

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 1636 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

1.5 Section 1. STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
1.7 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
1.8 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.  
1.9 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
1.10 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.  
1.11 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"  
1.12 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

1.13 APPROPRIATIONS

1.14 Available for the Year

1.15 Ending June 30

1.16 2024

2025

1.17 Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE.

\$

241,000

\$

226,000

1.18 These amounts are for the Legislative  
1.19 Coordinating Commission to support the  
1.20 Ranked Choice Voting Task Force established  
1.21 under article 2, section 65. The base for this  
1.22 appropriation is \$223,000 in fiscal year 2026,  
1.23 \$195,000 in fiscal year 2027, and \$0 in fiscal  
1.24 year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

1.25 Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF STATE.

\$

2,114,000

\$

694,000

1.26 The base for this appropriation is \$769,000 in  
1.27 fiscal year 2026 and \$694,000 in fiscal year  
1.28 2027.  
1.29 \$800,000 the first year is for the secretary of  
1.30 state to make grants to counties and  
1.31 municipalities to improve access to polling  
1.32 places for individuals with disabilities and to  
1.33 provide the same opportunity for access and

2.1 participation in the electoral process, including  
 2.2 privacy and independence, to voters with  
 2.3 disabilities as that which exists for voters with  
 2.4 no disabilities. Funds may be used to purchase  
 2.5 equipment or to make capital improvements  
 2.6 to publicly owned facilities. This is a onetime  
 2.7 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 2.8 2027.

2.9 \$425,000 the first year is for ranked choice  
 2.10 voting grants under article 2, section 64. The  
 2.11 base for this appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal  
 2.12 year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027.

2.13 **Sec. 4. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC**  
 2.14 **DISCLOSURE BOARD.** **\$** **1,743,000** **\$** **1,731,000**

2.15 **Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS.** **\$** **165,000** **\$** **0**

2.16 For changes to the report required under  
 2.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 201.145,  
 2.18 subdivision 3.

2.19 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; HELP AMERICA VOTE**  
 2.20 **ACT STATE MATCHING FUNDS.**

2.21 \$461,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the Help America  
 2.22 Vote Act (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, and is credited  
 2.23 to the state match requirement of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, Public Law  
 2.24 117-103, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328. This is a  
 2.25 onetime appropriation.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.27 **Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; COURT ORDERED**  
 2.28 **ATTORNEY FEES.**

2.29 \$495,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of  
 2.30 state for the payment of attorney fees and costs awarded by court order in the legislative  
 2.31 and congressional redistricting cases Peter Wattson, et al.; Paul Anderson, et al.; and Frank  
 2.32 Sachs, et al. v. Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, Nos. A21-0243 and A21-0546,  
 2.33 and interest thereon. This is a onetime appropriation."

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.2 Sec. 8. **TRANSFER; STATE ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.**

3.3 \$3,380,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the general fund to the general account  
3.4 of the state elections campaign account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.31.  
3.5 This is a onetime transfer.

3.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.7 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** ~~Notwithstanding section 4.07,~~ Money in the Help America  
3.8 Vote Act account ~~may be spent only pursuant to direct appropriations enacted from time to~~  
3.9 ~~time by law. Money in the account must be spent~~ is appropriated to the secretary of state  
3.10 to improve the administration of elections in accordance with the Help America Vote Act,  
3.11 the state plan certified by the governor under the act, and for reporting and administrative  
3.12 requirements under the act and plan. To the extent required by federal law, money in the  
3.13 account must be used in a manner that is consistent with the maintenance of effort  
3.14 requirements of section 254(a)(7) of the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252,  
3.15 based on the level of state expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

3.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
3.17 applies to any balances in the Help America Vote Act account existing on or after that date.

3.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

3.19 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) The amounts designated by individuals for the state elections  
3.20 campaign account, less three percent, are appropriated from the general fund, must be  
3.21 transferred and credited to the appropriate account in the state elections campaign account,  
3.22 and are annually appropriated for distribution as set forth in subdivisions 5, 5a, 6, and 7.  
3.23 The remaining three percent must be kept in the general fund for administrative costs.

3.24 (b) In addition to the amounts in paragraph (a), ~~\$1,020,000~~ \$4,150,000 for each general  
3.25 election is appropriated from the general fund for transfer to the general account of the state  
3.26 elections campaign account.

3.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

## ARTICLE 2

## ELECTIONS POLICY

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 8.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Investigate offenses against provisions of certain designated sections; assist in enforcement.** The attorney general shall investigate violations and assist in the enforcement of the following laws as provided in this section:

(1) the law of this state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices in business, commerce, or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Nonprofit Corporation Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination and Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges ~~and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided;~~ and

(2) section 211B.076, regulating intimidation and interference related to the performance of duties by an election official.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

(1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any year:

(i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

(ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating government relations or government affairs services between two third parties; or

(2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.

5.1 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

5.2 (1) a public official;

5.3 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education  
5.4 systems;

5.5 (3) an elected local official;

5.6 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an  
5.7 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends  
5.8 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,  
5.9 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than  
5.10 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging  
5.11 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring  
5.12 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~  
5.13 ~~unit~~ political subdivision, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination  
5.14 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies  
5.15 of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~ political subdivisions;

5.16 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,  
5.17 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is  
5.18 taking administrative action;

5.19 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public  
5.20 funds;

5.21 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or  
5.22 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or  
5.23 indirectly urge official action;

5.24 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the  
5.25 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

5.26 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature  
5.27 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents  
5.28 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

5.29 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration  
5.30 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause  
5.31 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

6.1 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary  
6.2 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying  
6.3 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate  
6.4 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

6.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

6.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.7 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board  
6.8 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the  
6.9 reporting period.

6.10 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by  
6.11 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific  
6.12 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of  
6.13 importance to the entity represented.

6.14 ~~(b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately~~  
6.15 ~~listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,~~  
6.16 ~~and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a~~  
6.17 ~~breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified~~  
6.18 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~  
6.19 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~  
6.20 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~  
6.21 ~~expenses. every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~  
6.22 ~~to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of~~  
6.23 ~~interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes rule draft number assigned~~  
6.24 ~~to the administrative rulemaking.~~

6.25 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that  
6.26 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must  
6.27 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

6.28 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects  
6.29 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to  
6.30 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence  
6.31 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying  
6.32 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which

7.1 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting  
 7.2 period and report only those four subjects.

7.3 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate  
 7.4 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the  
 7.5 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the  
 7.6 reporting period.

7.7 (e) (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,  
 7.8 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any  
 7.9 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or  
 7.10 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to  
 7.11 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

7.12 (d) (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any  
 7.13 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,  
 7.14 or the official action of a metropolitan governmental unit political subdivision. The list must  
 7.15 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal  
 7.16 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

7.17 (e) (i) On the each report due June 15, the a lobbyist must provide a disclose the general  
 7.18 description of the subjects lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the previous 12  
 7.19 months reporting period.

7.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

7.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

7.22 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this  
 7.23 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

7.24 (b) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,  
 7.25 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000,~~ spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year  
 7.26 ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan~~  
 7.27 ~~governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

7.28 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;

7.29 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause

7.30 (3);

7.31 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and  
 7.32 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

8.1 (4) lobbying to influence official action of political subdivisions.

8.2 ~~(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph  
8.3 (b), the principal must report under this subdivision a total amount that includes:

8.4 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal  
8.5 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

8.6 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,  
8.7 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,  
8.8 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative  
8.9 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to  
8.10 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

8.11 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative  
8.12 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence  
8.13 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental  
8.14 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

8.15 ~~(d) A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~  
8.16 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~  
8.17 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~  
8.18 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~  
8.19 ~~(b) and (c).~~

8.20 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed  
8.21 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact  
8.22 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid  
8.23 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.  
8.24 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address  
8.25 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest  
8.26 addressed by the advertisement.

8.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

8.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

8.29 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

8.30 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director  
8.31 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously  
8.32 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher



9.1 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they  
9.2 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,  
9.3 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political  
9.4 subdivision.

9.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

9.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

9.7 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

9.8 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the  
9.9 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a  
9.10 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is  
9.11 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

9.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

9.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.14 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

9.15 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or  
9.16 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received  
9.17 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

9.18 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official  
9.19 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit~~.

9.20 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for  
9.21 an accomplishment.

9.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

9.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.24 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter  
9.25 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing  
9.26 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the  
9.27 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

9.28 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,  
9.29 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

- 10.1 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for  
10.2 all voter registration information;
- 10.3 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;
- 10.4 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the  
10.5 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;
- 10.6 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;
- 10.7 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state  
10.8 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter  
10.9 record;
- 10.10 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;
- 10.11 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the  
10.12 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;
- 10.13 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state  
10.14 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search  
10.15 capabilities;
- 10.16 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration  
10.17 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;
- 10.18 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;
- 10.19 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should  
10.20 be assigned for voting purposes;
- 10.21 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,  
10.22 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on  
10.23 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;  
10.24 ~~and~~
- 10.25 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and  
10.26 cast by voters under section 203B.16; and
- 10.27 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.
- 10.28 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent  
10.29 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.
- 10.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

11.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws  
11.2 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

11.3 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must  
11.4 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration  
11.5 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,  
11.6 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's  
11.7 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;  
11.8 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid  
11.9 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter  
11.10 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the  
11.11 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper  
11.12 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The  
11.13 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The  
11.14 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if  
11.15 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter  
11.16 eligibility:

11.17 "I certify that I:

11.18 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

11.19 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

11.20 (3) will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately  
11.21 preceding election day;

11.22 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

11.23 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right  
11.24 to vote;

11.25 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

11.26 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

11.27 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a  
11.28 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than  
11.29 \$10,000, or both."

11.30 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

11.31 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

11.32 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

12.1 And the instruction:

12.2 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

12.3 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility  
12.4 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter  
12.5 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted  
12.6 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not  
12.7 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

12.8 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in  
12.9 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

12.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

12.11 Subd. 2. **Corrected list.** By February 15 of each year, the secretary of state shall prepare  
12.12 the master list for each county auditor. The records in the statewide registration system must  
12.13 be periodically corrected and updated by the county auditor. An updated master list for each  
12.14 precinct must be available for absentee voting at least 46 days before each election. A final  
12.15 corrected master list must be available ~~seven~~ 18 days before each election.

12.16 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

12.17 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** The secretary of state must maintain  
12.18 a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party  
12.19 each voter selected. Information maintained on the list is private data on individuals as  
12.20 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide  
12.21 ~~the list~~ to the chair of each major political party the list of voters who selected that party.

12.22 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

12.23 Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections report; ~~state court administrator report.~~** (a)  
12.24 ~~The state court administrator must report on individuals 17 years of age or older who have~~  
12.25 ~~been convicted of a felony.~~

12.26 ~~(b)~~ The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals ~~17~~ 16 years of age or  
12.27 older who are currently:

12.28 ~~(1) serving~~ incarcerated for a felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction;

12.29 ~~or~~

12.30 ~~(2) on probation for felony offenses that resulted in the loss of civil rights, as indicated~~  
12.31 ~~by the statewide supervision system established under section 241.065.~~

13.1 ~~(e)~~ (b) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
 13.2 each individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional  
 13.3 facility, and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's:  
 13.4 corrections' state identification number, last four digits of the Social Security number,  
 13.5 driver's license or state identification card number, ~~date of sentence, effective date of the~~  
 13.6 ~~sentence, county in which the conviction occurred, and date of discharge~~ and most recent  
 13.7 date of incarceration.

13.8 ~~(d)~~ (c) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 13.9 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered  
 13.10 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. ~~No later than seven~~  
 13.11 ~~calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must~~  
 13.12 ~~determine~~ if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a) is  
 13.13 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 13.14 than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor  
 13.15 must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each  
 13.16 individual named in the list.

13.17 ~~(e)~~ (d) The county auditor must identify an individual who ~~registered to vote or voted~~  
 13.18 ~~while serving~~ incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or  
 13.19 ~~while on probation for a felony offense that resulted in the loss of civil rights during a period~~  
 13.20 ~~when the individual's civil rights were revoked.~~ The county auditor must immediately send  
 13.21 notice to the county attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any  
 13.22 other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual ~~registered~~  
 13.23 ~~to vote or voted during the period when the individual's civil rights were revoked~~ of  
 13.24 incarceration.

13.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

13.26 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

13.27 Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must  
 13.28 report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to  
 13.29 vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317  
 13.30 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph  
 13.31 (a).

13.32 (b) ~~The state court administrator must report on individuals previously convicted of a~~  
 13.33 ~~felony whose civil rights have been restored.~~

14.1 (e) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were ~~serv~~  
 14.2 incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction ~~or who were on~~  
 14.3 ~~probation for a felony offense under the commissioner's jurisdiction that resulted in the loss~~  
 14.4 ~~of civil rights but who have been discharged from the sentence~~ and have been released from  
 14.5 incarceration.

14.6 ~~(d)~~ (c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
 14.7 each individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the  
 14.8 Social Security number. For ~~reports~~ the report required by ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (b) ~~and~~  
 14.9 ~~(e)~~, each the report must also include the individual's, if available: corrections' state  
 14.10 identification number, driver's license or state identification card number, date of ~~sentene~~,  
 14.11 ~~effective date of the sentence~~ incarceration, county in which the conviction occurred, and  
 14.12 date of discharge.

14.13 ~~(e)~~ (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 14.14 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) ~~or (b)~~ is  
 14.15 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 14.16 than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of  
 14.17 state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph  
 14.18 ~~(e)~~ (b) is registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor.  
 14.19 No later than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the  
 14.20 county auditor must remove the challenge status on the record in the statewide voter  
 14.21 registration system of each individual named in the list.

14.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

14.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

14.24 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

14.25 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting  
 14.26 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

14.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 14.28 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 14.29 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 14.30 later.

15.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
15.2 to read:

15.3 Subd. 5. **Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day as  
15.4 provided in section 203B.30.

15.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
15.6 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
15.7 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
15.8 later.

15.9 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.10 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

15.11 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

15.12 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;

15.13 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an  
15.14 illegal ballot;

15.15 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;

15.16 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an  
15.17 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;

15.18 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes  
15.19 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;

15.20 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by  
15.21 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;

15.22 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee voter while in the immediate presence of the voter  
15.23 during the time the individual knows the absentee voter is voting; or

15.24 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by  
15.25 an election official for administrative purposes.

15.26 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or  
15.27 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of  
15.28 the material or information.

15.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
15.30 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,

16.1 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
16.2 later.

16.3 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.4 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the  
16.5 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:

16.6 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

16.7 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer  
16.8 them.

16.9 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the  
16.10 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

16.11 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the  
16.12 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated  
16.13 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the  
16.14 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections  
16.15 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide  
16.16 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
16.17 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites  
16.18 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter  
16.19 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the  
16.20 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may  
16.21 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required  
16.22 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who  
16.23 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will  
16.24 administer.

16.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
16.26 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
16.27 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
16.28 later.

16.29 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.30 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing for absentee voting.** An eligible voter may vote by  
16.31 absentee ballot in the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated



17.1 by the county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this  
17.2 section.

17.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
17.4 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
17.5 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
17.6 later.

17.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
17.8 to read:

17.9 Subd. 1a. **Location; timing for early voting.** An eligible voter may vote using early  
17.10 voting during the 18 days before a federal, state, or county election, and during the 18 days  
17.11 before a municipal election if authorized under section 203B.05, in the office of the county  
17.12 auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor. In elections in which  
17.13 early voting is provided, the alternative voting procedure authorized by subdivision 3 must  
17.14 not be provided.

17.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
17.16 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
17.17 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
17.18 later.

17.19 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.20 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot  
17.21 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election.  
17.22 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to  
17.23 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the  
17.24 manner provided in this subdivision.

17.25 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must  
17.26 state the voter's name; and address; and, upon request of the election official, the voter's  
17.27 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,  
17.28 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required  
17.29 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate  
17.30 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to  
17.31 vote at that election.

18.1 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately  
18.2 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.  
18.3 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter  
18.4 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the  
18.5 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

18.6 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner  
18.7 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

18.8 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election  
18.9 judge, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

18.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

18.11 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

18.12 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) In elections not eligible to use early voting under  
18.13 subdivision 1a, the county auditor may make available a ballot counter and ballot box for  
18.14 use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election. If a ballot counter and ballot  
18.15 box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to vote using the process provided  
18.16 in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision.

18.17 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must  
18.18 state the voter's name, address, and date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk.  
18.19 The voter shall sign a voter's certificate, which must include the voter's name, identification  
18.20 number, and the certification required by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of  
18.21 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence  
18.22 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election.

18.23 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately  
18.24 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.  
18.25 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter  
18.26 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the  
18.27 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

18.28 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner  
18.29 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

18.30 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by the county  
18.31 auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

19.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
19.2 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
19.3 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
19.4 later.

19.5 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.6 to read:

19.7 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under  
19.8 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling  
19.9 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085.

19.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

19.11 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.12 to read:

19.13 Subd. 5. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election  
19.14 held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election.

19.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

19.16 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.17 to read:

19.18 Subd. 6. **Designation of locations.** The county auditor must make polling place  
19.19 designations at least 14 weeks before the election and must provide the notice to the secretary  
19.20 of state at the time the designations are made.

19.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

19.22 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.23 to read:

19.24 Subd. 6. **Notice to voters.** The county auditor must prepare a notice to the voters of the  
19.25 days, times, and locations for voting before election day as authorized by the section. This  
19.26 notice must be posted on the secretary of state's website, the county's website, and the  
19.27 website for each municipality in which a voting location under this section is located at  
19.28 least 14 days before the first day of the absentee voting period. If a county or municipality  
19.29 does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk must publish the notice at

20.1 least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven days and not more than 14  
 20.2 days before the first day of the absentee voting period.

20.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

20.4 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 20.5 to read:

20.6 **Subd. 7. Equipment.** The county auditor must provide each polling place with at least  
 20.7 one voting booth; a ballot box; an electronic ballot counter, unless it has not adopted use  
 20.8 of one; and at least one electronic ballot marker for individuals with disabilities pursuant  
 20.9 to section 206.57, subdivision 5.

20.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

20.11 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

20.12 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**  
 20.13 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

20.14 **Subdivision 1. State general elections.** Prior to a state general election, the county  
 20.15 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under  
 20.16 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open:

20.17 (1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election;

20.18 (2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election;

20.19 (3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and

20.20 (4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

20.21 A polling place designated under 203B.081, subdivision 4, may be open alternate days and  
 20.22 hours.

20.23 **Subd. 2. Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county  
 20.24 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under  
 20.25 section 203B.05 to administer ~~absentee balloting~~ voting before election day must be open  
 20.26 for ~~acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots~~ voting as  
 20.27 authorized under section 203B.081 from ~~10:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until  
 20.28 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless  
 20.29 that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if  
 20.30 the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the township, must be  
 20.31 open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town

21.1 general election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county  
21.2 auditor's election duties, need not comply with this section.

21.3 Subd. 3. Voters in line. All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to  
21.4 close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision  
21.5 2.

21.6 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023.

21.7 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

21.8 Subd. 7. **Names of persons; rejected absentee ballots.** ~~(a)~~ The names of voters who  
21.9 have submitted an absentee ballot to the county auditor or municipal clerk that has not been  
21.10 accepted ~~may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting on election~~  
21.11 ~~day.~~

21.12 ~~(b) After the close of voting on election day, the lists~~ must be available to the public in  
21.13 the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

21.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2024.

21.15 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.16 to read:

21.17 Subd. 9. Names of persons; early voting. The secretary of state must maintain a list of  
21.18 voters who cast a ballot using the early voting procedures established in section 203B.30  
21.19 for all elections at which those procedures are used. The list must be available to the public  
21.20 in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

21.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
21.22 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
21.23 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
21.24 later.

21.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.26 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,  
21.27 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or  
21.28 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The  
21.29 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections  
21.30 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks  
21.31 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member

22.1 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of  
22.2 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee  
22.3 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,  
22.4 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,  
22.5 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

22.6 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that  
22.7 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

22.8 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election  
22.9 Law apply to a ballot board.

22.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
22.11 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
22.12 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
22.13 later.

22.14 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

22.15 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board  
22.16 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section  
22.17 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,  
22.18 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall  
22.19 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges  
22.20 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they  
22.21 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,  
22.22 subdivision 2.

22.23 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and  
22.24 initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members  
22.25 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

22.26 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information  
22.27 provided on the absentee ballot application;

22.28 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

22.29 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four  
22.30 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee  
22.31 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must  
22.32 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were  
22.33 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

23.1 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly  
23.2 completed voter registration application in the signature envelope;

23.3 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an  
23.4 absentee ballot; and

23.5 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the  
23.6 ~~close of business on the seventh~~ 19th day before the election, ~~by absentee ballot as provided~~  
23.7 by section 203B.081.

23.8 The signature envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the  
23.9 county auditor.

23.10 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a signature envelope  
23.11 find that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph  
23.12 (b), they shall mark the signature envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word  
23.13 "Rejected," list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county  
23.14 auditor. There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by  
23.15 this section. Failure to place the ballot within the secrecy envelope before placing it in the  
23.16 outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

23.17 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope  
23.18 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with  
23.19 a replacement absentee ballot and signature envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

23.20 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain  
23.21 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by  
23.22 telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official  
23.23 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

23.24 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice  
23.25 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official  
23.26 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.  
23.27 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the  
23.28 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of  
23.29 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

23.30 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after  
23.31 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

23.32 (2) the reason for rejection; and

24.1 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further  
24.2 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

24.3 (e) An absentee ballot signature envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or  
24.4 subject to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

24.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

24.6 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

24.7 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
24.8 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted. After the close  
24.9 of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that  
24.10 an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that  
24.11 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal ~~or~~ state, or county  
24.12 office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration  
24.13 system.

24.14 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee voters who  
24.15 submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later than the  
24.16 start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot at the  
24.17 election. The roster may be marked either:

24.18 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

24.19 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

24.20 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

24.21 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~  
24.22 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~  
24.23 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

24.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective June 1, 2023. Paragraph (b) is effective  
24.25 the day following final enactment.

24.26 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

24.27 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
24.28 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter  
24.29 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. After the  
24.30 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates  
24.31 that an absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter has cast an early ballot must not



25.1 be permitted to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special  
 25.2 election for federal ~~or~~, state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this  
 25.3 information in the statewide voter registration system.

25.4 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters  
 25.5 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later  
 25.6 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot  
 25.7 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

25.8 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

25.9 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

25.10 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

25.11 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~  
 25.12 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~  
 25.13 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

25.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 25.15 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 25.16 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 25.17 later.

25.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

25.19 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day  
 25.20 before the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked  
 25.21 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,  
 25.22 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate  
 25.23 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must  
 25.24 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and  
 25.25 may not be counted.

25.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

25.27 Sec. 35. **[203B.30] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.**

25.28 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "early voting official" means  
 25.29 the county auditor, city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge.

25.30 Subd. 2. Voting procedure. (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,  
 25.31 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to

26.1 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration  
 26.2 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast  
 26.3 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge  
 26.4 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name  
 26.5 or address has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision  
 26.6 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

26.7 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of  
 26.8 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence  
 26.9 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,  
 26.10 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must  
 26.11 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to  
 26.12 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils  
 26.13 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.  
 26.14 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and  
 26.15 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the  
 26.16 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

26.17 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Early voting officials must remove and secure ballots  
 26.18 cast during the early voting period following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision  
 26.19 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed  
 26.20 on election day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

26.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 26.22 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 26.23 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 26.24 later.

26.25 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

26.26 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who  
 26.27 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the  
 26.28 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later  
 26.29 than the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies  
 26.30 of the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later  
 26.31 than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

26.32 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution  
 26.33 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

27.1 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official at least  
 27.2 19 days before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's write-in votes  
 27.3 individually recorded; or

27.4 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded  
 27.5 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest  
 27.6 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

27.7 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized  
 27.8 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted before the first day of filing for office. A  
 27.9 resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on  
 27.10 the same subject is adopted by the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter  
 27.11 city.

27.12 (c) The governing body of a township, school board, hospital district, park district, soil  
 27.13 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the  
 27.14 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in  
 27.15 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in  
 27.16 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for  
 27.17 a ballot candidate.

27.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this  
 27.19 subdivision must ~~file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for~~  
 27.20 ~~vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who~~  
 27.21 ~~files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking~~  
 27.22 ~~nomination as~~ include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States. The  
 27.23 request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The  
 27.24 total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed  
 27.25 the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

27.26 ~~(e)~~ (e) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 27.27 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor.  
 27.28 A candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 27.29 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

27.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.26, is amended to read:

27.31 **204B.26 ELECTION JUDGES; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

27.32 A county auditor or municipal clerk may remove any precinct election official at any  
 27.33 time if the official engages in a neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct in office, or for

28.1 other cause. Any individual who serves as an election judge in violation of any of the  
 28.2 provisions of sections 204B.19 to 204B.25, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

28.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

28.4 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.5 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as  
 28.6 otherwise provided for absentee ballots in this section and in section 204B.35, subdivision  
 28.7 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the  
 28.8 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.  
 28.9 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later  
 28.10 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

28.11 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

28.12 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

28.13 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

28.14 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot  
 28.15 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with  
 28.16 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election  
 28.17 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts  
 28.18 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

28.19 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early  
 28.20 voting to city clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 on or  
 28.21 before the 19th day before the election.

28.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 28.23 the certification described in section 62 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 28.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 28.25 later.

28.26 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.27 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~  
 28.28 ~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1  
 28.29 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~  
 28.30 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling  
 28.31 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor

29.1 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct  
29.2 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized  
29.3 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any  
29.4 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county  
29.5 auditor.

29.6 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor  
29.7 or municipal clerk.

29.8 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.9 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given  
29.10 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before  
29.11 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any  
29.12 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered  
29.13 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the  
29.14 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after  
29.15 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered  
29.16 at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot  
29.17 return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk  
29.18 and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk.  
29.19 The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot  
29.20 return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if  
29.21 there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are  
29.22 more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or  
29.23 deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail  
29.24 ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing  
29.25 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt  
29.26 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an  
29.27 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope  
29.28 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot  
29.29 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days  
29.30 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board  
29.31 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's  
29.32 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

29.33 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
29.34 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. ~~After the close of business~~

30.1 On the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
30.2 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
30.3 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

30.4 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
30.5 and counting of ballots apply.

30.6 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
30.7 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the  
30.8 close of voting on election day.

30.9 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter  
30.10 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election  
30.11 must be counted.

30.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

30.13 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

30.14 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

30.15 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special  
30.16 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the  
30.17 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school  
30.18 and municipality jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the  
30.19 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the  
30.20 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the  
30.21 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must  
30.22 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days  
30.23 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all  
30.24 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before  
30.25 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters  
30.26 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.  
30.27 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant  
30.28 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and  
30.29 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days  
30.30 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if  
30.31 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county  
30.32 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training  
30.33 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major

31.1 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different  
31.2 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,  
31.3 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before  
31.4 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must  
31.5 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.  
31.6 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed  
31.7 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone  
31.8 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must  
31.9 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

31.10 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
31.11 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. ~~After the close of business~~  
31.12 On the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
31.13 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
31.14 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

31.15 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
31.16 and counting of ballots apply.

31.17 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
31.18 one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting  
31.19 on election day.

31.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

31.21 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

31.22 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

31.23 The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or an election  
31.24 judge may provide a sticker containing the words "I VOTED," and nothing more, to an  
31.25 individual who:

31.26 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box, ~~under section 203B.081,~~  
31.27 ~~subdivision 3, or 204C.13, subdivision 5;~~

31.28 (2) is provided an absentee ballot under section 203B.07, subdivision 1, or 203B.21,  
31.29 subdivision 2; or

31.30 (3) is provided a ballot by mail under section 204B.45 or 204B.46.

32.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.21, is amended by adding a subdivision  
32.2 to read:

32.3 Subd. 4. **Ranked choice voting election.** Notwithstanding the requirements of this  
32.4 section, the votes cast in a ranked choice voting election subject to chapter 204E must be  
32.5 counted according to the procedures established in that chapter.

32.6 Sec. 44. **[204E.01] APPLICABILITY; AUTHORIZED LOCAL ADOPTION ONLY.**

32.7 This chapter applies to all elections conducted using ranked choice voting as authorized  
32.8 by section 204E.03. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, Minnesota election law  
32.9 applies to elections conducted using ranked choice voting.

32.10 Sec. 45. **[204E.02] DEFINITIONS.**

32.11 Subdivision 1. **Application.** For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this  
32.12 section have the meanings given them.

32.13 Subd. 2. **Batch elimination.** "Batch elimination" means a simultaneous defeat of multiple  
32.14 continuing candidates that have no mathematical chance of being elected.

32.15 Subd. 3. **Cast vote record.** "Cast vote record" means the tabulatable record of all  
32.16 aggregated votes produced by a single voter in one voting session. For ballots on which  
32.17 voters have indicated a write-in choice, the finalized cast vote record indicates whether the  
32.18 write-in choice was cast for one of the declared write-in candidates, and if so, which one.

32.19 Subd. 4. **Continuing candidate.** "Continuing candidate" means any candidate who has  
32.20 not been defeated or elected and is not a withdrawn candidate.

32.21 Subd. 5. **Declared write-in candidate.** "Declared write-in candidate" means a candidate  
32.22 who has filed a request in a jurisdiction that has adopted a resolution governing counting  
32.23 write-in candidates pursuant to section 204B.03, subdivision 3.

32.24 Subd. 6. **Defective ballot.** "Defective ballot" means a ballot that is defective to the extent  
32.25 that the election judges are unable to determine the voter's intent with respect to the office  
32.26 being counted.

32.27 Subd. 7. **Hand count election.** "Hand count election" means an election in which all  
32.28 tabulation of ballots is done by hand, regardless of whether the ballots are cast in a polling  
32.29 place or as absentee or mail ballots.

32.30 Subd. 8. **Highest continuing ranking.** "Highest continuing ranking" means the ranking  
32.31 on a voter's ballot with the lowest numerical value for a continuing candidate.



33.1 Subd. 9. **Inactive ballot.** "Inactive ballot" means a ballot that does not count for any  
33.2 candidate in a given round of tabulation as provided in section 204E.06 or 204E.07.

33.3 Subd. 10. **Mathematically impossible to be elected.** "Mathematically impossible to be  
33.4 elected" means:

33.5 (1) the candidate cannot be elected because the candidate's surplus votes and current  
33.6 vote total plus the surplus votes and votes of all other candidates in the current round with  
33.7 fewer votes or an equal number of votes would not be enough to surpass the candidate with  
33.8 the next higher current vote total; or

33.9 (2) the candidate has a lower current vote total than a candidate who is described by  
33.10 clause (1).

33.11 Subd. 11. **Maximum possible threshold.** "Maximum possible threshold" means the  
33.12 number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected under a first ranked choice tabulation  
33.13 under sections 204E.06 and 204E.07. Maximum possible threshold equals:

33.14 (1) the sum of the total ballots cast that include votes, undervotes, skipped rankings, and  
33.15 overvotes for the office; divided by

33.16 (2) the sum of one plus the number of offices to be filled; then

33.17 (3) adding one to the result; and

33.18 (4) with any fractions disregarded.

33.19 Subd. 12. **Multiple-seat election.** "Multiple-seat election" means an election in which  
33.20 two or more seats in an office are to be filled from a single set of candidates on the ballot.

33.21 Subd. 13. **Overvote.** "Overvote" means a voter has ranked more than one candidate at  
33.22 the same ranking.

33.23 Subd. 14. **Ranked choice voting.** "Ranked choice voting" means an election method in  
33.24 which voters rank candidates for an office in order of their preference, with each vote  
33.25 counting for the highest-ranked continuing candidate on each ballot until that candidate has  
33.26 been elected or defeated as provided in this chapter.

33.27 Subd. 15. **Ranked choice voting local election official.** "Ranked choice voting local  
33.28 election official" means the county auditor, school district clerk, or municipal clerk  
33.29 responsible for duties related to election administration in the applicable jurisdiction. Where  
33.30 more than one ranked choice voting election jurisdiction is involved, the ranked choice  
33.31 voting local election official in the jurisdiction with a greater population is the ranked choice

34.1 voting local election official for the purpose of administering the ranked choice voting  
34.2 election.

34.3 Subd. 16. **Ranked choice voting tabulation center.** "Ranked choice voting tabulation  
34.4 center" means the location where ballots are processed automatically or by hand and are  
34.5 tabulated.

34.6 Subd. 17. **Ranking.** "Ranking" means the number assigned by a voter to a candidate to  
34.7 express the voter's preference for that candidate. Ranking number one is the highest ranking.  
34.8 A ranking of lower numerical value indicates a greater preference for a candidate than a  
34.9 ranking of higher numerical value.

34.10 Subd. 18. **Repeat candidate ranking.** "Repeat candidate ranking" means a voter has  
34.11 ranked the same candidate at multiple rankings for the office being counted.

34.12 Subd. 19. **Round.** "Round" means an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation steps  
34.13 established in section 204E.06 or 204E.07.

34.14 Subd. 20. **Single-seat election.** Single-seat election means an election in which one seat  
34.15 in an office is to be filled from a single set of candidates on the ballot.

34.16 Subd. 21. **Skipped ranking.** "Skipped ranking" means a voter has left a ranking blank  
34.17 and ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking.

34.18 Subd. 22. **Surplus.** "Surplus" means the total number of votes cast for an elected  
34.19 candidate in excess of the threshold.

34.20 Subd. 23. **Surplus fraction of a vote.** "Surplus fraction of a vote" means the proportion  
34.21 of each vote to be transferred when a surplus is transferred. The surplus fraction is calculated  
34.22 by dividing the surplus by the total votes cast for the elected candidate, calculated to four  
34.23 decimal places, ignoring any remainder.

34.24 Subd. 24. **Threshold.** "Threshold" means the number of votes sufficient for a candidate  
34.25 to be elected. In any given single-seat election, the threshold equals: the total votes counted,  
34.26 during that tabulation round, excluding inactive ballots; divided by two; then adding one;  
34.27 and disregarding any fractions. In any given multiple-seat election, the threshold equals:  
34.28 the total votes counted in the first round after removing defective ballots; divided by the  
34.29 sum of one plus the number of offices to be filled; adding one to the result; and disregarding  
34.30 any fractions.

34.31 Subd. 25. **Transfer value.** "Transfer value" means the fraction of a vote that a transferred  
34.32 ballot will contribute to the next ranked continuing candidate on that ballot. The transfer  
34.33 value of a vote cast for an elected candidate is calculated by multiplying the surplus fraction

35.1 of each vote by its current value, calculated to four decimal places, ignoring any remainder.

35.2 The transfer value of a vote cast for a defeated candidate is the same as its current value.

35.3 Subd. 26. **Transferable vote.** "Transferable vote" means a vote or a fraction of a vote  
35.4 for a candidate who has been either elected or defeated.

35.5 Subd. 27. **Undeclared write-in candidate.** "Undeclared write-in candidate" means a  
35.6 candidate who has not filed a request in a jurisdiction that has adopted a resolution governing  
35.7 counting write-in candidates pursuant to section 204B.03, subdivision 3.

35.8 Subd. 28. **Undervote.** "Undervote" means a voter did not rank any candidates for an  
35.9 office.

35.10 Sec. 46. **[204E.03] AUTHORIZATION FOR LOCAL ADOPTION.**

35.11 (a) After January 1, 2025, the following political subdivisions conducting elections that  
35.12 are not in conjunction with a state general election may adopt, in the manner provided in  
35.13 this section, ranked choice voting as a method of voting for local offices within the political  
35.14 subdivision:

35.15 (1) home rule charter or statutory cities; and

35.16 (2) school districts.

35.17 (b) A jurisdiction that adopts ranked choice voting may do so by adopting an ordinance  
35.18 or resolution, by a ballot question presented to the voters, or by amending the charter. The  
35.19 ranked choice voting method may be repealed by the same methods used for adoption. If a  
35.20 home rule charter or statutory city or school district does not administer the election, the  
35.21 city or school district must enter into an agreement with the county or counties administering  
35.22 the city or school district election before adopting ranked choice voting.

35.23 (c) A home rule charter jurisdiction that adopts a ranked choice voting system in its  
35.24 charter may adopt this chapter by reference in an ordinance but is not required to do so.  
35.25 Nothing in this chapter prevents a home rule charter jurisdiction from adopting another  
35.26 voting method in its charter if home rule charter jurisdiction elections are not held in  
35.27 conjunction with a state general election.

35.28 (d) Ranked choice voting must only be used to elect local offices at a general or special  
35.29 election.

35.30 (e) A jurisdiction that adopts the use of ranked choice voting in local elections must do  
35.31 so no later than 90 days before the first day for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office  
35.32 for which ranked choice voting is to be used as the method of election.

36.1 (f) Repeal of ranked choice voting must be no later than 90 days before the first day for  
36.2 filing affidavits of candidacy for offices for which ranked choice voting is used as the method  
36.3 of election.

36.4 (g) The ranked choice voting local election official must notify the secretary of state  
36.5 and, if applicable, the county auditor within 30 days following adoption or repeal of ranked  
36.6 choice voting.

36.7 **Sec. 47. [204E.04] BALLOTS IN LOCAL RANKED CHOICE VOTING**  
36.8 **ELECTIONS.**

36.9 Subdivision 1. **Ballot format.** (a) If there are three or more qualified candidates, a ballot  
36.10 must allow a voter to rank three candidates for each office in order of preference and must  
36.11 also allow the voter to add write-in candidates.

36.12 (b) A ballot must:

36.13 (1) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to mark the ballot;

36.14 (2) include instructions to voters that clearly indicate how to rank candidates in order  
36.15 of the voter's preference; and

36.16 (3) indicate the number of seats to be elected for each office.

36.17 Subd. 2. **Mixed-election method ballots.** If elections are held in which ranked choice  
36.18 voting is used in addition to other methods of voting, the ranked choice voting and nonranked  
36.19 choice voting elections must be on the same ballot card if possible, with ranked choice  
36.20 voting and nonranked choice voting portions clearly separated. A jurisdiction that does not  
36.21 conduct its election in conjunction with the state general election may deviate from the  
36.22 standard ballot order of offices to allow separation of ranked choice voting and nonranked  
36.23 choice voting elections.

36.24 Subd. 3. **Ballot format rules.** After a voting mechanism has been selected, the ranked  
36.25 choice voting local election official must adopt the necessary procedures for that ballot  
36.26 format, consistent with this section.

36.27 **Sec. 48. [204E.05] LOCAL RANKED CHOICE VOTING TABULATION CENTER.**

36.28 Subdivision 1. **Tabulation of votes; generally.** The ranked choice voting local election  
36.29 official must designate one location to serve as the ranked choice voting tabulation center.  
36.30 If multiple political subdivisions appear on a ballot with ranked choice voting elections, the  
36.31 ranked choice voting local election officials must agree on a single location for the tabulation

37.1 center. If the tabulation includes a manual count of physical ballots, the center must be  
37.2 accessible to the public for the purpose of observing the vote tabulation. Tabulation of votes  
37.3 must be conducted as described in sections 204E.06 and 204E.07.

37.4 Subd. 2. **Precinct tabulation.** In an election where ranked choice voting is used, one or  
37.5 more of the election judges in each precinct shall deliver one set of summary statements  
37.6 and the envelopes containing the ballots to the ranked choice voting tabulation center as  
37.7 soon as possible after the vote counting is completed but no later than 24 hours after the  
37.8 end of the hours for voting. If there are other elections on the ballot that do not use ranked  
37.9 choice voting, one or more election judges shall deliver the remaining set of summary  
37.10 statements and returns, all unused ballots, and all other things furnished by the municipal  
37.11 or school district clerk to the municipal or school district clerk's office within 24 hours after  
37.12 the end of the hours for voting. The municipal or school district clerk shall return all polling  
37.13 place rosters and completed voter registration cards to the county auditor within 48 hours  
37.14 after the end of the hours for voting.

37.15 Subd. 3. **Notice of recess in count.** At any time following receipt of materials, the ranked  
37.16 choice voting local election official may declare a recess. Notice of the recess must include  
37.17 the date, time, and location at which the process of recording and tabulating votes will  
37.18 resume and the reason for the recess. Notice must be posted on the local jurisdiction's  
37.19 website, official bulletin board, and on the door of the ranked choice voting tabulation  
37.20 center. During any recess, all electronic voting data and ballots must be secured.

37.21 Subd. 4. **Recording write-in votes.** At a time set by the ranked choice voting local  
37.22 election official, the judges and any other election officials designated by the ranked choice  
37.23 voting local election official shall convene at the ranked choice voting tabulation center to  
37.24 examine ballots on which voters have indicated a write-in choice and record the names and  
37.25 number of votes received by each declared write-in candidate. In jurisdictions that have  
37.26 adopted a resolution pursuant to section 204B.03, subdivision 3, the number of votes received  
37.27 by write-in candidates who did not file a request will be recorded as a group by office.

37.28 Subd. 5. **Ranked choice vote tabulation.** After all votes have been recorded, and at a  
37.29 time set by the ranked choice voting local election official, the process of tabulating votes  
37.30 cast for offices to be elected using the ranked choice method must begin. The counting must  
37.31 continue until preliminary results for all races are determined, subject to subdivision 4.

38.1       Sec. 49. [204E.06] TABULATION OF VOTES; SINGLE-SEAT LOCAL RANKED  
38.2 CHOICE VOTING ELECTIONS.

38.3       (a) This section applies to a ranked choice voting election in which one seat in an office  
38.4 is to be filled from a single set of candidates on the ballot. The method of tabulating ranked  
38.5 choice votes for single-seat elections as described in this section must be known as the  
38.6 "single-seat single transferable vote" method of tabulation.

38.7       (b) A first ranked choice tabulation shall be done under this paragraph before a tabulation  
38.8 as described in paragraph (c). A first ranked choice tabulation will consist of a first round  
38.9 only. Under the first ranked choice tabulation, the vote total will be the sum of the ranked  
38.10 votes marked number one. The maximum possible threshold must be determined. If the  
38.11 vote total for a candidate, other than an undeclared or a declared write-in candidate, is equal  
38.12 to or greater than the maximum possible threshold, that candidate is declared elected and  
38.13 the tabulation is complete. If the vote total for no candidate, other than an undeclared or a  
38.14 declared write-in candidate, is equal to or greater than the maximum possible threshold,  
38.15 additional rounds must be performed as provided in paragraph (c).

38.16       (c) Tabulation of votes at the ranked choice voting tabulation center must proceed in  
38.17 rounds for each office to be counted. The threshold must be calculated. The sum of all  
38.18 ranked choice votes for every candidate must be calculated. Each round must proceed  
38.19 sequentially as follows:

38.20       (1) the number of votes cast for each candidate, as indicated by the highest continuing  
38.21 ranking on each ballot, must be counted. If a candidate, other than an undeclared write-in  
38.22 candidate, has a vote total that is equal to or greater than the threshold, that candidate is  
38.23 declared elected and the tabulation is complete. If no candidate, other than an undeclared  
38.24 write-in candidate, has a vote total that is equal to or greater than the threshold, a new round  
38.25 begins and the tabulation must continue as described in clause (2);

38.26       (2) at the beginning of the second round only, all candidates for whom it is mathematically  
38.27 impossible to be elected may be defeated simultaneously, including all undeclared write-in  
38.28 candidates. For third and subsequent rounds, the candidate with the fewest votes must be  
38.29 defeated and all candidates for whom it is mathematically impossible to be elected may be  
38.30 defeated simultaneously. Votes for the defeated candidates must be transferred to each  
38.31 ballot's next-ranked continuing candidate, except votes for candidates defeated in the final  
38.32 round are not transferred if, by their defeat, the number of continuing candidates is reduced  
38.33 to one. If no candidate can be defeated under this clause, the tabulation must continue as  
38.34 described in clause (3). Otherwise, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (4);

39.1 (3) the candidate with the fewest votes is defeated. Votes for the defeated candidate  
39.2 must be transferred to each ballot's next-ranked continuing candidate, except votes for  
39.3 candidates defeated in the final round are not transferred if, by their defeat, the number of  
39.4 continuing candidates is reduced to one. Ties between candidates with the fewest votes must  
39.5 be resolved by lot by the ranked choice voting local election official. The candidate chosen  
39.6 by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution must be recorded and reused in the  
39.7 event of a recount;

39.8 (4) the procedures in clauses (1) to (3) must be repeated until one candidate reaches the  
39.9 threshold. When only one continuing candidate remains, that continuing candidate must be  
39.10 elected; and

39.11 (5) when a skipped ranking, overvote, or repeat candidate ranking is encountered on a  
39.12 ballot, that ballot shall count toward the highest continuing ranking that is not a skipped  
39.13 ranking, overvote, or repeat candidate ranking. If any ballot cannot be advanced because  
39.14 no further continuing candidates are ranked on that ballot, or because the only votes for  
39.15 further continuing candidates that are ranked on that ballot are either overvotes or repeat  
39.16 candidate rankings, the ballot shall not count toward any candidate in that round or in  
39.17 subsequent rounds for the office being counted.

39.18 **Sec. 50. [204E.07] TABULATION OF VOTES; MULTIPLE-SEAT LOCAL RANKED**  
39.19 **CHOICE VOTING ELECTIONS.**

39.20 (a) This section applies to a ranked choice voting election in which two or more seats  
39.21 in office are to be filled from a single set of candidates on the ballot. The method of tabulating  
39.22 ranked choice votes for multiple-seat elections as described in this section must be known  
39.23 as the "multiple-seat single transferable vote" method of tabulation.

39.24 (b) A first ranked choice tabulation shall be done under this paragraph before a tabulation  
39.25 as described in paragraph (c). A first ranked choice tabulation will consist of a first round  
39.26 only. Under the first ranked choice tabulation, the vote total will be the sum of the ranked  
39.27 votes marked number one. The maximum possible threshold must be determined. If the  
39.28 number of candidates, other than any undeclared or declared write-in candidate, whose vote  
39.29 total is equal to or greater than the maximum possible threshold is equal to the number of  
39.30 seats to be filled, those candidates are declared elected and the tabulation is complete. If  
39.31 the number of candidates, other than any undeclared or declared write-in candidate, whose  
39.32 vote total is equal to or greater than the maximum possible threshold is less than the number  
39.33 of seats to be filled, additional rounds must be performed as provided in paragraph (c).

40.1 (c) Tabulation of votes at the ranked choice voting tabulation center must proceed in  
40.2 rounds for each office to be counted. The threshold must be calculated. The sum of all  
40.3 ranked choice votes for every candidate must be calculated. Each round must proceed  
40.4 sequentially as follows:

40.5 (1) the number of votes cast for each candidate for the current round must be counted.  
40.6 If the number of candidates, other than any undeclared write-in candidate, whose vote total  
40.7 is equal to or greater than the threshold is equal to the number of seats to be filled, those  
40.8 candidates who are continuing candidates are elected and the tabulation is complete. If the  
40.9 number of candidates, other than any undeclared write-in candidate, whose vote total is  
40.10 equal to or greater than the threshold is not equal to the number of seats to be filled, a new  
40.11 round begins and the tabulation must continue as described in clause (2);

40.12 (2) surplus votes for any candidates whose vote total is equal to or greater than the  
40.13 threshold must be calculated;

40.14 (3) the candidate with the largest surplus is declared elected and that candidate's surplus  
40.15 is transferred. A tie between two or more candidates must be resolved by lot by the ranked  
40.16 choice voting local election official. The surplus of the candidate chosen by lot must be  
40.17 transferred before other transfers are made. The result of the tie resolution must be recorded  
40.18 and reused in the event of a recount. The transfer value of each vote cast for an elected  
40.19 candidate must be transferred to the next continuing candidate on that ballot. If no candidate  
40.20 has a surplus, the tabulation must continue as described in clause (4). Otherwise, the  
40.21 tabulation must continue as described in clause (1);

40.22 (4) if there are no transferable surplus votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is  
40.23 defeated. Votes for a defeated candidate are transferred at their transfer value to each ballot's  
40.24 next-ranked continuing candidate, except votes for candidates defeated in the final round  
40.25 are not transferred if, by their defeat, the number of continuing candidates is reduced to the  
40.26 number of seats yet to be filled. Ties between candidates with the fewest votes must be  
40.27 resolved by lot by the ranked choice voting local election official, and the candidate chosen  
40.28 by lot must be defeated. The result of the tie resolution must be recorded and reused in the  
40.29 event of a recount;

40.30 (5) the procedures in clauses (1) to (4) must be repeated until the number of candidates  
40.31 whose vote total is equal to or greater than the threshold is equal to the number of seats to  
40.32 be filled, or until the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of seats yet  
40.33 to be filled. If the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of seats yet to be  
40.34 filled, any remaining continuing candidates must be declared elected; and



41.1 (6) when a skipped ranking, overvote, or repeat candidate ranking is encountered on a  
41.2 ballot, that ballot shall count toward the highest continuing ranking that is not a skipped  
41.3 ranking, overvote, or repeat candidate ranking. If any ballot cannot be advanced because  
41.4 no further continuing candidates are ranked on that ballot, or because the only votes for  
41.5 further continuing candidates that are ranked on that ballot are either overvotes or repeat  
41.6 candidate rankings, the ballot shall not count toward any candidate in that round or in  
41.7 subsequent rounds for the office being counted.

41.8 **Sec. 51. [204E.08] LOCAL RANKED CHOICE VOTING ELECTIONS;**  
41.9 **REPORTING RESULTS.**

41.10 (a) In addition to the requirements of section 204C.24, each precinct must print a precinct  
41.11 summary statement, which must include the number of first choices cast for each candidate  
41.12 in that precinct.

41.13 (b) The ranked choice voting local election official must provide a tabulation summary  
41.14 statement of each contest with the following information:

41.15 (1) total votes cast;

41.16 (2) number of undervotes;

41.17 (3) number of totally defective and spoiled ballots;

41.18 (4) threshold calculation;

41.19 (5) total first choice rankings for all candidates;

41.20 (6) round-by-round tabulation results, including simultaneous batch eliminations, surplus  
41.21 transfers if applicable, and defeated candidate transfers; and

41.22 (7) inactive ballots at each round.

41.23 (c) In jurisdictions where ballots are scanned and recorded electronically, the ranked  
41.24 choice voting local election official must provide an electronically available spreadsheet of  
41.25 the cast vote record.

41.26 (d) The jurisdiction must canvass the election returns pursuant to section 123B.94,  
41.27 204C.37, or 205.185, and the canvassing board report must include the information required  
41.28 in the ranked choice voting tabulation center summary statement, with the addition of the  
41.29 number of registered voters by precinct, the number of same-day voter registrations, and  
41.30 the number of absentee voters.

42.1 **Sec. 52. [204E.09] LOCAL RANKED CHOICE ELECTION RECOUNTS.**

42.2 (a) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation may request a recount as provided  
42.3 in section 204C.36, to the extent applicable. For the purpose of ranked choice voting recounts,  
42.4 the recount official and filing officer is the ranked choice voting local election official.

42.5 (b) A candidate defeated in the final round of tabulation when the vote difference is  
42.6 greater than that provided in section 204C.36 may request a recount at the candidate's own  
42.7 expense. A candidate defeated in an earlier round of tabulation may request a recount at the  
42.8 candidate's own expense. The candidate is responsible for all expenses associated with the  
42.9 recount, regardless of the vote difference between the candidates in the round in which the  
42.10 requesting candidate was defeated. The requesting candidate shall file with the filing officer  
42.11 a bond, cash, or surety in an amount set by the filing officer for the payment of the recount  
42.12 expenses. Expenses must be determined as provided in section 204C.36, subdivision 4.

42.13 (c) Rules adopted by the secretary of state for recounts conducted pursuant to section  
42.14 204C.36 apply to recounts conducted under this section.

42.15 (d) At the discretion of the recount official, in the case of a recount under paragraph (a)  
42.16 or (b) or by the requesting candidates, a recount may commence with the earliest tabulation  
42.17 round in which any requesting candidate was defeated on any prior round. All other  
42.18 candidates who, in the initial tabulation, were defeated prior to the round in which the  
42.19 recount starts may be presumed to have been correctly defeated.

42.20 **Sec. 53. [204E.10] LOCAL RANKED CHOICE ELECTIONS; POSTELECTION**  
42.21 **REVIEW.**

42.22 Subdivision 1. **Selection of test date; notice.** At the canvass, the ranked choice voting  
42.23 local election official must select by lot the offices and precincts to be reviewed and set the  
42.24 date, time, and place for the postelection review, in accordance with section 206.89.  
42.25 Postelection review is not required for a hand count election.

42.26 Subd. 2. **Scope and conduct of test.** The postelection review must be conducted in  
42.27 public and must review a sample of ballots cast for at least one single-seat ranked-choice  
42.28 voting election and at least one multiple-seat election, if such an election occurred.

42.29 Subd. 3. **Review.** (a) For each office to be reviewed, the number of precincts selected  
42.30 for review shall be determined as follows. If the office was voted on in fewer than five  
42.31 precincts, one precinct shall be selected. If the office was voted on in at least five precincts  
42.32 and fewer than 50 precincts, two precincts shall be selected. If the office was voted on in  
42.33 at least 50 precincts and fewer than 100 precincts, three precincts shall be selected. If the

43.1 office was voted on in at least 100 precincts, four precincts or three percent of the total  
43.2 number of precincts in the election shall be selected, whichever is greater.

43.3 (b) For each office voted on in a county election, the ranked choice voting local election  
43.4 official may select precincts as specified in paragraph (a) or use the precincts selected in  
43.5 accordance with section 206.89.

43.6 (c) Using the actual ballots cast in each precinct selected, the judges of the election shall  
43.7 conduct a hand-count tabulation of how many ballots contain each combination of candidates  
43.8 across the rankings. All undeclared write-in candidates shall be considered as a group in  
43.9 this hand count, and blank or overvoted rankings shall be included as such in the tabulated  
43.10 combinations.

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43.13 across the rankings. All undeclared write-in candidates shall be considered as a group in  
43.14 this hand count, and blank or overvoted rankings shall be included as such in the tabulated  
43.15 combinations.

43.16 Subd. 4. **Standard of acceptable performance by voting system.** A comparison of the  
43.17 results compiled by the voting system with the cast vote records compiled by the judges of  
43.18 the election performing the hand count must show that the results of the electronic voting  
43.19 system differed by no more than the applicable percentage provided in section 206.89 from  
43.20 the hand count of the sample tested. Valid votes that have been marked by the voter outside  
43.21 the vote targets or using a manual marking device that cannot be read by the voting system  
43.22 must not be included in making the determination whether the voting system has met the  
43.23 standard of acceptable performance.

43.24 Subd. 5. **Additional review if needed.** An additional review is required if:

43.25 (1) a test reveals a difference greater than the percentage threshold provided in section  
43.26 206.89 in at least one precinct of an office, the ranked choice voting local election official  
43.27 must immediately, publicly select by lot two additional precincts of the same office for  
43.28 review. The additional precinct review must be completed within two days after the precincts  
43.29 are selected and the results immediately reported to the county auditor; and

43.30 (2) the additional precinct review indicates a difference in the vote totals that is greater  
43.31 than the applicable percentage threshold, as provided by section 206.89, in at least one  
43.32 additional precinct of an office, the ranked choice voting local election official must conduct  
43.33 a review of the ballots from all the remaining precincts in the office being reviewed.

44.1 This review must be completed no later than two weeks after the canvass.

44.2 Subd. 6. **Report of results.** Upon completion of the postelection review, the ranked  
44.3 choice voting local election official must immediately report the results to the county auditor  
44.4 and make the results available to the public.

44.5 Subd. 7. **Update of vote totals.** If the postelection review under this section results in  
44.6 a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate, the revised vote totals must be  
44.7 incorporated in the official result from those precincts.

44.8 Subd. 8. **Effect on voting systems.** If a voting system is found to have failed to record  
44.9 votes accurately and in the manner provided by this chapter, the voting system must not be  
44.10 used at another election until it has been approved for use by the county auditor, pursuant  
44.11 to section 206.58. In addition, the county auditor may order the city to conduct a hand  
44.12 recount of all ballots cast in the election.

44.13 **Sec. 54. [204E.11] RULES; LOCAL OPTION RANKED CHOICE VOTING.**

44.14 The secretary of state may adopt rules necessary to implement the requirements and  
44.15 procedures established by this chapter.

44.16 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.17 **Subd. 2. **Notice of filing dates.**** At least two weeks before the first day to file affidavits  
44.18 of candidacy, the municipal clerk shall publish a notice stating the first and last dates on  
44.19 which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in the clerk's office and the closing time for  
44.20 filing on the last day for filing. The clerk shall post a similar notice at least ten days before  
44.21 the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. The notice must indicate the method of election  
44.22 to be used for the offices on the ballot. The notice must separately list any office for which  
44.23 affidavits of candidacy may be filed to fill the unexpired portion of a term when a special  
44.24 election is being held to fill a vacancy as provided in section 412.02, subdivision 2a.

44.25 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.83, is amended to read:

44.26 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

44.27 (a) Within 14 days before election day, the official in charge of elections shall have the  
44.28 voting system tested to ascertain that the system will correctly mark ballots using all methods  
44.29 supported by the system, including ranked choice voting if applicable, and through assistive  
44.30 technology, and count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public notice  
44.31 of the time and place of the test must be given at least two days in advance by publication

45.1 once in official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election judges, who  
45.2 are not of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives of the political  
45.3 parties, candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by (1) processing  
45.4 a preaudited group of ballots punched or marked to record a predetermined number of valid  
45.5 votes for each candidate and on each question, and must include for each office one or more  
45.6 ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the  
45.7 ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to reject those votes; and  
45.8 (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the electronic ballot marker  
45.9 for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot display, audio ballot  
45.10 reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic ballot marker. If an  
45.11 election is to be conducted using ranked choice voting, the equipment must also be tested  
45.12 to ensure that each ranking for each candidate is recorded properly.

45.13 (b) If any error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless  
45.14 count must be made before the voting system may be used in the election.

45.15 (c) After the completion of the test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed,  
45.16 retained, and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

45.17 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.18 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must  
45.19 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against  
45.20 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording  
45.21 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any  
45.22 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the  
45.23 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording  
45.24 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No  
45.25 connection by modem is permitted.

45.26 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system  
45.27 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means  
45.28 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording  
45.29 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,  
45.30 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of  
45.31 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting  
45.32 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of  
45.33 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

45.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

46.1 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 207A.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

46.2 Subd. 2. **Candidates on the ballot.** (a) Each party participating in the presidential  
46.3 nomination primary must determine which candidates are to be placed on the presidential  
46.4 nomination primary ballot for that party. The chair of each participating party must submit  
46.5 to the secretary of state the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot for that party no  
46.6 later than 63 days before the presidential nomination primary. Once submitted, changes  
46.7 must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot.

46.8 (b) No later than the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the presidential nomination primary, the  
46.9 chair of each participating party must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in  
46.10 candidates, if any, to be counted for that party.

46.11 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

46.12 Subdivision 1. **When and where filed by committees.** (a) A committee or a candidate  
46.13 who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year  
46.14 shall submit an initial report to the filing officer within 14 days after the candidate or  
46.15 committee receives or makes disbursements of more than \$750 and shall continue to make  
46.16 the reports listed in paragraph (b) until a final report is filed.

46.17 (b) The committee or candidate must file a report by January 31 of each year following  
46.18 the year when the initial report was filed and in a year when the candidate's name or a ballot  
46.19 question appears on the ballot, the candidate or committee shall file a report:

46.20 (1) ten days before the primary or special primary. In a jurisdiction where the local  
46.21 primary is eliminated due to the adoption of ranked choice voting, candidates running in a  
46.22 ranked choice voting election must file a report in the same manner as if a primary were  
46.23 being held for such offices;

46.24 (2) ten days before the general election or special election; and

46.25 (3) 30 days after a general or special election.

46.26 Sec. 60. **[211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE**  
46.27 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.**

46.28 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a  
46.29 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties  
46.30 relating to elections, a member of an absentee ballot board, an election judge, an election  
46.31 judge trainee, or any other individual assigned by a state entity or municipal government  
46.32 to perform official duties related to elections.

47.1 Subd. 2. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,  
47.2 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or  
47.3 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the  
47.4 performance of a duty of election administration.

47.5 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to  
47.6 require the payment of civil penalties, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the action or  
47.7 attempted action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The plaintiff does  
47.8 not need to show that the actor intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

47.9 Subd. 3. **Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election.** A person  
47.10 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance  
47.11 of a duty related to election administration.

47.12 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A  
47.13 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not  
47.14 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election  
47.15 official's family or household member if:

47.16 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the  
47.17 safety of an official's family or household member; and

47.18 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should  
47.19 know of any imminent and serious threat.

47.20 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the  
47.21 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or  
47.22 photographs of that home.

47.23 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct  
47.24 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,  
47.25 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where  
47.26 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

47.27 Subd. 6. **Tampering with voting equipment.** (a) A person may not access without  
47.28 authorization, tamper with, or facilitate unauthorized access to or tampering with an electronic  
47.29 voting system, electromechanical voting equipment, or an election night reporting system  
47.30 before, during, or after any election required by law.

47.31 (b) A person may not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other  
47.32 confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other  
47.33 remedies and penalties provided by this section, the secretary of state, county auditor, or

48.1 municipal clerk must immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found  
48.2 to be in violation of this paragraph.

48.3 Subd. 7. **Tampering with ballot box.** A person may not willfully tamper with or open  
48.4 a ballot box, including a ballot drop box, except for the purpose of conducting official duties  
48.5 as expressly authorized by law.

48.6 Subd. 8. **Tampering with statewide voter registration system, registration list, or**  
48.7 **polling place roster.** Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly  
48.8 authorized by law, a person may not mutilate or erase any name, figure, or word on a voter  
48.9 registration list or polling place roster; remove or destroy a registration list or polling place  
48.10 roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove any part of a list or roster from the place where it has  
48.11 been deposited with an intention to destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any  
48.12 person, or to prevent any voter from voting.

48.13 Subd. 9. **Unauthorized access to statewide voter registration system.** A person may  
48.14 not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except  
48.15 for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

48.16 Subd. 10. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for  
48.17 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order  
48.18 restraining violations of this section if that person:

48.19 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person  
48.20 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,  
48.21 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

48.22 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation  
48.23 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to  
48.24 violate any provision of this section.

48.25 Subd. 11. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person  
48.26 who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

48.27 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or an election official may bring a civil  
48.28 action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section.

48.29 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this  
48.30 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with  
48.31 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as  
48.32 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,



49.1 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may  
 49.2 impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

49.3 (d) Civil remedies allowable under this section are cumulative and do not restrict any  
 49.4 other right or remedy otherwise available. An action for a penalty or remedy under this  
 49.5 section must be brought within two years of the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.  
 49.6 The complaint process provided in sections 211B.31 to 211B.36 does not apply to violations  
 49.7 of this section.

49.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023, and applies to violations  
 49.9 occurring on or after that date.

49.10 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.11 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person ~~may not display campaign~~  
 49.12 ~~material, post signs,~~ must not:

49.13 (1) ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter to vote for or refrain  
 49.14 from voting for a candidate or ballot question; or

49.15 (2) wear, exhibit, or distribute any item that displays:

49.16 (i) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;

49.17 (ii) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the  
 49.18 ballot; or

49.19 (iii) the name, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on the ballot.

49.20 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,  
 49.21 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

49.22 (b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) apply during voting hours:

49.23 (1) throughout the absentee and early voting periods:

49.24 (i) within a polling place; and

49.25 (ii) within 100 feet of the room in which a polling place is situated, to the extent  
 49.26 practicable; and

49.27 (2) on the day of a primary or general election:

49.28 (i) within a polling place ~~or~~;

49.29 (ii) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, ~~or~~; and

50.1 ~~(iii) anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary~~  
50.2 ~~or election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person~~  
50.3 ~~may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at~~  
50.4 ~~or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political~~  
50.5 ~~button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary~~  
50.6 ~~or election day. This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal~~  
50.7 ~~clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.~~

50.8 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as  
50.9 provided in section 204B.49.

50.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023.

50.11 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

50.12 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~  
50.13 paragraphs (b) and (c), a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be  
50.14 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the  
50.15 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

50.16 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and  
50.17 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign  
50.18 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

50.19 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may only be enforced as provided in section 211B.076.

50.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

50.21 Sec. 63. **CERTIFICATION.**

50.22 The secretary of state must certify to the revisor of statutes that the statewide voter  
50.23 registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow for tracking of the  
50.24 information required to conduct early voting and can handle the expected volume of use.

50.25 Sec. 64. **RANKED CHOICE VOTING GRANTS.**

50.26 Subdivision 1. **Authorized costs.** (a) A local government may apply for a grant to support  
50.27 the following costs related to the implementation of ranked choice voting:

50.28 (1) equipment upgrades and associated professional consulting; and

50.29 (2) public education campaigns related to local use of ranked choice voting.

51.1 Subd. 2. **Application.** The secretary of state may make a grant to a political subdivision  
51.2 only after receiving an application from the political subdivision. The application must  
51.3 contain:

51.4 (1) the date the application is submitted;

51.5 (2) the name of the political subdivision;

51.6 (3) the name and title of the individual who prepared the application;

51.7 (4) the type of voting system currently used in each precinct in the political subdivision  
51.8 and whether the system's software functionality currently supports the implementation of  
51.9 ranked choice voting;

51.10 (5) the total number of registered voters, as of the date of the application, in each precinct  
51.11 in the political subdivision;

51.12 (6) the total amount of the grant requested, itemized by the purposes for which the grant  
51.13 will be used;

51.14 (7) the total amount and source of the political subdivision's money to be used to match  
51.15 a grant from the account;

51.16 (8) a certified statement by the political subdivision that the grant will be used only for  
51.17 purposes authorized by this section; and

51.18 (9) any other information required by the secretary of state.

51.19 The deadline to submit grant applications is December 15, 2024.

51.20 Subd. 3. **Awarding grants.** (a) The secretary of state must not award more than 20  
51.21 percent of the funds for grants for equipment upgrades and associated professional consulting.  
51.22 The secretary of state must not award more than \$100,000 in grants to any jurisdiction.

51.23 (b) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (a), a local government is eligible to receive  
51.24 a grant of no more than ... percent of the total cost of equipment upgrades and associated  
51.25 professional consulting and ... percent of the total cost of public educational campaigns  
51.26 related to local use of ranked choice voting. A local government may partner with and  
51.27 provide grant funds to third-party entities to assist with a public education campaign.

51.28 (c) The secretary of state must establish a procedure for awarding and distributing grants  
51.29 and a process for verifying the proper use of the grants after distribution. In evaluating the  
51.30 applications, the secretary of state must consider only the information set forth in the  
51.31 application and is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, including Minnesota Statutes,  
51.32 section 14.386. If the secretary of state determines that the application has been fully and

52.1 properly completed, and that there are sufficient funds available to award the grant, either  
 52.2 in whole or in part, the secretary of state may approve the application, subject to the  
 52.3 limitations in paragraph (a). The secretary of state must distribute the grant to a local  
 52.4 government within 30 days of the local government providing proof to the secretary of state  
 52.5 that the local government has adopted ranked choice voting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,  
 52.6 section 204E.03. If a local government does not provide proof of adoption of ranked choice  
 52.7 voting by November 1, 2025, the grant funds must not be distributed and the funds must  
 52.8 be made available for additional grants as provided in paragraph (d).

52.9 (d) The secretary of state must use any available balance of an appropriation for grants  
 52.10 under this section that remains on November 15, 2025, for a second round of grants.  
 52.11 Applications for the second round of grants are due on December 15, 2025. The process  
 52.12 specified in this section applies to applying for and receiving grants. The secretary of state  
 52.13 may award a second grant to a local government provided the local government does not  
 52.14 receive more than \$100,000 total in grants. If a local government does not provide proof of  
 52.15 adoption of ranked choice voting within one year of the grant application being approved,  
 52.16 the grant funds must not be distributed.

52.17 Subd. 4. **Report to the legislature.** No later than January 15, 2026, and annually  
 52.18 thereafter until the appropriations provided for grants under this section have been exhausted,  
 52.19 the secretary of state must submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
 52.20 over elections policy on grants awarded by this section. The report must include:

52.21 (1) a list of each grant awarded and each grant distributed including the jurisdiction, the  
 52.22 amount of the grant, how the funding will be spent, and, if equipment will be purchased,  
 52.23 the type of equipment to be purchased;

52.24 (2) any grant not distributed pursuant to subdivision 3, paragraph (d); and

52.25 (3) the remaining balance of the appropriation for grants.

52.26 **Sec. 65. RANKED CHOICE VOTING TASK FORCE.**

52.27 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** A Ranked Choice Voting Task Force is established. The purpose  
 52.28 of the task force is to engage election officials, state and local lawmakers, and community  
 52.29 members for the purpose of assessing the adoption and implementation of statewide ranked  
 52.30 choice voting and recommending implementation standards for local adoption.

52.31 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of:

52.32 (1) the secretary of state or their designee;

- 53.1 (2) the state election director or their designee;
- 53.2 (3) four representatives of counties with experience administering elections, appointed
- 53.3 by the Minnesota Association of County Officers, as follows:
- 53.4 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;
- 53.5 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
- 53.6 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;
- 53.7 (4) four representatives of cities with experience administering elections, appointed by
- 53.8 the League of Minnesota Cities, as follows:
- 53.9 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;
- 53.10 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
- 53.11 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;
- 53.12 (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 53.13 of representatives;
- 53.14 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
- 53.15 (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the
- 53.16 house of representatives;
- 53.17 (8) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 53.18 (9) one representative of community-based organizations with demonstrated experience
- 53.19 and interest in voting methods and election administration, appointed by the governor;
- 53.20 (10) one representative who has experience administering elections at the county or city
- 53.21 level, appointed by the governor;
- 53.22 (11) one representative appointed by the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans;
- 53.23 (12) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 53.24 (13) one representative appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 53.25 (14) one representative appointed by the Indian Affairs Council;
- 53.26 (15) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Disability;
- 53.27 (16) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind,
- 53.28 and Hard of Hearing; and

54.1 (17) one town clerk with experience administering elections, appointed by the Minnesota  
54.2 Association of Townships.

54.3 The cochairs of the task force are encouraged to request the participation of at least two  
54.4 members of Minnesota's congressional delegation, or their designees, including one member  
54.5 of the United States House of Representatives and one member of the United States Senate.  
54.6 These members serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the task force.

54.7 (b) Members of the task force are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,  
54.8 subdivision 6.

54.9 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than  
54.10 August 1, 2023. No later than August 15, 2023, a designee appointed by the secretary of  
54.11 state must convene the first meeting of the task force. The secretary of state, or the secretary's  
54.12 designee, and the gubernatorial appointee with experience administering elections at the  
54.13 county or city level shall serve as cochairs of the task force.

54.14 (b) The task force must meet at least monthly until the first report is submitted to the  
54.15 legislature. After submission of the first report, the task force must meet regularly.

54.16 (c) The task force is subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

54.17 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide support staff,  
54.18 office space, and administrative services for the task force.

54.19 Subd. 5. **Reports.** By February 15, 2024, January 15, 2025, February 15, 2026, and  
54.20 January 15, 2027, the task force must submit reports to the chairs and ranking minority  
54.21 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections. The report due by  
54.22 January 15, 2027, is the final report of the task force unless the task force, by majority vote,  
54.23 deems an earlier report to be the final report. Each report must include the content required  
54.24 by subdivisions 6 and 7, or a statement that the task force has not reached agreement on an  
54.25 item.

54.26 Subd. 6. **Statewide ranked choice voting; report requirements.** The reports required  
54.27 by subdivision 5 must include the following, or where applicable, a statement that the task  
54.28 force has not reached agreement on an item:

54.29 (1) an assessment of the feasibility of adopting statewide ranked choice voting,  
54.30 particularly the impact on local election administration and voter experience;

54.31 (2) an assessment of system readiness and any challenges, obstacles, or barriers to  
54.32 adoption or implementation of statewide rank choice voting;

55.1 (3) recommendations on the standards and rules that would be needed to implement  
55.2 statewide ranked choice voting;

55.3 (4) draft legislation to implement statewide ranked choice voting;

55.4 (5) identification of any educational needs for public awareness and training for election  
55.5 officials, candidates, and the public, with a particular focus on communities with language  
55.6 barriers or new voters;

55.7 (6) an assessment of the technology required to implement statewide rank choice voting,  
55.8 including an inventory of current voting equipment across the state; assessment of the  
55.9 feasibility of statewide ranked choice voting with varied election equipment and systems;  
55.10 and recommendations for upgrading technology, where necessary or prudent; and

55.11 (7) recommended appropriations required to implement statewide ranked choice voting,  
55.12 including equipment and software, education, and training.

55.13 Subd. 7. **Local option ranked choice voting; report requirements.** The reports required  
55.14 by subdivision 5 must include the following, or where applicable, a statement that the task  
55.15 force has not reached agreement on an item:

55.16 (1) an assessment of the feasibility of local governments adopting ranked choice voting  
55.17 in conjunction with state general elections, including cross-county municipalities and school  
55.18 districts;

55.19 (2) an assessment of the system readiness and any challenges, obstacles, or barriers to  
55.20 adoption or implementation of local option ranked choice voting in conjunction with a state  
55.21 general election;

55.22 (3) recommendations on the standards and rules that would be needed to conduct local  
55.23 option ranked choice voting in conjunction with a state general election; and

55.24 (4) draft legislation necessary to implement local option ranked choice voting in  
55.25 conjunction with a state general election.

55.26 Subd. 8. **Sunset.** The task force expires June 30, 2027, or upon submission of the task  
55.27 force's final report, whichever is earlier.

55.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, provided that the designated  
55.29 appointing authorities may take actions necessary to name members to serve on the task  
55.30 force beginning the day following final enactment of this act.

56.1 Sec. 66. **REPEALER.**

56.2 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is repealed.

56.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023."

56.4 Amend the title accordingly