

Elections Omnibus Act Summary
Laws 2017, Chapter 92 (S.F. 514)
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Topic	Summary	Location in Ch. 92
Article 1: Election Administration		
Leave of absence for tribal council election	Permits a local public employee to take a leave of absence from their employment, if elected to a tribal council office	Art. 1, §§ 1-3
Electronic access data	Permits data related to a person’s access to a government computer to be shared with federal law enforcement to prevent or report hacking	Art. 1, § 4
Voter eligibility data sharing	Recodifies and provides technical modifications to existing statutes related to the sharing of voter eligibility data with the secretary of state	Art. 1, § 5-7, 12, 28-29
Voter signature	Provides a definition of “original signature” to clarify that a voter’s original signature cannot be electronic. (This term is used in the context of electronic roster systems)	Art. 1, § 9
Election Administration	Miscellaneous provisions related to the technical administration of elections with little or no policy impact	Art. 1, §§ 8, 13, 14, 20-21, 23-24, 26
Voter registration uploads	Modifies deadline for uploading voter registration data after election	Art. 1, § 10
Postelection sampling	Provides additional reporting requirements related to postelection registration verifications, including reports on the number of undeliverable postcard registration verifications.	Art. 1, § 11
Election judges	<p>Requires party election judge lists to include those willing to travel to another jurisdiction. Expense payments for travel are not required.</p> <p>Election judges must also provide a party affiliation (or that they do not affiliate) as a condition of serving as an election judge. This information may be used by other election judges on election day solely for the purpose of verifying proper party balance.</p>	Art. 1, § 15-16

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“I Voted” stickers	Clarifies the use of “I voted” stickers for absentee and mail balloting	Art. 1, §§ 17, 27
Protection of challenged status	Requires that the reason for a challenged status be concealed from other voters when it appears on a polling place roster	Art. 1, § 18
Challenge to voters	Requires that challenges issued by individuals in a polling place be based on personal knowledge of a voter’s ineligibility, rather than based on a person’s knowledge or reasonable belief that the voter is ineligible.	Art. 1, § 19
Local canvassing	Allows local governments to canvass on the second or third day after a municipal primary election	Art 1. § 22
Electronic roster contracts	Expands statewide voting system contracts to include assistive technology, automatic tabulators, and electronic roster equipment.	Art. 1, § 25
Article 2: Uniform Election Dates		
Uniform election dates; combined polling places	<p>Sets uniform special election dates in February, April, May, August, and November that must be used by local governments, with certain exceptions. Effective for special elections held on or after January 1, 2018.</p> <p>This article also establishes a December 31 deadline for municipalities and school districts to establish polling places for the following calendar year, including combined polling places.</p>	Art. 2, all sections
Article 3: County Offices		
Specific county office appointments	<p>Authorizes specific counties to transition offices to appointment:</p> <p>HF 252 (Benton County Recorder); HF 1516 (Morrison County Recorder); HF 655 (Pine County Auditor-Treasurer); HF 1271 (Stearns County Recorder); HF 1674 (Marshall County Recorder); HF 1823 (Rice County Auditor-Treasurer and Recorder)</p>	Art. 3, all sections