

**2022 State Government, Military and Veterans, Pensions, and Transportation Supplemental Finance Bill: HF 4293**  
**Comparison of Senate and House: Elections Article**

			<b>House – HF 4293, 3<sup>rd</sup> Engrossment</b>		<b>SAME OR SIMILAR</b>	<b>Senate – HF 4293, the 1<sup>st</sup> Unofficial Engrossment (from SF 3975)</b>	
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	<b>Rx-A1</b>		<b>Article 3</b>			<b>Article 1</b>	
1	R1, R5, R8, R16, R18, R19, R22, R35, R38-R42, R45	House Miscellaneous Elections Administration	1, 4, 6, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 37, 38, 41, 43-48, 52	<p>Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. Among other more technical changes, these sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update the way absentee ballots are prepared for Safe at Home participants (secs. 1, 52);</li> <li>• expand the types of residential facilities where employees may vouch for a resident who is registering to vote (sec. 4);</li> <li>• expand the UOCAVA absentee voting process for certain deployed emergency response providers and utility workers (sec. 14-15);</li> <li>• expand the authority to deliver absentee ballots in-person to residents of Minnesota veterans’ homes and shelters for battered women, in the same manner as allowed for hospital facility patients (sec. 24)</li> <li>• expand authorization for the use of all-mail balloting in towns and small cities (sec. 41);</li> <li>• conform the law governing the number of voters a person may assist on election day to a recent court decision (sec. 44);</li> </ul>	House only		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>require the State Canvassing Board to declare elected the state and federal candidates who received the highest number of votes for each office (sec. 45); and</li> <li>modify certain timelines related to special legislative elections (secs. 46-48).</li> </ul>			
2	R1-R4	Campaign Finance Registration Thresholds			Senate Only	1-5	Lowers registration the candidate registration threshold from \$750 to \$200.
3	R2	Expressly Advocating	2	Expands the definition of expressly advocating.	House only		
4	R4	Special Access to Event Space	3	Expands the existing prohibition on campaign contributions during a legislative session, to prohibit, at any time of year, certain contributions by a registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or other association if in exchange for the contribution: (1) a registered lobbyist or other individual is granted special access to a meeting room, hospitality area, or other event space where public officials are likely to gather; and (2) the primary purpose of granting that access is to facilitate informal meetings or socialization with public officials during a regular or special session of the legislature.	Similar	6	A lobbyist, political committee, or political fund must not make a contribution at any time for membership in, or access to, a facility during a regular legislative session if the facility is operated by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature or constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a house of the legislature.
5	R5, R10, R11	Voter Registration Data			Senate only	7-11, 39	Classifies data in the statewide voter registration as public data on individuals, with some exceptions. Consolidates provisions from elsewhere in law related

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							to voter data. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
6	R7, R9, R11, R12, R14-R16, R29, R33, R36, R38, R42, R43, R46, R51, R52	“Maintains Residence”	5, 7, 9-13, 28, 34, 35, 39, 40, 42, 49-51, 54, 62, 63	Updates terminology in various elections administration and registration-related statutes to refer to place where a voter “maintains residence” rather than a place where a voter “resides.”	House only		
7	R9, R19, R25, R34, R38, R39, R46	Absentee and Mail Balloting Timelines	8, 21, 26, 27, 36, 42, 43, 53	Modifies several deadlines related to activities that occur prior to an election. The primary policy outcome of these changes is an authority for accepted absentee ballots to be opened and counted during the 14 days prior to an election, rather than seven days prior, and an authority for voters to cast an in-person absentee ballot using a ballot counter during that same period.	House only		
8	R11, R14, R26	Senate Miscellaneous Elections Administration			Senate only	12, 13, 22, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 40	Provides a number of miscellaneous update and changes to the general laws governing the administration of elections. These sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shorten timelines for entering same day voter registrations and voter history (secs. 12 and 13);</li> <li>• modify requirements on disclosure of election results (secs. 22 and 33);</li> <li>• prohibit vaccine requirements for election judges and members of a ballot board (sec. 30);</li> </ul>

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prohibit certain contributions for election expenses (sec. 31);</li> <li>modify requirements for publishing sample ballots (sec. 34);</li> <li>modify notice requirements on public accuracy testing (sec. 36);</li> <li>requires the secretary of state to report on use of certain funds (sec. 38); and</li> <li>a general effective date of July 1, 2022 (sec. 40).</li> </ul>
9	R17	Absentee ballot envelope terminology	16-18, 29-32	Provides a number of technical updates to the terminology used in statute to refer to certain types of envelopes used in the absentee voting process.	Same	14-16 26-29	
10	R18	Absentee Voting Modifications			Senate only	17, 18 <sup>1</sup> , 20, 23- 25	Modifies various absentee voting laws, including: returning absentee ballots in-person; absentee ballot polling place location and availability; ballot board membership requirements; ballot board observers; and requiring ballot board activities to be livestreamed.
11	R20	Absentee Ballot Drop Box Standards	22, 23	Modifies and expands certain security and integrity requirements related to the use of absentee ballot drop boxes	Similar	19	Makes several changes relating to absentee ballot drop boxes, including requirements related to location, signage, logs, and reports. Each ballot box must be continually livestreamed. The secretary of state is prohibited from adopting rules to implement provisions related to drop boxes.

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12	R25, R32, R44	Absentee ballot security markings			Senate only	21 <sup>2</sup> , 32, 35	Requires absentee ballots to include a security marking. The ballot board must verify that an absentee ballot includes the required security marking before depositing the ballot into the ballot box. The secretary of state must establish a state contract for ballot paper.
13	R46	Independent Expenditure Disclaimer	55	Requires independent expenditure disclaimers to list the top three contributors to the expenditure.	House only		
14	R47	Disclaimer on small advertisements	56, 57	Requires the Campaign Finance Board to adopt rules specifying the form and content required for small electronic communications on which a full disclaimer cannot be clearly and conspicuously printed.	House only		
15	R48	Absentee Ballot Applications	58	Requires certain notices to be printed on a mailing sent by or on behalf of a committee or private organization that includes an absentee ballot application or a sample ballot.	Similar	37	Requires certain disclaimers and design elements on any mailing sent by a committee or private organization that includes an absentee ballot application or sample ballot. An absentee ballot application must not be pre-filled with the voter’s information.
16	R49, R51	Election Officials; Intimidation and Interference	59, 61	Prohibits a series of activities that impact an election official’s performance of duties. Among the prohibitions is intimidation of an election official; interfering with or hindering the administration of an election; dissemination of personal information about an election official; and obstructing access to a location where	House only		

<sup>2</sup> House section 27 and Senate section 21 amend the same law in different ways. The sections are included on different lines in this summary.

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				election duties are performed. Civil and criminal enforcement is provided.			