballot box.

3.31 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.32 Subd. 3. **Votes for too many candidates.** If a voter places a mark (X) beside the  
3.33 names of more candidates for an office than are to be elected or nominated, the ballot is

4.1 defective with respect only to that office. No vote shall be counted for any candidate for  
4.2 that office, but the rest of the ballot shall be counted if possible. At a primary, if a voter  
4.3 has not indicated a party preference and places a mark (X) beside the names of candidates  
4.4 of more than one party on the partisan ballot, the ballot is totally defective and no votes on  
4.5 it shall be counted. If a voter has indicated a party preference at a primary, only votes cast  
4.6 for candidates of that party shall be counted.

4.7 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.22, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

4.8 Subd. 4. **Name written in proper place.** If a voter has written the name of an  
4.9 individual in the proper place on a general or special election ballot a vote shall be counted  
4.10 for that individual whether or not the voter makes a mark (X) in the square oval or other  
4.11 target shape opposite the blank.

4.12 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.22, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

4.13 Subd. 7. **All written names or marks counted up to limit.** If a number of  
4.14 individuals are to be elected to the same office, the election judges shall count all names  
4.15 written in and all printed names with (X) marks in squares oval or other target shape  
4.16 opposite them, not exceeding the whole number to be elected. When fewer names than the  
4.17 number to be elected are marked ~~with an (X)~~ or written in, only the marked or written in  
4.18 names shall be counted. When more names than the number to be elected are marked or  
4.19 written in, the ballot is defective with respect to that office and no vote shall be counted  
4.20 for that office.

4.21 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204C.22, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

4.22 Subd. 10. **Different marks.** If a voter uniformly uses a mark ~~other than (X) which~~  
4.23 that clearly indicates an intent to mark a name or to mark yes or no on a question, and the  
4.24 voter does not use (X) the more standard mark anywhere else on the ballot, a vote shall  
4.25 be counted for each candidate or response to a question marked. If a voter uses two or  
4.26 more distinct marks, such as (X) and some other mark, a vote shall be counted for each  
4.27 candidate or response to a question marked, unless the ballot is marked by distinguishing  
4.28 characteristics that make the entire ballot defective as provided in subdivision 13."

4.29 Page 15, after line 8, insert:

4.30 "Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 206.90, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

4.31 Subd. 6. **Ballots.** In precincts using optical scan voting systems, a single ballot card  
4.32 on which all ballot information is included must be printed in black ink on white colored  
4.33 material except that marks not to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be

5.1 printed in another color ink. In state elections, a single ballot title must be used, as provided  
 5.2 in sections 204D.08, subdivision 6, and 204D.11, subdivision 1. In odd-numbered years  
 5.3 when both municipal and school district offices or questions appear on the ballot, the  
 5.4 single ballot title "City (or Town) and School District Ballot" must be used.

5.5 On the front of the ballot must be printed the words "Official Ballot" and the date of  
 5.6 the election and lines for the initials of at least two election judges.

5.7 When optical scan ballots are used, the offices to be elected must appear in the  
 5.8 following order: federal offices; state legislative offices; constitutional offices; proposed  
 5.9 constitutional amendments; county offices and questions; municipal offices and questions;  
 5.10 school district offices and questions; special district offices and questions; and judicial  
 5.11 offices.

5.12 On optical scan ballots, the names of candidates and the words "yes" and "no" for  
 5.13 ballot questions must be printed as close to their corresponding vote targets as possible.

5.14 The line on an optical scan ballot for write-in votes must contain the words "write-in,  
 5.15 if any."

5.16 If a primary ballot contains both a partisan ballot and a nonpartisan ballot, the  
 5.17 instructions to voters must include a statement that reads substantially as follows: "~~THIS~~  
 5.18 ~~BALLOT CARD CONTAINS A PARTISAN BALLOT AND A NONPARTISAN~~  
 5.19 ~~BALLOT. ON THE PARTISAN BALLOT YOU ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE FOR~~  
 5.20 ~~CANDIDATES OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY ONLY.~~" "This ballot card contains a  
 5.21 partisan ballot and a nonpartisan ballot. On the partisan ballot you are permitted to vote for  
 5.22 candidates of one political party only." If a primary ballot contains political party columns  
 5.23 on both sides of the ballot, the instructions to voters must include a statement that reads  
 5.24 substantially as follows: "~~ADDITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE PRINTED ON~~  
 5.25 ~~THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BALLOT. VOTE FOR ONE POLITICAL PARTY ONLY.~~"  
 5.26 "Additional political parties are printed on the other side of this ballot. Vote for one  
 5.27 political party only." At the bottom of each political party column on the primary ballot,  
 5.28 the ballot must contain a statement that reads substantially as follows: "~~CONTINUE~~  
 5.29 ~~VOTING ON THE NONPARTISAN BALLOT.~~" "Continue voting on the nonpartisan  
 5.30 ballot." The instructions in section 204D.08, subdivision 4, do not apply to optical scan  
 5.31 partisan primary ballots. Electronic ballot displays and audio ballot readers must follow  
 5.32 the order of offices and questions on the optical scan or paper ballot used in the same  
 5.33 precinct, or the sample ballot posted for that precinct."

5.34 Page 16, line 5, strike the first comma, and insert "or"

5.35 Page 16, after line 7, insert:

5.36 "Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 365.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.1 Subd. 2. **Questions, ballot details.** The questions to be voted on must be separately  
6.2 stated on the ballots, as worded in section 365.21. Two ~~squares~~ ovals or similar target  
6.3 shapes, one above the other, must be put just below each question with the word "yes"  
6.4 beside the upper ~~square~~ target shape and the word "no" beside the lower ~~square~~ target shape.

6.5 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 365.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

6.6 Subd. 3. **Voting.** An elector must vote separately on each question for the elector's  
6.7 vote to be counted on that question. To vote "yes" on a question, the elector shall ~~mark an~~  
6.8 ~~"X" in the square~~ fill in the oval or similar target shape beside the word "yes" just below  
6.9 the question. To vote "no" on a question, the elector shall ~~mark an "X" in the square~~ fill in  
6.10 the oval or similar target shape beside the word "no" just below the question.

6.11 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 367.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.12 Subd. 4. **Election; form of ballot.** The proposals for adoption of the options shall  
6.13 be stated on the ballot substantially as follows:

6.14 "Shall option A, providing for a five-member town board of supervisors, be adopted  
6.15 for the government of the town?"

6.16 "Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk and treasurer by the town  
6.17 board, be adopted for the government of the town?"

6.18 "Shall option C, providing for the appointment of a town administrator by the town  
6.19 board, be adopted for the government of the town?"

6.20 "Shall option D, providing for combining the offices of clerk and treasurer, be  
6.21 adopted for the government of the town?"

6.22 If a proposal under option B is to appoint only the clerk or only the treasurer, or if it  
6.23 is to appoint the combined clerk-treasurer following the adoption of option D or when  
6.24 submitted simultaneously with the ballot question for option D, the ballot question shall be  
6.25 varied to read appropriately. If an option B ballot question is submitted for the combined  
6.26 clerk-treasurer office at the same election in which option D is also on the ballot, the  
6.27 ballot must note that the approval of option B is contingent on the simultaneous approval  
6.28 of option D. In any of these cases, the question shall be followed by the words "Yes"  
6.29 and "No" with an appropriate ~~square~~ oval or similar target shape before each in which  
6.30 an elector may record a choice.

6.31 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 368.85, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.32 Subd. 4. **Ballot.** The town board shall provide ballots which shall read "Shall  
6.33 the territory described in the resolution adopted by the town board on the ..... day of

7.1 ..... , ..... , constitute a special fire protection district?" The question shall be followed  
 7.2 with a line with the word "Yes" and ~~a square~~ an oval or similar target shape after it and  
 7.3 another line with the word "No" and ~~a square~~ an oval or similar target shape after it. The  
 7.4 voters shall indicate their choice by placing a ~~cross~~ mark in one of the ~~squares~~ target  
 7.5 shapes, and a direction to so indicate their choice shall be printed on the ballot.

7.6 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 376.04, is amended to read:

7.7 **376.04 ELECTION, SEPARATE BALLOT.**

7.8 The question of purchasing and constructing hospital buildings shall be submitted  
 7.9 to the voters of any county at a general election ~~and placed upon a separate ballot~~. This  
 7.10 election must be called by a resolution of the county board. The resolution must state the  
 7.11 time of the election, that a county hospital is proposed to be established, the proposed  
 7.12 location, and the cost, including equipment, for not more than the amount stated in the  
 7.13 resolution. When the resolutions are passed, the county auditor shall immediately notify  
 7.14 each town or city clerk in the county that the question of constructing hospital buildings  
 7.15 will be voted upon at the time stated in the resolution, in the manner provided under the  
 7.16 state election laws.

7.17 The ballot must be in the following form:

7.18 "For the purchase and construction of hospital buildings, including equipment, to  
 7.19 be located at ..... (state location), at a cost not more than ..... (state amount),  
 7.20 pursuant to the resolution of the board of county commissioners passed ..... (state  
 7.21 date).

7.22 Yes .....

7.23 No ..... "

7.24 To the left of each of the last two words, "yes" and "no," shall be ~~followed by a~~  
 7.25 ~~square in which the voter may indicate by a mark (X) either a negative or affirmative vote~~  
 7.26 printed an oval or similar target shape so that the voter may indicate by a mark either or a  
 7.27 negative or affirmative vote. These votes shall be cast in the same manner as votes cast at  
 7.28 the general election and counted by the same officers. Returns must be made to the county  
 7.29 auditor, and canvassed in the same manner as the returns on county officers.

7.30 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 412.551, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7.31 Subd. 2. **Form of ballot.** The proposals for the adoption of optional plans shall be  
 7.32 stated on the ballot substantially as follows:

8.1 "Shall Optional Plan A, modifying the standard plan of city government by  
8.2 providing for the appointment by the council of the clerk and treasurer be adopted for the  
8.3 government of the city?"

8.4 "Shall Optional Plan B, providing for the council-manager form of city government,  
8.5 be adopted for the government of the city?"

8.6 If the city has combined the offices of clerk and treasurer, the word "clerk-treasurer"  
8.7 shall be substituted for the words "clerk and treasurer" in the question on the ballot on  
8.8 adoption of Optional Plan A. In any of these cases, the question shall be followed by the  
8.9 words, "Yes" and "No" with an ~~appropriate square before each in which a voter may~~  
8.10 record a choice oval or similar target shape to the left of each word so that the voter may  
8.11 indicate by a mark either a negative or affirmative vote."

8.12 Page 16, line 9, after the semicolon, insert "204C.13, subdivision 4;" and delete "and"

8.13 Page 16, line 10, after "1" insert "; 383A.555"

8.14 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

8.15 Amend the title accordingly