



March 17, 2026

**Chairs Freiberg and Quam
Members of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee**

Dear Chair Quam, Chair Freiberg and Members of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee,

On behalf of our 842 member cities, the League of Minnesota Cities thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HF 4240.

The League would like to add its strong support for provisions in Sec. 9 of the bill, that provides for a local-government special-election reimbursement program. Special elections, of which this year has seen a record number, are often unanticipated, create significant additional workload and expense outside of budgeted city activities and require staff to put off other essential tasks when conducting them.

We appreciate Chair Freiberg listening to local elections officials and offering this legislation. It will ensure local governments continue to quickly provide the resources and staff expertise necessary to ensure these important elections are done property, timely and with the highest level of participation. We hope that the committee supports the measure and finds the adequate funding needed to assist cities and counties with these necessary but added expenses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pierre Willette".

Pierre Willette,
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