

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Journal of the Senate

NINETY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

NINETEENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, February 8, 2023

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Boldon imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Jennifer McNally.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Dziedzic	Jasinski	Mathews	Pratt
Anderson	Eichorn	Johnson	Maye Quade	Putnam
Bahr	Farnsworth	Klein	McEwen	Rarick
Boldon	Fatch	Koran	Miller	Rasmusson
Carlson	Frentz	Kreun	Mitchell	Rest
Champion	Green	Kunesh	Mohamed	Seeberger
Cwodzinski	Gruenhagen	Kupec	Morrison	Utke
Dahms	Gustafson	Latz	Murphy	Weber
Dibble	Hauschild	Lieske	Nelson	Wesenberg
Dornink	Hawj	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Draheim	Hoffman	Lucero	Pappas	Westrom
Drazkowski	Housley	Mann	Pha	Wiklund
Duckworth	Howe	Marty	Port	Xiong

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

As the Senate Minority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes

3.97: Legislative Audit Commission - appoint Senators Bahr, Drazkowski, and Koran to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Senator Mark Johnson
Senate Republican Leader

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear President Champion:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 8, S.F. No. 33.

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Melissa Hortman
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Acts of the 2023 Session of the State Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 2023	Date Filed 2023
	26	6	1:53 p.m. February 7	February 7
	7	7	2:19 p.m. February 7	February 7
33		8	1:54 p.m. February 7	February 7

Sincerely,
Steve Simon
Secretary of State

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, herewith returned:

S.F. No. 33: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money to the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services for enhanced criminal enforcement and related initiatives.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned February 6, 2023

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House Files, herewith transmitted: H.F. Nos. 121 and 90.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 6, 2023

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

H.F. No. 121: A bill for an act relating to competency attainment; making certain technical changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 611.41, subdivisions 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, by adding a subdivision; 611.42, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 611.43, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 611.44, subdivisions 1, 2; 611.45, subdivision 3; 611.46, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 611.47; 611.48; 611.49; 611.51; 611.55; 611.56; 611.57; 611.58; 611.59; Laws 2022, chapter 99, article 3, section 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.F. No. 90: A bill for an act relating to public defenders; appropriating money for the Board of Public Defense.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Dzierdzic moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted.

The question was taken on the adoption of the motion.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 48 and nays 14, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dziedzic	Kreun	Mohamed	Rarick
Boldon	Fateh	Kunesh	Morrison	Rest
Carlson	Frentz	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Champion	Gustafson	Latz	Nelson	Weber
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Dahms	Hoffman	Mann	Pappas	Westrom
Dibble	Housley	Marty	Pha	Wiklund
Dornink	Jasinski	McEwen	Port	Xiong
Draheim	Johnson	Miller	Pratt	
Duckworth	Klein	Mitchell	Putnam	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Morrison cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senator: Wiklund.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Eichorn	Gruenhagen	Lieske	Utke
Bahr	Farnsworth	Howe	Mathews	Wesenberg
Drazkowski	Green	Koran	Rasmusson	

The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing for paid family, pregnancy, bonding, and applicant's serious medical condition benefits; regulating and requiring certain employment leaves; classifying certain data; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.719, by adding a subdivision; 177.27, subdivision 4; 181.032; 256J.561, by adding a subdivision; 256J.95, subdivisions 3, 11; 256P.01, subdivision 3; 268.19, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268B.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 20, delete everything before "data" and insert "The"

Page 1, line 21, after "(b)" insert "may be exchanged between the department and the Department of Labor and Industry"

Page 6, line 15, delete the first period

Page 29, after line 10, insert:

"(d) The commissioner must provide an opportunity for the employer to submit relevant information."

Page 29, line 11, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)"

Page 29, line 12, after "applicant" insert "or employer"

Page 29, line 15, delete "(e)" and insert "(f)"

Page 29, line 22, after "applicant" insert "or employer"

Page 30, delete line 30 and insert "has been deemed eligible for benefits under this chapter."

Page 31, delete lines 1 and 2

Page 33, delete subdivision 3 and insert:

"Subd. 3. **Waiver of rights as condition of employment prohibited.** No employer may require any employee or applicant to waive or limit any right or benefit under this chapter as a condition of employment."

Page 36, delete subdivision 8 and insert:

"Subd. 8. **Remedies.** (a) In addition to any other remedies available to an employee in law or equity, an employee injured by a violation of this section may bring a civil action to recover:

(1) any and all damages recoverable at law;

(2) reasonable interest on the amount of damages awarded;

(3) an additional amount as liquidated damages equal to the sum of the amount described in clause (1), except that if an employer who has violated the provisions of this section proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the act or omission which violated the provisions of this section was in good faith or that the employer had reasonable grounds for believing that the act or omission was not a violation of the provisions of this section, the court may, in the discretion of the court, reduce the amount of the liability to the amount determined under clause (1); and

(4) such injunctive and other equitable relief as determined by a court or jury, including employment, reinstatement, and promotion.

(b) An action to recover damages or equitable relief prescribed in paragraph (a) may be maintained against any employer in any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction by any one or more employees. Rule 23 of the Rules of Civil Procedure applies to this section.

(c) The court in an action under this section may, in addition to any judgment awarded to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, allow a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney fees, reasonable expert witness fees, and other costs of the action incurred by the plaintiff to be paid by the defendant.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow an employee to recover damages from an employer for the denial of benefits under this chapter by the department, unless the employer unlawfully interfered with the application for benefits under subdivision 2.

(e) An employee bringing a civil action under this section is entitled to a jury trial. An employee cannot waive their right to a jury trial under this section including, but not limited to, by signing an agreement to submit claims to arbitration."

Page 44, lines 23 and 26, delete "is" and insert "may be"

Page 44, after line 27, insert:

"(c) An employer shall not be subject to any penalty under this section upon a reasonable showing that the employer's act or omission which violated the provisions of this chapter was in good faith

or that the employer had reasonable grounds for believing that the act or omission was not a violation of the provisions of this section."

Page 53, line 17, delete "No employer having terminated an" and insert "It is not a violation of this section to terminate an employee for obtaining benefits through intentional misrepresentation."

Page 53, delete lines 18 and 19

Page 62, line 23, delete "subdivision" and insert "section"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 667: A bill for an act relating to children; making changes to the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 260.753; 260.755, subdivisions 1a, 3, 20, 22, by adding subdivisions; 260.761; 260.7611; 260.762; 260.765, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding subdivisions; 260.771; 260.781; 260.785, subdivision 2; 260.791; 260.795, subdivision 1; 260.805; 260.821, subdivision 2; 260.835, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 260.755, subdivision 17.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 12, delete "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 5, lines 24 and 27, delete "child placement" and insert "child-placing"

Page 5, line 28, delete "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 7, line 25, delete "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 16, line 30, delete the first "child-placing" and insert "child placement"

Page 17, line 3, delete the first "child-placing" and insert "child placement"

Page 17, lines 19, 21, and 25, strike "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 18, line 14, delete "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 19, line 11, strike "custody" and insert "placement"

Page 20, line 3, delete "local social service" and insert "child-placing"

Page 27, line 13, delete "eighteen" and insert "18"

Page 30, line 18, delete "2d" and insert "2a"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 73: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; establishing the Office of Cannabis Management; establishing advisory councils; requiring reports relating to cannabis use and sales; legalizing and limiting the possession and use of cannabis by adults; providing for the licensing, inspection, and regulation of cannabis businesses; requiring testing of cannabis flower and cannabinoid products; requiring labeling of cannabis flower and cannabinoid products; limiting the advertisement of cannabis flower, cannabinoid products, and cannabis businesses; providing for the cultivation of cannabis in private residences; transferring regulatory authority for the medical cannabis program; taxing the sale of adult-use cannabis; establishing grant and loan programs; amending criminal penalties; establishing expungement procedures for certain individuals; establishing labor standards for the use of cannabis by employees and testing of employees; providing for the temporary regulation of certain edible cannabinoid products; providing for professional licensing protections; amending the scheduling of marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinols; classifying data; making miscellaneous cannabis-related changes and additions; making clarifying and technical changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.411, by adding a subdivision; 13.871, by adding a subdivision; 34A.01, subdivision 4; 144.99, subdivision 1; 151.72; 152.01, by adding subdivisions; 152.02, subdivisions 2, 4; 152.021, subdivision 2; 152.022, subdivisions 1, 2; 152.023, subdivisions 1, 2; 152.024, subdivision 1; 152.025, subdivisions 1, 2; 181.938, subdivision 2; 181.950, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 8, 13, by adding a subdivision; 181.951, by adding subdivisions; 181.952, by adding a subdivision; 181.953; 181.954; 181.955; 181.957, subdivision 1; 244.05, subdivision 2; 245C.08, subdivision 1; 256.01, subdivision 18c; 256B.0625, subdivision 13d; 256D.024, subdivisions 1, 3; 256J.26, subdivisions 1, 3; 273.13, subdivision 24; 275.025, subdivision 2; 290.0132, subdivision 29; 290.0134, subdivision 19; 297A.61, subdivision 3; 297A.67, subdivisions 2, 7; 297A.70, subdivisions 2, 18; 297A.99, by adding a subdivision; 297D.01; 297D.04; 297D.06; 297D.07; 297D.08; 297D.085; 297D.09, subdivision 1a; 297D.10; 297D.11; 340A.412, subdivision 14; 609.135, subdivision 1; 609.5311, subdivision 1; 609.5314, subdivision 1; 609.5316, subdivision 2; 609A.01; 609A.03, subdivisions 5, 9; 609B.425, subdivision 2; 609B.435, subdivision 2; 624.712, by adding subdivisions; 624.713, subdivision 1; 624.714, subdivision 6; 624.7142, subdivision 1; 624.7151; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; 116J; 116L; 120B; 144; 152; 289A; 295; 340A; 609A; 624; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 151.72; 152.027, subdivisions 3, 4; 152.21; 152.22, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; 152.23; 152.24; 152.25, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 4; 152.26; 152.261; 152.27, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; 152.28, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 152.29, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4; 152.30; 152.31; 152.32, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 152.33, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 152.34; 152.35; 152.36, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5; 152.37; Minnesota Rules, parts 4770.0100; 4770.0200; 4770.0300; 4770.0400; 4770.0500; 4770.0600; 4770.0800; 4770.0900; 4770.1000; 4770.1100; 4770.1200; 4770.1300; 4770.1400; 4770.1460; 4770.1500; 4770.1600; 4770.1700; 4770.1800; 4770.1900; 4770.2000; 4770.2100; 4770.2200; 4770.2300; 4770.2400; 4770.2700; 4770.2800; 4770.4000; 4770.4002; 4770.4003; 4770.4004; 4770.4005; 4770.4007; 4770.4008; 4770.4009; 4770.4010; 4770.4012; 4770.4013; 4770.4014; 4770.4015; 4770.4016; 4770.4017; 4770.4018; 4770.4030.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, delete line 19

Page 5, line 20, delete "(2)" and insert "(1)"

Page 5, line 21, delete "(3)" and insert "(2)"

Page 5, line 23, delete "(4)" and insert "(3)"

Page 23, line 3, delete everything after "(4)" and insert "is substantively similar to a meat food product; poultry food product as defined in section 31A.02, subdivision 10; or a dairy product as defined in section 32D.01, subdivision 7;"

Page 23, after line 3, insert:

"(5) contains a synthetic cannabinoid;"

Page 23, line 4, delete "(5)" and insert "(6)"

Page 23, line 7, delete "(6)" and insert "(7)"

Page 23, line 24, delete everything after the period

Page 23, delete lines 25 and 26

Page 49, lines 2 and 4, before "feet" insert "square"

Page 50, line 24, after "office" insert "in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture, subject to subdivision 4,"

Page 51, line 3, delete "Pesticides" and insert "Agricultural chemicals and other inputs"

Page 51, line 4, after "18B," insert "18C," and delete "18E" and after "pesticide" insert ", fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment"

Page 51, line 14, delete "limitation" and insert "permit" and delete "must not" and insert "may"

Page 51, line 16, delete everything after the period

Page 51, delete line 17

Page 119, line 30, after the period, insert "The report must include geographic information regarding the issuance of grants and loans under this section, the repayment rate of loans issued under subdivision 5, and a summary of the amount of loans forgiven."

Page 216, after line 3, insert:

"(4) is substantively similar to a meat food product; poultry food product as defined in section 31A.02, subdivision 10; or a dairy product as defined in section 32D.01, subdivision 7;"

Page 216, line 4, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)"

Page 216, line 6, strike "(5)" and insert "(6)"

Page 216, line 8, strike "(6)" and insert "(7)"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

REPORT OF VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rule 12.10, upon the request of three members, a roll call was taken on the motion that S.F. No. 73, be recommended to pass as amended and be re-referred.

There were yeas 5 and nays 4, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Senators Gustafson, Kunesh, Kupec, Putnam, and Seeberger.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Senators Anderson, Dahms, Dornink, and Westrom.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 405: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing that covenants not to compete are void and unenforceable; providing for the protection of substantive provisions of Minnesota law to apply to matters arising in Minnesota; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 19, delete everything after "(a)"

Page 1, line 20, delete everything before "any"

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 10

Page 2, line 11, delete "(c)" and insert "(b)"

Page 2, line 14, delete "(d)" and insert "(c)"

Page 2, delete lines 29 to 32

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

REPORT OF VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rule 12.10, upon the request of three members, a roll call was taken on the motion that S.F. No. 405, be recommended to pass as amended and be re-referred.

There were yeas 5 and nays 4, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Senators Hauschild, Kupec, McEwen, Oumou Verbeten, and Pappas.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen, Lieske, and Wesenberg.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred

H.F. No. 28: A bill for an act relating to elections; restoring the right to vote to individuals convicted of a felony upon completion of any term of incarceration imposed and executed by a court for the offense; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.014, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.10; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 201; 243.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that H.F. No. 28, the unofficial engrossment, do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Dziejczak, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 50 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
50	75				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 757: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for computer science education advancement; authorizing rulemaking.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "FUND" and insert "PROGRAM"

Page 2, delete subdivision 2

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 5, line 5, delete "fund shall" insert "appropriation must"

Page 7, delete lines 11 and 12

Page 7, line 13, delete "(g)" and insert "(f)"

Page 7, line 27, delete everything after "number" and insert "and percent of students taking AP computer science placement exams and the number and percent of students passing AP computer science placement exams."

Page 7, delete line 28

Page 7, line 29, delete "(h)" and insert "(g)"

Page 8, line 22, delete "(a)"

Page 8, delete lines 26 to 33

Page 9, delete lines 1 to 4

Page 9, line 10, delete the colon

Page 9, delete lines 11 and 12

Page 9, line 13, delete "(2)"

Page 10, line 5, delete "fund" and insert "program"

Page 10, after line 6, insert:

"Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. STEM grants. (a) For grants to STEM-focused programs that work directly with students providing additional STEM education through after school programming or new in school programs:

<u>\$</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>\$</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2025</u>

(b) Eligible grant recipients are schools and school districts or nonprofits that are currently offering STEM-focused programming for kindergarten to grade 12 students in after school programs. Priority must be giving to programs with high free and reduced-priced lunch populations and programs in schools or districts receiving sparsity revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10.

(c) Grant awards must not exceed \$125,000 per recipient.

(d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel and is available in the second year.

Subd. 3. **Computer science education advancement.** (a) For computer science advancement:

\$	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2025</u>

(b) Eligible uses of the appropriation include expenses related to the implementation of section 1, and expenses related to the development, advancement, and promotion of kindergarten through grade 12 computer science education.

(c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel and is available in the second year.

(d) The base appropriation for fiscal years 2026 and later is \$4,000,000."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "rulemaking" insert "; appropriating money"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1090: A bill for an act relating to education; delaying review of physical education standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 4.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 252: A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; increasing the civil penalties for unlawful robocalls; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.31.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 5: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing requirements for the purchase of catalytic converters; providing for penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 325E.21, subdivisions 1b, 2, 5, 6, by adding subdivisions; 609.5316, subdivision 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce.

(c) "Law enforcement agency" or "agency" means a duly authorized municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement agency.

(d) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity.

(e) "Scrap metal" means:

(1) wire and cable commonly and customarily used by communication and electric utilities; and

(2) copper, aluminum, or any other metal purchased primarily for its reuse or recycling value as raw metal, including metal that is combined with other materials at the time of purchase, but does not include a scrap vehicle as defined in section 168A.1501, subdivision 1.

(f) "Scrap metal dealer" or "dealer" means a person engaged in the business of buying or selling scrap metal, or both. The terms include a scrap metal processor, as described in section 168.27, subdivision 3a.

The terms do not include a person engaged exclusively in the business of buying or selling new or used motor vehicles, paper or wood products, rags or furniture, or secondhand machinery.

(g) "Seller" means any seller, prospective seller, or agent of the seller.

(h) "Proof of identification" means a driver's license, Minnesota identification card number, or other identification document issued for identification purposes by any state, federal, or foreign government if the document includes the person's photograph, full name, birth date, and signature.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

Subd. 1b. **Purchase or acquisition record required.** ~~(a) Any person who purchases or receives a catalytic converter must comply with this section.~~

~~(b)~~ Every scrap metal dealer, including an agent, employee, or representative of the dealer, shall create a permanent record written in English, using an electronic record program at the time of each purchase or acquisition of scrap metal. The record must include:

(1) a complete and accurate account or description, including the weight if customarily purchased by weight, of the scrap metal purchased or acquired;

(2) the date, time, and place of the receipt of the scrap metal purchased or acquired and a unique transaction identifier;

(3) a photocopy or electronic scan of the seller's proof of identification including the identification number;

(4) the amount paid and the number of the check or electronic transfer used to purchase or acquire the scrap metal;

(5) the license plate number and description of the vehicle used by the person when delivering the scrap metal, including the vehicle make and model, and any identifying marks on the vehicle, such as a business name, decals, or markings, if applicable;

(6) a statement signed by the seller, under penalty of perjury as provided in section 609.48, attesting that the scrap metal is not stolen and is free of any liens or encumbrances and the seller has the right to sell it;

(7) a copy of the receipt, which must include at least the following information: the name and address of the dealer, the date and time the scrap metal was received by the dealer, an accurate description of the scrap metal, and the amount paid for the scrap metal;

(8) in order to purchase or acquire a detached catalytic converter, the vehicle identification number of the car it was removed from or, as an alternative, any numbers, bar codes, stickers, or other unique markings that result, whether resulting from the pilot project created under subdivision 2b or some other source. The alternative number must be under a numbering system that can be immediately linked to the vehicle identification number by law enforcement; and

(9) ~~the name of the person who removed the catalytic converter~~ identity, or identifier, of the employee completing the transaction.

~~(e)~~ (b) The record, as well as the scrap metal purchased or ~~received~~ acquired, shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any properly identified law enforcement officer.

~~(d)~~ (c) Except for the purchase or acquisition of detached catalytic converters, no record is required for property purchased or acquired from merchants, manufacturers, salvage pools, insurance companies, rental car companies, financial institutions, charities, dealers licensed under section 168.27, or wholesale dealers, having an established place of business, or of any goods purchased or acquired at open sale from any bankrupt stock, but a receipt as required under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a), clause (7), shall be obtained and kept by the person, which must be shown upon demand to any properly identified law enforcement officer.

~~(e)~~ (d) The dealer must provide a copy of the receipt required under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a), clause (7), to the seller in every transaction.

~~(f)~~ (e) The commissioner of public safety and law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction where a dealer is located may conduct regular and routine inspections and audits as necessary to ensure compliance, refer violations to the city or county attorney for criminal prosecution, and notify the registrar of motor vehicles.

~~(g)~~ (f) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a scrap metal dealer or the dealer's agent, employee, or representative may not disclose personal information concerning a customer without the customer's consent unless the disclosure is required by law or made in response to a request

from a law enforcement agency. A scrap metal dealer must implement reasonable safeguards to protect the security of the personal information and prevent unauthorized access to or disclosure of the information. For purposes of this paragraph, "personal information" is any individually identifiable information gathered in connection with a record under paragraph (a).

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Retention required.** Records required to be maintained by ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 1a or, 1b, 11, 12, and 13, shall be retained by the scrap metal dealer for a period of three years.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Registration required.** (a) Every scrap metal dealer shall register annually with the commissioner of public safety.

(b) The scrap metal dealer shall pay to the commissioner of public safety a \$50 annual fee.

(c) The names and addresses of scrap metal dealers registered under this subdivision is public data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 15, and must be provided by the commissioner of public safety upon request.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Training.** Each scrap metal dealer shall review the educational materials provided by the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension under section 299C.25 and ensure that all employees do so as well. A scrap metal dealer engaged in the purchase or acquisition of used catalytic converters shall ensure employees handling catalytic converter transactions are specifically trained and familiar with the additional requirements for catalytic converters.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Criminal penalty.** ~~A scrap metal dealer, or the agent, employee, or representative of the dealer,~~ (a) Anyone who intentionally violates a provision of this section, except for subdivision 11, 12, or 13, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates subdivision 11, 12, or 13 is guilty of a:

(1) misdemeanor for possession, purchase, or acquisition of one catalytic converter;

(2) gross misdemeanor for possession, purchase, or acquisition of two catalytic converters;

(3) felony for possession, purchase, or acquisition of three to ten catalytic converters, which felony is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years, payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both;

(4) felony for possession, purchase, or acquisition of 11 to 70 catalytic converters, which felony is punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten years, by payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both; and

(5) felony for possession, purchase, or acquisition of 71 or more catalytic converters, which felony is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, by payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Prohibition on possessing catalytic converters; exception.** (a) It is unlawful for a person to possess a used catalytic converter that is not attached to a motor vehicle except when:

(1) the converter is marked with the date the converter was removed from the vehicle and the identification number of the vehicle from which the converter was removed or an alternative number to the vehicle identification number; or

(2) the converter has been EPA certified for reuse as a replacement part.

(b) If an alternative number to the vehicle identification number is used, it must be under a numbering system that can be immediately linked to the vehicle identification number by law enforcement. The marking of the vehicle identification or alternative number may be made in any permanent manner, including but not limited to an engraving or use of permanent ink. The marking must clearly and legibly indicate the date removed and the vehicle identification number or the alternative number and the method by which law enforcement can link the converter to the vehicle identification number.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Prohibition.** It is unlawful for a person who is not a registered scrap metal dealer to purchase or acquire a used catalytic converter that is not EPA certified for reuse as a replacement part except when the catalytic converter is attached to a motor vehicle. A used catalytic converter that is EPA certified for reuse as a replacement part may be sold to a person or business for reuse as a replacement part for a motor vehicle when the requirements of subdivision 11 are met.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Purchase or acquisition of catalytic converters.** (a) It is unlawful for a scrap metal dealer to purchase or acquire a used catalytic converter not attached to a motor vehicle unless the converter is marked as required under subdivision 11 and the seller provides a copy of the vehicle's title or registration in order to demonstrate the seller's ownership interest in the property. A bona fide business engaged in vehicle dismantling, vehicle demolishing, scrap metal recycling, or automotive repair services may remove a converter as part of auto repair work or auto recycling without a copy of the vehicle's title or registration, if the business provides:

(1) the identity of the seller's business and a written or electronic signature of the seller;

(2) an itemized list of each detached catalytic converter being sold that includes the donor vehicle identification number or a unique alternative number that can be readily linked to the vehicle identification number by law enforcement; and

(3) the date of the removal of each catalytic converter.

The registered scrap metal dealer purchasing or acquiring the catalytic converters must keep the transaction record, along with the identity and signature of the employee completing the transaction.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a scrap metal dealer may purchase or acquire a catalytic converter from a person possessing an old vehicle that is no longer registered and titled without a copy of the registration or title, if the person has an official law enforcement report stating that the agency has verified the person's ownership prior to the removal of the converter from the vehicle.

(c) A scrap metal dealer who purchases or acquires a used catalytic converter not attached to a motor vehicle must record the information received under this subdivision and subdivision 11, including the vehicle identification number or alternative number and the method by which law enforcement can link the converter to the vehicle identification number, and make the information available upon request to law enforcement and effective beginning August 1, 2024, enter the information into an electronic database available to a law enforcement agency as approved by the commissioner of public safety.

(d) A scrap metal dealer is prohibited from processing, selling, or removing a catalytic converter from the dealer's premises for at least seven days after the catalytic converter purchase or acquisition by the scrap metal dealer.

(e) A payment for a catalytic converter must not be made until at least five days after sale to the scrap metal dealer. Payment must be sent by check to the seller's address or a bank account in the seller's name.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.5316, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Weapons, telephone cloning paraphernalia, automated sales suppression devices, catalytic converters, and bullet-resistant vests. Weapons used are contraband and must be summarily forfeited to the appropriate agency upon conviction of the weapon's owner or possessor for a controlled substance crime; for any offense of this chapter or chapter 624, or for a violation of an order for protection under section 518B.01, subdivision 14. Bullet-resistant vests, as defined in section 609.486, worn or possessed during the commission or attempted commission of a crime are contraband and must be summarily forfeited to the appropriate agency upon conviction of the owner or possessor for a controlled substance crime or for any offense of this chapter. Telephone cloning paraphernalia used in a violation of section 609.894, and automated sales suppression devices, phantom-ware, and other devices containing an automated sales suppression or phantom-ware device or software used in violation of section 289A.63, subdivision 12, are contraband and must be summarily forfeited to the appropriate agency upon a conviction. A catalytic converter possessed

in violation of section 325E.21 is contraband and must be summarily forfeited to the appropriate agency upon a conviction.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing requirements for the purchase or acquisition of catalytic converters; providing for penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 325E.21, subdivisions 1, 1b, 2, 4, 5, 6, by adding subdivisions; 609.5316, subdivision 3."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans, to which was re-referred

H.F. No. 4: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying requirements for a noncompliant driver's license or Minnesota identification card and making related changes, including on eligibility, proof of lawful presence, primary and secondary documentation, and data practices; making technical changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.6905, by adding a subdivision; 168.327, subdivision 6; 171.04, subdivision 5; 171.06, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 171.07, subdivisions 1, 3; 171.12, subdivisions 7, 7a, 7b, 9, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.015, subdivision 7.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that H.F. No. 4 , the unofficial engrossment, do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 279: A bill for an act relating to transportation; designating a segment of marked Trunk Highway 5 in Chanhassen as Prince Rogers Nelson Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying provisions related to voter registration; absentee voting; requiring voting instructions, sample ballots, and election judges to be multilingual in certain situations; regulating intimidation, deceptive practices, and interference with voter registration and voting; campaign finance; establishing a Democracy Dollar coupon program; repealing the political contribution refund program; expanding the definition of express advocacy; providing penalties; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 11, 16a; 10A.02, subdivision 13; 10A.15, subdivision 1; 10A.20, subdivision 3; 10A.27, subdivision 11; 10A.34, subdivision 4; 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 201.014, by

adding a subdivision; 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2; 201.061, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4; 201.161; 201.162; 203B.04, subdivision 5; 203B.06, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.121, subdivision 2; 204C.10; 211B.15, subdivisions 1, 7, 7b, by adding subdivisions; 211B.32, subdivision 1; 289A.37, subdivision 2; 289A.50, subdivision 1; 290.01, subdivision 6; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 201; 204B; 211B; 243; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.4967, subdivision 2; 290.06, subdivision 23.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

STRENGTHEN THE FREEDOM TO VOTE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **Ineligible voter data.** Any data transferred to the secretary of state regarding applicants who are determined ineligible to register to vote is governed by section 201.161.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.014, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Felony conviction; restoration of civil right to vote.** An individual who is ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction has the civil right to vote restored during any period when the individual is not incarcerated for the offense. If the individual is later incarcerated for the offense, the individual's civil right to vote is lost only during that period of incarceration.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.054, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Registration.** (a) An individual may register to vote:

(1) at any time before the 20th day preceding any election as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 1;

(2) on the day of an election as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3; or

(3) when submitting an absentee ballot, by enclosing a completed registration application as provided in section 203B.04, subdivision 4.

(b) An individual who is under the age of 18, but who is at least 16 years of age and otherwise eligible, may submit a voter registration application as provided in section 201.061, subdivisions 1 and 1b.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.054, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Prohibitions; penalty.** No individual shall intentionally:

(1) cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered in any precinct if the individual is not eligible to vote, except as permitted by section 201.061, subdivision 1b;

(2) cause or attempt to cause the individual's name to be registered for the purpose of voting in more than one precinct;

(3) misrepresent the individual's identity when attempting to register to vote; or

(4) aid, abet, counsel, or procure any other individual to violate this subdivision.

A violation of this subdivision is a felony.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1b. **Preregistration.** An individual who is under the age of 18, but who is at least 16 years of age and meets all requirements for eligibility in section 201.014, except for age, may submit a voter registration application or be automatically registered under section 201.161 at the address in which the voter maintains residence pursuant to subdivision 1. Nothing in this section shall be construed to entitle an individual to appear on a polling place roster or cast a ballot at an election if the individual does not meet all eligibility requirements for voting, including age.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name, middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence; voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; a box to indicate a voter's preference to join the permanent absentee voter list; and voter's signature. The paper registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

"I certify that I:

(1) ~~will be at least 18 years old on election day~~ am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old to be eligible to vote;

(2) am a citizen of the United States;

(3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

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

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

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

(7) ~~have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence~~ am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

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

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

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

"(2) ~~Will you be 18 years old on or before election day~~ Are you at least 16 years old and will you be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the election in which you intend to vote?"

And the instruction:

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

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

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

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Public information lists.** The county auditor shall make available for inspection a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth, and voting history of each registered voter in the county. Data on applicants submitted pursuant to section 201.061, subdivision 1b, are not part of the public information list until the voter is registered or has voting history. The list must not include the party choice of any voter who voted in a presidential nomination primary. The telephone number must be included on the list if provided by the voter. The public information list may also include information on voting districts. The county auditor may adopt reasonable rules governing access to the list. No individual inspecting the public information list shall tamper with or alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information list or who acquires a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may use any information contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement. The secretary of state may provide copies of the public information lists and other information from the statewide registration system for uses related to elections, political activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a public official concerning a failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local tax statute.

Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement. Requests to

examine or obtain information from the public information lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state.

Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name from the public information list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the secretary of state and county auditor must withhold from the public information list the name of a registered voter.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.161, is amended to read:

**201.161 DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATIONS
AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Automatic registration.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual must be registered to vote if the individual is eligible to vote under section 201.014 and properly completes and submits one of the following applications, if the application includes documentation or verification of United States citizenship or records reflect that the applicant provided proof of citizenship during a previous agency transaction:

(1) an application for a new or renewed Minnesota driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card;

(2) an initial or renewal application for MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L; or

(3) an application for benefits or services to a state agency participating under subdivision 5.

(b) If a registered voter supplies a different name or address as part of an application under this subdivision from the name and address in the voter registration record, the registrant's voter registration record must be updated to reflect the name or address information provided.

Subd. 2. **Option to decline.** Upon receipt of the registration information, the county auditor must promptly mail to the individual a notice that provides an opportunity to decline the registration. The secretary of state may prescribe the form and content of this notice. An individual must not be registered if the individual declines to be registered within 20 days of submitting the application. An otherwise eligible individual who declines to register must be offered a new registration opportunity with each qualifying application submitted under subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Department of Public Safety.** (a) The ~~Department~~ commissioner of public safety shall, in consultation with the secretary of state, ~~must change its~~ the applications for an original, duplicate, or change of address driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card so that the forms may also serve as voter registration applications. ~~The forms must contain spaces for all information collected by voter registration applications prescribed by the secretary of state. Applicants for driver's licenses or identification cards must be asked if they want to register to vote at the same time and that information must be transmitted at least weekly any forms where applicants may provide documentation of United States citizenship contain spaces for all information required to register to vote, as prescribed by the secretary of state. Unless the applicant has provided an address other than the applicant's address of residence under section 171.12, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), the commissioner must transmit the information daily by electronic means to the secretary of state. Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the computerized driver's~~

license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license number or state identification number, county, ~~town~~, and city or town must be made available for access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration system. The commissioner must submit data to the secretary of state identifying the total number of individuals that completed qualifying transactions under this section and the total number of individuals whose records were ultimately transferred for registration. At a minimum, the commissioner must submit the data to the secretary of state on the same day each month. The secretary of state must publish a monthly report of this data.

(b) An applicant's information must not be transmitted to the secretary of state under this section unless the applicant provides documentation of United States citizenship or records maintained by the Department of Public Safety indicate that the applicant provided documentation demonstrating United States citizenship as part of a previous license or identification card transaction. If the applicant does not provide or has not previously provided documentation of United States citizenship, the commissioner must provide information during the transaction regarding voter registration and eligibility criteria. If the applicant provides documentation during the transaction indicating that the applicant is not a United States citizen, the applicant's information must not be transmitted to the secretary of state and the applicant must not be offered a voter registration opportunity.

(c) No applicant may be registered to vote under this subdivision until:

(1) the commissioner of public safety has certified that the department's systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and accurately exclude from transmission data on individuals who have not provided documentary evidence of United States citizenship; and

(2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining whether an applicant is eligible to submit a voter registration application.

The department's systems must be tested and accurately provide the necessary data no later than December 1, 2023.

(d) For purposes of this section, "driver's license" includes any instruction permit, provisional license, limited license, restricted license, or operator's permit issuable by the commissioner of public safety under chapter 171.

Subd. 4. Department of Human Services. (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the secretary of state, must ensure the applications described in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), also serve as voter registration applications for any individual whose name appears on the application and who has presented documentary proof of United States citizenship. If permitted by the federal government, the commissioner must, in consultation with the secretary of state, ensure an application for medical assistance under chapter 256B also serves as a voter registration application for any individual whose name appears on the application and who has presented documentary proof of United States citizenship. The applications must contain spaces for all information required to register to vote, as prescribed by the secretary of state. The commissioner must transmit information daily by electronic means to the secretary of state for an individual whose United States citizenship has been verified. The commissioner must submit data to the secretary of state identifying the total number of individuals who completed qualifying transactions under this

section and the total number of individuals whose records were ultimately transferred for registration. At a minimum, the commissioner must submit the data to the secretary of state on the same day each month.

(b) No applicant may be registered to vote under this subdivision until (1) the commissioner of human services has certified that the department's systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and accurately exclude from transmission data on individuals who have not provided documentary evidence of United States citizenship, and (2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining whether an applicant is eligible to vote. The department's systems must be tested and accurately provide the necessary data no later than December 1, 2025.

Subd. 5. **Other agencies and units of government.** (a) The governor must determine, in consultation with the secretary of state, whether any other state agency must implement automatic voter registration. A state agency must be considered if the agency collects, processes, or stores the following information as part of providing assistance or services: name, residential address, date of birth, and citizenship verification. A qualifying agency must submit a report to the governor and secretary of state no later than December 1, 2024, describing steps needed to implement automatic voter registration, barriers to implementation and ways to mitigate them, and applicable federal and state privacy protections for voter registration information. The final decision must be made by June 1, 2025, and is at the governor's sole discretion.

(b) An agency may not begin verifying citizenship as part of an agency transaction for the sole purpose of providing automatic voter registration. Once an agency has implemented automatic voter registration, it must continue to provide automatic voter registration unless otherwise expressly required by law.

(c) No applicant may be registered to vote under this subdivision until (1) the agency's commissioner has certified that the necessary systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and accurately exclude from transmission data on individuals who have not provided documentary evidence of United States citizenship, and (2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining whether an applicant is eligible to vote.

Subd. 6. **Registration.** (a) The secretary of state must compare all application information submitted under this section with the information received under section 201.145 to determine whether an applicant is eligible to vote. If an applicant appears on the list of individuals who are ineligible to vote, the secretary of state must not process the application further and must not share the applicant's information with the county for registration. For applicants who do not appear to be ineligible to vote, the secretary of state must determine whether the applicant whose information is submitted under this section is currently registered in the statewide voter registration system.

(b) If the applicant is not currently registered in the statewide voter registration system, the secretary of state must transmit the registration daily by electronic means to the county auditor of the county where the voter resides.

(c) Any data regarding applicants who the secretary determines are not eligible to vote are private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

(d) The county auditor must cancel the voter's record in the statewide voter registration system upon receipt of a written request, signed by the voter, that the registration be removed.

Subd. 7. **Prosecution of registration violations; voluntary action required.** For purposes of this section, the transfer of an individual's record under this section does not constitute an attempt to register to vote or a completion of a voter registration form by that individual. If such a registration is processed by the state and the individual thereafter attempts to vote or votes, it is presumed to have been officially authorized by the state and the individual is not subject to any penalty under this statute. This subdivision does not apply to an individual who knowingly and willfully makes a false statement to effectuate voter registration or who intentionally takes voluntary action to register to vote or vote knowing of the individual's ineligibility to vote.

Subd. 8. **Effective date of registration.** Unless the applicant declines registration, the effective date is the date that the county auditor processes the application. This subdivision does not limit the ability of a person to register to vote on election day as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3. Any person who submits a qualifying application under subdivision 1 that is dated during the 20 days before an election must be provided, at the time of application, with a notice advising the applicant of the procedures to register to vote on election day.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.162, is amended to read:

201.162 DUTIES OF STATE AGENCIES.

The commissioner or chief administrative officer of each state agency or community-based public agency or nonprofit corporation that contracts with the state agency to carry out obligations of the state agency shall provide voter registration services for employees and the public, including, as applicable, automatic voter registration or information on voter eligibility and registration procedures as required under section 201.161. A person may complete a voter registration application or apply to change a voter registration name or address if the person has the proper qualifications on the date of application. Nonpartisan voter registration assistance, including routinely asking members of the public served by the agency whether they would like to register to vote and, if necessary, assisting them in preparing the registration forms must be part of the job of appropriate agency employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 10. **[201.276] DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE; INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING RIGHTS.**

The secretary of state shall develop accurate and complete information in a single publication about the voting rights of people who have been charged with or convicted of a crime. The publication must include, at a minimum, information on what types of charges and convictions affect a person's right to vote and how the right to vote is affected and where and how to register to vote. This publication must be made available electronically to the state court administrator for distribution to judges, court personnel, probation officers, and the commissioner of corrections for distribution to corrections officials, parole and supervised release agents, and the public.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, an application for absentee ballots for any election may be submitted at any time not less than one day before the day of that election. The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

(1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

(2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the applicant maintains residence.

For a federal, state, or county election, an absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose. Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the secretary of state must require applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number, or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

An application submitted electronically under this paragraph may only be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the application information matches the information in a government database associated with the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

(b) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth, and at least one of the following:

(1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;

(2) Minnesota state identification card number;

(3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or

(4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

(c) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.

(d) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by an

electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk within ten days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than six days before the election. ~~The absentee ballot applications or a list of persons applying for an absentee ballot may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting on election day, except as authorized in section 203B.12, and must be available to the public in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.~~

(e) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot ~~application~~.

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

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Permanent absentee voter status.** (a) An eligible voter may apply to a county auditor or municipal clerk to automatically receive an absentee ballot ~~application~~ before each election, other than an election by mail conducted under section 204B.45, and to have the status as a permanent absentee voter indicated on the voter's registration record. An eligible voter listed as an ongoing absentee voter as of July 31, 2013, pursuant to laws in effect on that date, shall be treated as if the voter applied for status as a permanent absentee voter pursuant to this subdivision.

(b) A voter who applies under paragraph (a) must automatically be provided an absentee ballot ~~application~~ for each eligible election. A voter's permanent absentee status ends and automatic ballot ~~application~~ delivery must be terminated on:

- (1) the voter's written request;
- (2) the voter's death;
- (3) return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable; or
- (4) a change in the voter's status to "challenged" or "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

(c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules governing procedures under this subdivision.

(d) This subdivision does not apply to a voter residing in a jurisdiction that conducts elections entirely by mail under section 204B.45.

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

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Printing and delivery of forms.** Each county auditor and municipal clerk shall prepare and print a sufficient number of blank application forms for absentee ballots. The county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver a blank application form to any voter who requests one pursuant to section 203B.04. ~~Blank application forms must be mailed to eligible voters who have requested an application pursuant to section 203B.04, subdivision 5, at least 60 days before:~~

~~(1) each regularly scheduled primary for federal, state, county, city, or school board office;~~

~~(2) each regularly scheduled general election for city or school board office for which a primary is not held; and~~

~~(3) a special primary to fill a federal or county office vacancy or special election to fill a federal or county office vacancy, if a primary is not required to be held pursuant to section 204D.03, subdivision 3, or 204D.07, subdivision 3; and~~

~~(4) any election held in conjunction with an election described in clauses (1) to (3);~~

~~or at least 45 days before any other primary or other election for which a primary is not held.~~

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

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Delivery of ballots.** (a) The county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or full-time clerk of any city or town administering an election pursuant to section 203B.05, shall mail absentee ballots to voters on the permanent absentee ballot list pursuant to section 203B.04, subdivision 5, on the following timelines:

(1) at least 46 days before:

(i) each regularly scheduled primary or general election for federal, state, county, city, or school board office; and

(ii) except as provided by clause (2), each special primary or special election to fill a federal, state, county, city, or school board vacancy;

(2) as soon as practicable for a special election held pursuant to section 204D.19, subdivision 2 and 3; and

(3) town clerks administering absentee ballots for a town general election held in March shall deliver absentee ballots at least 30 days before the election.

(b) The commissioner of corrections must provide the secretary of state with a list of the names and mailing addresses of state adult correctional facilities. An application for an absentee ballot that provides an address included on the list provided by the commissioner of corrections must not be accepted and an absentee ballot must not be provided to the applicant. The county auditor or municipal clerk must promptly transmit a copy of the application to the county attorney. The Department of Corrections must implement procedures to ensure that absentee ballots issued under this chapter are not received or mailed by offenders incarcerated at state adult correctional facilities.

~~(b)~~ (c) If an application for absentee ballots is accepted at a time when absentee ballots are not yet available for distribution, the county auditor, or municipal clerk accepting the application shall file it and as soon as absentee ballots are available for distribution shall mail them to the address specified in the application. If an application for absentee ballots is accepted when absentee ballots are available for distribution, the county auditor or municipal clerk accepting the application shall promptly:

(1) mail the ballots to the voter whose signature appears on the application if the application is submitted by mail and does not request commercial shipping under clause (2);

(2) ship the ballots to the voter using a commercial shipper requested by the voter at the voter's expense;

(3) deliver the absentee ballots directly to the voter if the application is submitted in person; or

(4) deliver the absentee ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope to an agent who has been designated to bring the ballots, as provided in section 203B.11, subdivision 4, to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient in a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services governed by chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program for adults licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.

~~(e)~~ (d) If an application does not indicate the election for which absentee ballots are sought, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall mail or deliver only the ballots for the next election occurring after receipt of the application. Only one set of ballots may be mailed, shipped, or delivered to an applicant for any election, except as provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 2, or when a replacement ballot has been requested by the voter for a ballot that has been spoiled or lost in transit.

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

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Names of persons; permanent absentee voters. The secretary of state must maintain a list of permanent absentee voters. The list must be available to the public in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

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

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. Names of persons; absentee ballot applications. The names of voters who have submitted an absentee ballot application to the county auditor or municipal clerk must be available to the public in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the close of business on the seventh day before the election, by absentee ballot.

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

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

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

(3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter ~~by telephone or email~~ to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The ballot board must contact the voter by the method or methods of communication provided by the voter on the voter's application for an absentee ballot or voter registration. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

(d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required. If an absentee ballot

arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

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

(2) the reason for rejection; and

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

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

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

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

Subd. 1d. **Voter's Bill of Rights.** The county auditor shall prepare and provide to each polling place sufficient copies of a poster setting forth the Voter's Bill of Rights as set forth in this section. Before the hours of voting are scheduled to begin, the election judges shall post it in a conspicuous location or locations in the polling place. The Voter's Bill of Rights is as follows:

"VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

(1) You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal, or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot, and return to work.

(2) If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right to vote.

(3) If you can provide the required proof of residence, you have the right to register to vote and to vote on election day.

(4) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

(5) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

(6) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union or a candidate.

(7) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the voting booth with you.

(8) ~~If you have been convicted of a felony but your felony sentence has expired (been completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence,~~ You have the right to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for conviction of a felony offense.

(9) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order revokes your right to vote.

(10) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.

(11) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

(12) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

(13) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

(14) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth with you."

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE; VOTER RECEIPT.

(a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature certificate which states that the individual:

(1) is at least 18 years of age;

(2) a citizen of the United States;

(3) has resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election;

(4) maintains residence at the address shown;

(5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to vote;

(6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote ~~or~~;

(7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, ~~the felony sentence has expired or been completed or the individual has been discharged from the sentence,~~ is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

(8) is registered; and

(9) has not already voted in the election.

The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both."

(b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a). The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

(c) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

(d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of filing an election contest.

(e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than the voter whose status is challenged.

Sec. 20. **[243.205] NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT TO VOTE.**

Subdivision 1. Correctional facilities; designation of official. The chief executive officer of each state and local correctional facility shall designate an official within the facility to provide the notice and application required under this section to a person to whom the civil right to vote is restored by reason of the person's release from actual incarceration. The official shall maintain an adequate supply of voter registration applications and informational materials for this purpose.

Subd. 2. Notice requirement. A notice of restoration of the civil right to vote and a voter registration application must be provided as follows:

(1) the chief executive officer of each state and local correctional facility shall provide the notice and application to a person being released from the facility following incarceration for a felony-level offense; and

(2) a probation officer or supervised release agent shall provide the notice and application to all individuals under correctional supervision for a felony-level offense.

Subd. 3. Form of notice. The notice required by subdivision 2 must appear substantially as follows:

"NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

Your receipt of this notice today means that your right to vote in Minnesota has been restored. Before you can vote on election day, you still need to register to vote. To register, you may complete a voter registration application online or complete a paper application and return it to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or to your county auditor. You may also register to vote in your polling place on election day. You will not be permitted to cast a ballot until you register to vote. The first time you appear at your polling place to cast a ballot, you may be required to provide proof of your current residence."

Subd. 4. **Failure to provide notice.** A failure to provide proper notice as required by this section does not prevent the restoration of the person's civil right to vote.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.165, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Restoration.** When a person has been deprived of civil rights by reason of conviction of a crime and is thereafter discharged, such discharge shall restore the person to all civil rights and to full citizenship, ~~with full right to vote and hold office~~, the same as if such conviction had not taken place, and the order of discharge shall so provide.

Sec. 22. **APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE.**

\$14,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state to implement the sections relating to restoring the civil right to vote to individuals who have been convicted of a felony.

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

ARTICLE 2

PROTECT VOTERS AND OUR ELECTIONS SYSTEM

Section 1. **[204B.295] VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH; MULTILINGUAL ELECTION JUDGES.**

Subdivision 1. **Duty.** The secretary of state or county auditor must contract with a translator certified by the American Translators Association to develop voting instructions and sample ballots in languages other than English, to be made available in polling places during elections as required by this section. At a minimum, voting instructions and sample ballots must be prepared and made available in print, electronic, and audio-visual formats in the three most commonly spoken non-English languages in the state as determined by the state demographer for the previous calendar year.

Subd. 2. **Designation of language minority districts.** No later than 90 days before an election, the secretary of state or county auditor, in consultation with the state demographer, must determine the percentage of residents in each census tract who are members of a language minority and who lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance. Language minority districts will be designated if three percent or more of the population in a corresponding census tract speak English "less than very well" according to the most recent census data.

Subd. 3. **Translation required; interpreter required.** (a) If the number of residents determined under subdivision 2 equals three percent or more of a census tract, or if interested citizens or organizations provide information that gives the secretary of state or county auditor sufficient reason to believe a need exists, at least two copies of the translated voting instructions and sample ballot must be provided to each precinct in that district during any regular or special state or local election conducted in that district.

(b) If the number of residents determined under subdivision 2 equals 20 percent or more of the population of a census tract, or if interested citizens or organizations provide information that gives

the secretary of state or county auditor sufficient reason to believe a need exists, at least four copies of the translated voting instructions and sample ballot must be provided to each precinct in that district during any regular or special state or local election conducted in that district. In these precincts, the county auditor or municipal clerk must appoint at least one interpreter certified by the American Translators Association to translate in a specified language if ten or more registered voters in the precinct file a request for interpretive services for that language with the secretary of state or county auditor at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. This interpreter must wear a name tag or other badge indicating the interpreter's language certification. For purposes of section 204C.06 and any other applicable law, an interpreter appointed under this section is considered an election official and may be present in a polling place for the purpose of conducting duties assigned by the county auditor or municipal clerk.

Subd. 4. **Use of materials; notice required.** The translated voting instructions and sample ballots required by this section must be made available for use by voters as a reference when completing and casting an official ballot. In addition to the number of copies required, at least one sample ballot and set of instructions in each applicable language, along with a notice written in that language indicating the availability of those materials, must be posted in a conspicuous location in each polling place.

Sec. 2. **[211B.075] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE WITH THE VOTING PROCESS; PENALTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force, coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or economic reprisal against:

(1) a person with the intent to compel a person to register or abstain from registering to vote, vote or abstain from voting, or vote for or against a candidate or ballot question; or

(2) any person with the intent to impede that person's efforts to encourage another to cast a ballot or assist another in registering to vote, traveling to a polling place, casting a ballot, or participating in any other aspect of the election process.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), in a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to require the payment of civil penalties, the moving party may show that the action or attempted action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The moving party does not need to show that the actor intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

Subd. 2. **Deceptive practices.** (a) No person may, within 60 days of an election, cause information to be transmitted by any means that the person:

(1) intends to impede or prevent another person from exercising the right to vote; and

(2) knows to be materially false.

(b) The prohibition in this subdivision includes but is not limited to information regarding the time, place, or manner of holding an election; the qualifications for or restrictions on voter eligibility at an election; and threats to physical safety associated with casting a ballot.

Subd. 3. **Interference with registration or voting.** No person may intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent another person from voting, registering to vote, or aiding another person in casting a ballot or registering to vote.

Subd. 4. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order restraining violations of this section if that person:

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

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

Subd. 5. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) A person who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) The attorney general or an election official may bring a civil action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section if there is a reasonable basis to believe that an individual or entity is committing or intends to commit a prohibited act.

(c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31, subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

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

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

(c) Violations of section 211B.075 may be enforced as provided in that section.

ARTICLE 3**MODERNIZE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM TO EMPOWER VOTERS AND INCREASE DISCLOSURE OF SECRET SPENDING**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:

Subd. 16a. **Expressly advocating.** "Expressly advocating" means that a communication:

(1) clearly identifies a candidate or a local candidate and uses words or phrases of express advocacy; or

(2) when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates because:

(i) the electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous, and suggestive of only one meaning; and

(ii) reasonable minds could not differ as to whether the communication encourages actions to elect or defeat one or more clearly identified candidates or encourages some other kind of action.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.27, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **Contributions from certain types of contributors.** (a) A candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept a contribution from a political committee, political fund, lobbyist, or association not registered with the board if the contribution will cause the aggregate contributions from those types of contributors during an election cycle segment to exceed an amount equal to 20 percent of the election cycle segment expenditure limits for the office sought by the candidate, provided that the 20 percent limit must be rounded to the nearest \$100.

(b) A candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept a contribution that is prohibited by section 211B.15.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to contributions, expenditures, and other applicable activities occurring on or after that date.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given. Unless otherwise provided, the definitions in section 10A.01 also apply to this section.

(b) "Chief executive officer" means the highest-ranking officer or decision-making individual with authority over a corporation's affairs.

(c) "Corporation" means:

(1) a corporation organized for profit that does business in this state;

(2) a nonprofit corporation that carries out activities in this state; or

(3) a limited liability company formed under chapter 322C, or under similar laws of another state, that does business in this state.

(d) "Foreign-influenced corporation" means a corporation as defined in paragraph (c), clause (1) or (3), for which at least one of the following conditions is met:

(1) a single foreign investor holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of one percent or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation;

(2) two or more foreign investors in aggregate hold, own, control, or otherwise have direct or indirect beneficial ownership of five percent or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation; or

(3) a foreign investor participates directly or indirectly in the corporation's decision-making process with respect to the corporation's political activities in the United States.

(e) "Foreign investor" means a person or entity that:

(1) holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units, or otherwise applicable ownership interests of a corporation; and

(2) is any of the following:

(i) a government of a foreign country;

(ii) a political party organized in a foreign country;

(iii) a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country;

(iv) an individual outside of the United States who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or

(v) a corporation in which a foreign investor as defined in this paragraph holds, owns, controls, or otherwise has directly or indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting shares in an amount that is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the total equity or outstanding voting shares.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to contributions, expenditures, and other applicable activities occurring on or after that date.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Foreign-influenced corporations.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivisions 3 and 4, a foreign-influenced corporation must not:

(1) make an expenditure, or offer or agree to make an expenditure, to promote or defeat the candidacy of an individual for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office;

(2) make contributions or expenditures to promote or defeat a ballot question, or to qualify a question for placement on the ballot;

(3) make a contribution to a candidate for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office or to a candidate's principal campaign committee; or

(4) make a contribution to a political committee, political fund, or political party unit.

(b) A foreign-influenced corporation must not make a contribution or donation to any other person with the express or implied condition that the contribution or any part of it be used for any of the purposes prohibited by this subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to contributions, expenditures, and other applicable activities occurring on or after that date.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4b. **Certification of compliance with subdivision 4a.** A corporation as defined in subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (1) or (3), that makes a contribution or expenditure authorized by subdivision 3 or 4 must submit a certification to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board that it was not a foreign-influenced corporation as of the date the contribution or expenditure was made. The certification must be submitted within seven business days after the contribution or expenditure is made and must be signed by the corporation's chief executive officer after reasonable inquiry, under penalty of perjury. If the activity requiring certification was a contribution to an independent expenditure committee, the corporation must additionally provide a copy of the certification to that committee. For purposes of this certification, the corporation shall ascertain beneficial ownership in a manner consistent with chapter 302A or, if it is registered on a national securities exchange, as set forth in Code of Federal Regulations, title 17, sections 240.13d-3 and 240.13d-5. The corporation shall provide a copy of the statement of certification to any candidate or committee to which it contributes, and upon request of the recipient, to any other person to which it contributes.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to contributions, expenditures, and other applicable activities occurring on or after that date.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, subdivision 7b, is amended to read:

Subd. 7b. **Knowing violations.** An individual or a corporation knowingly violates this section if, at the time of a transaction, the individual or the corporation knew:

(1) that the transaction causing the violation constituted a contribution under chapter 10A, 211A, or 383B; and

(2) that the contributor was a corporation subject to the prohibitions of subdivision 2 or 4a.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to contributions, expenditures, and other applicable activities occurring on or after that date."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete everything after the second semicolon

Page 1, delete line 6

Page 1, line 7, delete "program;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. No. 279 was read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 28 and 50 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 1354: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for reconstruction of marked U.S. Highway 8.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 1355: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements at the Minnesota Veterans Home in the city of Hastings.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 1356: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements at the Minnesota Veterans Home in the city of Hastings; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 1357: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a freight rail car storage facility in the city of Lakeville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1358: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing a larger cities assistance account; modifying allocation of certain fees and surcharges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.33, subdivision 7; 168.54, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 162.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1359: A bill for an act relating to education; authorizing grants for robotics programs; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1360: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring vehicles to slow down or move over for a stopped vehicle with its emergency, flashing, or warning lights activated; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.18, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Carlson and Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 1361: A bill for an act relating to elections; authorizing mail balloting in any town or any city with fewer than 400 registered voters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1362: A bill for an act relating to elections; making technical and clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 203B.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 203B.121, subdivision 4; 203B.21, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.23, subdivision 2; 203B.24, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1363: A bill for an act relating to education; permitting patriotic and national organizations informational access to schools; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Limmer, Eichorn, and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1364: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to report additional information on certain sentences where the mandatory minimum was not imposed; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.09, subdivision 14.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Limmer, Eichorn, and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1365: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for senate confirmation of certain members of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.09, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1366: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a grant to Black Women's Wealth Alliance for improvements and expansions to the ZaRah Center.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Port and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 1367: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for the family homeless prevention and assistance program.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Port and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 1368: A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; modifying how the energy code for new commercial buildings is adopted; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 326B.106, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1369: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for the interchange reconstruction project at marked Trunk Highway 13 and Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1370: A bill for an act relating to housing; expanding eligible uses for housing infrastructure bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 462A.37, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1371: A bill for an act relating to housing; exempting certain affordable housing covenants on real property from 30-year restriction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 500.20, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1372: A bill for an act relating to housing; adopting Minnesota Housing Finance Agency policy provisions; increasing agency debt limit; expanding authority to issue bonds; expanding eligibility requirements and uses for agency funding; expanding uses for housing infrastructure bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 462A.05, subdivision 14, by adding subdivisions; 462A.204, subdivision 3; 462A.22, subdivision 1; 462A.36, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 462A.37, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 462A.38, subdivision 1; 462A.39, subdivisions 2, 5; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 3, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1373: A bill for an act relating to housing; expanding procedural requirements for evictions and expungements; expanding rental lease covenants and obligations; prohibiting rental discrimination based on a tenant's receipt of public housing assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 363A.09, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 484.014, subdivisions 2, 3; 504B.135; 504B.161, subdivision 1; 504B.321, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 504B.335; 504B.381, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 504B.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Duckworth, Lieske, Pratt, Maye Quade, and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1374: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a regional public safety training center in Lakeville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Weber, Draheim, and Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 1375: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for new law enforcement and government facilities in Jackson County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Anderson, Lang, and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1376: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing fee exemptions for motor vehicles bearing Purple Heart medal special plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.12, subdivision 2a; 168.123, subdivision 2; 168.1293, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Rasmusson, Pappas, Nelson, and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1377: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System; Public Employees Retirement Association; Teachers Retirement Association; St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association; lowering the actuarial assumption for investment rate of return to seven percent; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 356.215, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Anderson, Drazkowski, Nelson, and Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 1378: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; expanding the sales tax exemption for certain meals and drinks; expanding the sales tax exemption for certain capital equipment purchases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297A.68, subdivision 5, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Bahr, Coleman, Jasinski, and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 1379: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing performance requirements and conditional termination of the Northstar Commuter Rail line.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Mohamed, Oumou Verbeten, Fateh, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1380: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for the homeownership education, counseling, and training program.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 1381: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements at John Burch Park in Cannon Falls; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Dahms and Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 1382: A bill for an act relating to local taxes; authorizing the city of Marshall to extend its local sales and use tax; amending Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 7, article 4, section 14.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 1383: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to the intersection at Carver County State-Aid Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 212; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1384: A bill for an act relating to labor and industry; classifying Occupational Safety and Health Act citation data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 182.659, subdivisions 1, 8; 182.66, by adding a subdivision; 182.661, by adding a subdivision; 182.676.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Coleman, Rasmusson, Duckworth, Housley, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1385: A bill for an act relating to commerce; authorizing certain insurers to offer paid family leave insurance benefits; creating a tax credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 63A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1386: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System; Public Employees Retirement Association; Teachers Retirement Association; St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association; restoring augmentation of deferred annuities for members who left public employment before January 1, 2019; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 352.22, subdivision 3a; 352B.08, subdivision 2b; 353.34, subdivision 3; 354.55, subdivision 11; 354A.37, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1387: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to fund physical accessibility improvements to performing arts spaces; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1388: A bill for an act relating to climate change; establishing grant program to provide financial assistance to cities to address climate change; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 1389: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; making technical changes; modifying the experience requirements for an executive director; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 354.06, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Putnam, Housley, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 1390: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for the nonprofit infrastructure grant program.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Hoffman, Abeler, and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 1391: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for a grant to maintain and promote self-advocacy services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Putnam and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 1392: A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring a report; appropriating money for a grant to Wallin Education Partners to support programs of college admission and graduation for low-income students.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Pappas, Frentz, Eichorn, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1393: A bill for an act relating to retirement; increasing the cap on the employer contribution to the international union of operating engineers pension fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 356.24, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Maye Quade, Lucero, Limmer, and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 1394: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing a cause of action for nonconsensual dissemination of deep fake sexual images; establishing the crime of using deep fake technology to influence an election; establishing a crime for nonconsensual dissemination of deep fake sexual images; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 604; 609; 617.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 1395: A bill for an act relating to taxes; local sales and use; authorizing the city of Fairmont to impose an additional sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1396: A bill for an act relating to health; providing for informed consent for pelvic examinations of an anesthetized or unconscious patient; establishing a penalty; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1397: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements at the Washington County Heritage Center.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Hawj and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 1398: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; eliminating requirement for new Minnesota residents to take driver's license examinations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1399: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Rest introduced--

S.F. No. 1400: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; removing a restriction on compensation that counts as covered salary for teachers working for a labor organization; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 354.41, subdivision 4a.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 1401: A bill for an act relating to education; integrating service-learning into Minnesota's education system; establishing an evidence-based service-learning technical assistance and grant program; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.50, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Westlin and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 1402: A bill for an act relating to public safety; regulating visitor carrying of firearms on campuses of public postsecondary institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 624.714, subdivision 18.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Pappas, Oumou Verbeten, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1403: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for capital improvements to low-income accessible housing units owned by Accessible Space, Inc. in the cities of St. Paul, Roseville, and Stillwater.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Port, Mitchell, Dibble, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1404: A bill for an act relating to solar energy; establishing a program to award grants for the installation of solar energy generating systems on public buildings; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Rest introduced--

S.F. No. 1405: A bill for an act relating to elections; increasing the maximum refund permitted by the political contribution refund program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 290.06, subdivision 23.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1406: A bill for an act relating to public safety; precluding pattern bargaining for law enforcement officer salaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.17, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Dahms and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 1407: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to the Minnesota Agricultural Education and Leadership Council.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Wesenberg and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 1408: A bill for an act relating to broadband grants; allowing broadband grants to be used for fixed wireless broadband and clarifying broadband mapping requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 116J.394; 116J.397.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1409: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the FATHER Project.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1410: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a facility to provide career and technical education and job training in renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, and grid technologies.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1411: A bill for an act relating to public safety; prevention of cruelty to animals; creating the Office of Animal Protection; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1412: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for a grant to JADT Development Group for the Satori Village Development.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Rest and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1413: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a temporary exemption for certain natural gas fees.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Gustafson and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1414: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying hours of instruction requirements and e-learning requirements; allowing districts to offer full-time online instruction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 120A.41; 120A.414; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1415: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for Junior Achievement North for expansion of its student financial literacy activities; requiring reports; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators McEwen and Morrison introduced--

S.F. No. 1416: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring certain determinations before issuing nonferrous mining permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 93.001; 115.03, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 93.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators McEwen, Abeler, Dibble, and Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 1417: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring a minimum crew size for certain rail carriers; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 219.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators McEwen, Frenz, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1418: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for children's museums.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1419: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for asset preservation at the Lake Superior Zoo; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1420: A bill for an act relating to retirement; authorizing certain employees of the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College who are members of the higher education individual retirement account plan to elect coverage by the Teachers Retirement Association and receive retroactive service credit.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Hauschild and Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 1421: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for state-owned public water access facilities; authorizing the issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Rasmusson and Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 1422: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvement at state fish hatcheries; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Marty and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 1423: A bill for an act relating to taxation; revenue recapture; prohibiting the Department of Revenue from recapturing taxpayer refunds for medical debt; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 270A.03, subdivisions 2, 5; 270A.10; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 270A.04, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 1424: A bill for an act relating to state government; repealing interagency transfer reports; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.0395.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 1425: A bill for an act relating to state government; changing certain provisions for state purchasing from small businesses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 16C.16, subdivisions 6, 6a, 7; 16C.19.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 1426: A bill for an act relating to state government; specifying the types of collateral the Executive Council may approve for deposit with the commissioner of management and budget; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 9.031, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Murphy, Boldon, and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1427: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; enacting a Democracy Dollar coupon program; repealing the political contribution refund program; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10A.01, subdivision 11; 10A.02, subdivision 13; 10A.15, subdivision 1; 10A.20, subdivision 3; 10A.34, subdivision 4; 289A.37, subdivision 2; 289A.50, subdivision 1; 290.01, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.4967, subdivision 2; 290.06, subdivision 23.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 1428: A bill for an act relating to education; including elementary counseling services for nonpublic pupils in nonpublic pupil aid; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.44, subdivisions 1, 5, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Westlin, Boldon, Mitchell, and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1429: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring criminal background checks for firearms transfers; modifying grounds for disqualification of transferee permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 624.7131; 624.7132; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 1430: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing a rail transitway feasibility study.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Frentz, Murphy, and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1431: A bill for an act relating to state government; ratifying certain labor agreements and memorandums of understanding.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1432: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money to construct a box culvert underpass at U.S. Highway 52 and Dakota County Road 6.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 1433: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the city of St. Paul to use a design-build process for a skate park project.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 1434: A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for early voting; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.022, subdivision 1; 203B.001; 203B.01, by adding a subdivision; 203B.03, subdivision 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.081, subdivision 2; 203B.085; 203B.121, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 206.82, subdivision 1; 206.83; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 203B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1435: A bill for an act relating to taxation; lawful gambling; modifying the combined net receipts tax; modifying the calculation for the stadium reserve; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 297E.02, subdivision 6; 297E.021, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1436: A bill for an act relating to taxation; tax increment financing; modifying economic development district limitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 469.176, subdivision 4c.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1437: A bill for an act relating to transportation; limiting certain expenditures for the Southwest light rail transit project.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1438: A bill for an act relating to transportation; amending certain waivers of an examination to obtain a driver's license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Mathews, Eichorn, and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 1439: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying wetland replacement ratios; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 103G.222, subdivision 1; 103G.2242, subdivision 12; 103G.2243, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 1440: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for bridge and roadway infrastructure in Baldwin Township to address critical safety and human health concerns; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Westrom and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 1441: A bill for an act relating to civil law; prohibiting online content discrimination; authorizing civil action; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 363B.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 1442: A bill for an act relating to data privacy; requiring consent before providers share audio or video data with third parties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 1443: A bill for an act relating to real property; requiring common interest communities to file annual reports and bylaws with the attorney general; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 515B.3-106.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Kunesch moved that the name of Senator Klein be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 61. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Morrison be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 96. The motion prevailed.

Senator Coleman moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 279. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Kreun be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 319. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 329. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 437. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Jasinski be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 455. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dornink moved that the name of Senator Dahms be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 492. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the names of Senators McEwen and Fateh be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 608. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 610. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 680. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 681. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 746. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Hauschild be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 780. The motion prevailed.

Senator Limmer moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 947. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westrom moved that the names of Senators Rest and Klein be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1062. The motion prevailed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1214. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Nelson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1249. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1283. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1303. The motion prevailed.

Senator Morrison moved that the names of Senators Kupec and Boldon be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1322. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. No. 747 be withdrawn from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy and re-referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate. The motion prevailed.

Remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, Senator Dziejcz moved that the Senate take up the Confirmation Calendar. The motion prevailed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator Rest moved that the report from the Committee on Taxes, reported January 23, 2023, pertaining to appointments, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on Taxes, January 23, 2023, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointment of:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Paul Marquart, 600 Robert St. N., Saint Paul, Ramsey County, effective January 3, 2023 for a term expiring January 4, 2027.

The question was taken on the adoption of the Rest motion to consent to and confirm the appointment of Paul Marquart.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 64 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dziejcz	Jasinski	Mathews	Pratt
Anderson	Eichorn	Johnson	Maye Quade	Putnam
Bahr	Farnsworth	Klein	McEwen	Rarick
Boldon	Fateh	Koran	Miller	Rasmusson
Carlson	Frentz	Kreun	Mitchell	Rest
Champion	Green	Kunesh	Mohamed	Seeberger
Cwodzinski	Gruenhagen	Kupec	Morrison	Utke
Dahms	Gustafson	Latz	Murphy	Weber
Dibble	Hauschild	Lieske	Nelson	Westlin
Dornink	Hawj	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Draheim	Hoffman	Lucero	Pappas	Wiklund
Drazkowski	Housley	Mann	Pha	Xiong
Duckworth	Howe	Marty	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Morrison cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senator: Wiklund.

The motion prevailed. So the appointment was confirmed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator Murphy moved that the report from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans, reported January 26, 2023, pertaining to appointments, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans, January 26, 2023, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointment of:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
COMMISSIONER

Alice Roberts-Davis, 50 Sherburne Ave., Saint Paul, Ramsey County, effective January 2, 2023 for a term expiring January 4, 2027.

The motion prevailed. So the appointment was confirmed.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Coleman and Lang were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Dziejcz moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate