

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
SPECIAL SESSION**

S.F. No. 1

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
05/23/2017	12	Introduction and first reading
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	13	Second reading
05/25/2017	13	Laid on table
	49	Taken from table
	49a	Special Order: Amended
	60	Third reading Passed
	63	Returned from House
		Presentment date 05/26/17 Governor's action Approval 05/30/17 Secretary of State Chapter 4 05/30/17

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the operation of state government; appropriating money for the

1.3 legislature, governor's office, state auditor, attorney general, secretary of state,

1.4 certain agencies, boards, councils, and retirement funds; changing provisions in

1.5 state government operations; changing provisions in military affairs and veterans

1.6 affairs, campaign finance, and elections; providing for the sale and regulation of

1.7 intoxicating liquor; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 3.305, subdivision

1.8 1; 3.8843, subdivision 7; 3.971, subdivisions 2, 6; 3.972, by adding a subdivision;

1.9 3.98, subdivisions 1, 4; 3.987, subdivision 1; 6.481, subdivisions 3, 6; 6.56,

1.10 subdivision 2; 6.581, subdivision 4; 10A.01, subdivisions 12, 16; 10A.025,

1.11 subdivision 1a; 10A.04, by adding a subdivision; 10A.071, subdivision 1; 10A.09,

1.12 subdivisions 5, 6; 10A.15, by adding a subdivision; 10A.20, subdivision 3; 10A.25,

1.13 subdivision 2; 10A.27, by adding subdivisions; 10A.31, by adding a subdivision;

1.14 10A.323; 15.0145, subdivision 5; 15A.083, subdivisions 6a, 7; 16A.90; 16B.055,

1.15 subdivision 1; 16B.2405; 16B.4805, subdivision 2; 16E.0466; 43A.17, subdivision

1.16 11; 43A.24, by adding a subdivision; 85.0505, by adding a subdivision; 138.081;

1.17 138.665, subdivisions 2, 3; 138.69; 155A.30, subdivision 5; 190.19, subdivisions

1.18 2, 2a; 196.05, subdivision 1; 197.236, subdivision 9; 197.791, subdivisions 2, 3,

1.19 4, 5, 5a; 270.44; 270.45; 290.0681, subdivisions 1, 2, 7, 9; 340A.22, subdivisions

1.20 1, 2; 340A.24, subdivision 3; 340A.28, subdivision 1; 340A.301, by adding a

1.21 subdivision; 340A.315, subdivision 7; 340A.504, subdivision 6; 349A.08,

1.22 subdivision 2; 349A.10, subdivision 6; 352D.06, subdivision 1; 353.27, subdivision

1.23 3c; 353.505; 471.193, subdivision 6; 508.12, subdivision 1; 518A.79, by adding

1.24 a subdivision; Laws 1999, chapter 202, section 13, as amended; Laws 2016, chapter

1.25 127, section 8; Laws 2017, chapter 21, sections 1, subdivision 2; 3, subdivision 2;

1.26 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; 6; 10A; 15; 16B;

1.27 118A; 134A; 197; 206; 270; 340A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections

1.28 6.581, subdivision 1; 204B.48; 349A.08, subdivision 3; Laws 2001, chapter 193,

1.29 section 10, as amended; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 4, section 6; Minnesota

1.30 Rules, parts 4501.0300, subpart 3; 4501.0500, subpart 2; 4503.0200, subpart 6;

1.31 4503.0300, subpart 4; 4503.0400, subpart 1; 4503.0500, subparts 5, 8; 4503.0700,

1.32 subparts 2, 3; 4503.1300, subpart 5; 4503.1400, subparts 8, 9; 4503.1450, subparts

1.33 1, 3; 4503.1600; 4503.1700; 4503.1800; 4505.0100, subpart 3; 4505.0900, subparts

1.34 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; 4511.0500, subpart 2; 4512.0100, subparts 2, 4, 5; 4525.0210,

1.35 subpart 1.

1.36 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2018. "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2018 **2019**

Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>82,193,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>82,169,000</u>
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Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>82,065,000</u>	<u>82,041,000</u>
<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

<u>Subd. 2. Senate</u>	<u>32,299,000</u>	<u>32,105,000</u>
<u>Subd. 3. House of Representatives</u>	<u>32,383,000</u>	<u>32,383,000</u>
<u>Subd. 4. Legislative Coordinating Commission</u>	<u>17,511,000</u>	<u>17,681,000</u>

Appropriations by Fund

<u>General</u>	<u>17,383,000</u>	<u>17,553,000</u>
<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>

Appropriations provided by this subdivision may be used for designated staff to support the following offices and commissions: Office of the Legislative Auditor; Office of the

3.1 Revisor of Statutes; Legislative Reference
3.2 Library; Geographic Information Services;
3.3 Legislative Budget Office; Legislative-Citizen
3.4 Commission on Minnesota Resources;
3.5 Legislative Commission on Pensions and
3.6 Retirement; Legislative Water Commission;
3.7 Mississippi River Parkway Commission;
3.8 Legislative Energy Commission; and the
3.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
3.10 operation of all other joint offices and
3.11 commissions must be supported by the central
3.12 administrative staff of the Legislative
3.13 Coordinating Commission. This appropriation
3.14 may additionally be used for central
3.15 administrative staff to support the work of the
3.16 Economic Status of Women Advisory
3.17 Committee.

3.18 From its funds, \$10,000 each year is for
3.19 purposes of the legislators' forum, through
3.20 which Minnesota legislators meet with
3.21 counterparts from South Dakota, North
3.22 Dakota, and Manitoba to discuss issues of
3.23 mutual concern.

3.24 The base for the Legislative Budget Office is
3.25 \$818,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each year
3.26 thereafter.

3.27 **Legislative Auditor.** \$6,744,000 the first year
3.28 and \$6,564,000 the second year are for the
3.29 Office of the Legislative Auditor.

3.30 Of these amounts, \$130,000 the first year is
3.31 for the transit financial activity reviews
3.32 required by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.972,
3.33 subdivision 4.

4.1 No later than January 15, 2018, the legislative
 4.2 auditor must complete an assessment of the
 4.3 adequacy of the county audits performed by
 4.4 the state auditor in calendar year 2016. The
 4.5 standards for conducting the assessment must
 4.6 be identical to those described in the report of
 4.7 the state auditor dated March 2017, titled
 4.8 "Assessing the Adequacy of 2015 County
 4.9 Audits Performed by Private CPA Firms."

4.10 **Revisor of Statutes.** \$6,430,000 the first year
 4.11 and \$6,093,000 the second year are for the
 4.12 Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

4.13 Of these amounts, \$250,000 in the first year
 4.14 is for upgrades and repairs to the information
 4.15 technology data center located in the State
 4.16 Office Building.

4.17 **Legislative Reference Library.** \$1,622,000
 4.18 the first year and \$1,445,000 the second year
 4.19 are for the Legislative Reference Library.

4.20 Of these amounts, \$177,000 the first year is
 4.21 for the digital preservation of audio recordings
 4.22 documenting committee hearings and floor
 4.23 sessions of the legislature.

4.24 Sec. 3. **GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**
 4.25 **GOVERNOR**

\$ 3,616,000 \$ 3,616,000

4.26 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of
 4.27 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

4.28 (b) Up to \$19,000 the first year and up to
 4.29 \$19,000 the second year are for necessary
 4.30 expenses in the normal performance of the
 4.31 Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's duties
 4.32 for which no other reimbursement is provided.

4.33 Sec. 4. **STATE AUDITOR**

5.1 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 9,748,000 \$ 10,037,000

5.2 The amounts that may be spent for each
 5.3 purpose are specified in the following
 5.4 subdivisions.

5.5 Subd. 2. Audit Practice 7,449,000 7,694,000

5.6 Subd. 3. Legal and Special Investigations 344,000 344,000

5.7 Subd. 4. Government Information 702,000 746,000

5.8 Subd. 5. Pension Oversight 485,000 485,000

5.9 Subd. 6. Operations Management 488,000 488,000

5.10 Subd. 7. Constitutional Office 280,000 280,000

5.11 Sec. 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL

5.12 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 24,925,000 \$ 24,925,000

5.13 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
5.14 <u>General</u>	<u>22,125,000</u>	<u>22,125,000</u>
5.16 <u>State Government</u>		
5.17 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>2,405,000</u>	<u>2,405,000</u>
5.18 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
5.19 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

5.20 The amounts that may be spent for each
 5.21 purpose are specified in the following
 5.22 subdivisions.

5.23 Subd. 2. Government Legal Services 3,948,000 3,948,000

5.24 Subd. 3. Regulatory Law and Professions 5,182,000 5,182,000

5.25 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
5.26 <u>General</u>	<u>2,403,000</u>	<u>2,403,000</u>
5.28 <u>State Government</u>		
5.29 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>2,384,000</u>	<u>2,384,000</u>
5.30 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
5.31 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>

5.32 Subd. 4. State Government Services 6,654,000 6,654,000

5.33 Appropriations by Fund

6.1	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
6.2	<u>6,633,000</u>	<u>6,633,000</u>		
6.3				
6.4	<u>21,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>		
6.5			<u>3,254,000</u>	<u>3,254,000</u>
6.6			<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>
6.7			<u>4,270,000</u>	<u>4,270,000</u>
6.8				
6.9			<u>\$ 13,631,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,742,000</u>
6.10				
6.11				
6.12				
6.13				
6.14				
6.15				
6.16			<u>642,000</u>	<u>655,000</u>
6.17			<u>659,000</u>	<u>676,000</u>
6.18			<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>1,502,000</u>
6.19			<u>10,580,000</u>	<u>3,909,000</u>
6.20				
6.21				
6.22				
6.23				
6.24				
6.25			<u>\$ 1,036,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,000</u>
6.26			<u>\$ 139,000</u>	<u>\$ 139,000</u>
6.27				
6.28			<u>\$ 8,184,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,186,000</u>
6.29				
6.30	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
6.31	<u>397,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>		

8.1 Office of MN.IT Services for the purpose of
 8.2 managing revenue and expenditure
 8.3 differences. These funds shall be repaid with
 8.4 interest by the end of the fiscal year 2019
 8.5 closing period.

8.6 During the biennium ending June 30, 2019,
 8.7 the Office of MN.IT Services must not charge
 8.8 fees to a public noncommercial educational
 8.9 television broadcast station eligible for funding
 8.10 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for
 8.11 access to the state broadcast infrastructure. If
 8.12 the access fees not charged to public
 8.13 noncommercial educational television
 8.14 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000
 8.15 for the biennium, the office may charge for
 8.16 access fees in excess of these amounts.

8.17	<u>Subd. 3. Geospatial Information Office</u>	<u>871,000</u>	<u>871,000</u>
8.18	<u>Subd. 4. Enterprise IT Security</u>	<u>435,000</u>	<u>435,000</u>

8.19 Sec. 11. **ADMINISTRATION**

8.20	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 24,395,000</u>	<u>\$ 23,817,000</u>
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8.21 The amounts that may be spent for each
 8.22 purpose are specified in the following
 8.23 subdivisions.

8.24	<u>Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services</u>	<u>9,628,000</u>	<u>9,400,000</u>
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8.25 This appropriation includes funds for
 8.26 information technology project services and
 8.27 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota
 8.28 Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing
 8.29 information technology costs must be
 8.30 incorporated into the service level agreement
 8.31 and must be paid to the Office of MN.IT
 8.32 Services by the commissioner of
 8.33 administration under the rates and mechanism
 8.34 specified in that agreement.

- 9.1 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
- 9.2 \$74,000 the first year and \$74,000 the second
- 9.3 year are for the Council on Developmental
- 9.4 Disabilities.
- 9.5 **Olmstead Plan.** \$148,000 each year is for the
- 9.6 Olmstead plan.
- 9.7 **Continuous Improvement Program.**
- 9.8 \$417,000 the first year and \$418,000 the
- 9.9 second year are for the continuous
- 9.10 improvement program.
- 9.11 **Materials Management.** \$2,408,000 the first
- 9.12 year and \$2,409,000 the second year are for
- 9.13 materials management.
- 9.14 **Plant Management.** \$438,000 each year is
- 9.15 for plant management.
- 9.16 **Real Estate and Construction Services.**
- 9.17 \$2,763,000 the first year and \$2,811,000 the
- 9.18 second year are for real estate and construction
- 9.19 services.
- 9.20 **Enterprise Real Property.** \$711,000 the first
- 9.21 year and \$717,000 the second year are for
- 9.22 enterprise real property.
- 9.23 **Small Agency Resource Team (SmART).**
- 9.24 \$466,000 the first year and \$467,000 the
- 9.25 second year are for the small agency resource
- 9.26 team.
- 9.27 **State Agency Accommodation**
- 9.28 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 the first year and
- 9.29 \$200,000 the second year are credited to the
- 9.30 accommodation account established in
- 9.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.4805.

10.1 Community Services. \$2,003,000 the first
 10.2 year and \$1,718,000 the second year are for
 10.3 community services.

10.4 (a) \$215,000 the first year and \$215,000 the
 10.5 second year are for the state archaeologist.

10.6 (b) \$525,000 the first year and \$525,000 the
 10.7 second year are for information policy
 10.8 analysis.

10.9 (c) \$737,000 the first year and \$737,000 the
 10.10 second year are for the state demographer. Of
 10.11 this amount, \$190,000 each year is for the
 10.12 2020 census.

10.13 (d) \$130,000 the first year and \$130,000 the
 10.14 second year are for the Office of Grants
 10.15 Management.

10.16 (e) \$300,000 the first year is for the State
 10.17 Historic Preservation Office. The base is
 10.18 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 and each year
 10.19 thereafter.

10.20 (f) \$96,000 the first year and \$111,000 the
 10.21 second year are for operating adjustments and
 10.22 may be transferred to activities under
 10.23 paragraphs (a) to (d).

10.24 Subd. 3. Strategic Management Services 2,212,000 2,245,000

10.25 Executive Leadership/Partnerships.
 10.26 \$702,000 the first year and \$719,000 the
 10.27 second year are for executive
 10.28 leadership/partnerships.

10.29 School Trust Lands Director. \$185,000 each
 10.30 year is for school trust lands director.

10.31 Financial Management and Reporting.
 10.32 \$871,000 the first year and \$884,000 the

11.1 second year are for financial management and
 11.2 reporting.

11.3 **Human Resources.** \$454,000 the first year
 11.4 and \$457,000 the second year are for human
 11.5 resources.

11.6 Subd. 4. **Fiscal Agent** 12,555,000 12,172,000

11.7 **In-Lieu of Rent.** \$9,374,000 the first year and
 11.8 \$9,391,000 the second year are for space costs
 11.9 of the legislature and veterans organizations,
 11.10 ceremonial space, and statutorily free space.

11.11 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 the first
 11.12 year and \$1,550,000 the second year are for
 11.13 matching grants for public television.

11.14 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 11.15 second year are for public television
 11.16 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 11.17 section 129D.13.

11.18 (c) The commissioner of administration must
 11.19 consider the recommendations of the
 11.20 Minnesota Public Television Association
 11.21 before allocating the amounts appropriated in
 11.22 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or
 11.23 matching grants.

11.24 **Public Radio.** (a) \$392,000 the first year and
 11.25 \$392,000 the second year are for community
 11.26 service grants to public educational radio
 11.27 stations. This appropriation may be used to
 11.28 disseminate emergency information in foreign
 11.29 languages.

11.30 (b) \$117,000 the first year and \$117,000 the
 11.31 second year are for equipment grants to public
 11.32 educational radio stations. This appropriation
 11.33 may be used for the repair, rental, and

- 12.1 purchase of equipment including equipment
12.2 under \$500.
- 12.3 (c) \$310,000 the first year and \$310,000 the
12.4 second year are for equipment grants to
12.5 Minnesota Public Radio, Inc., including
12.6 upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency Alert and
12.7 AMBER Alert Systems.
- 12.8 (d) \$400,000 the first year is for a grant to
12.9 Minnesota Public Radio, Inc. for upgrades to
12.10 Minnesota's Emergency Alert and AMBER
12.11 Alert Systems.
- 12.12 (e) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (d)
12.13 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by
12.14 an institution or governing body.
- 12.15 (f) The commissioner of administration must
12.16 consider the recommendations of the
12.17 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
12.18 Radio Stations before awarding grants under
12.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14, using
12.20 the appropriations in paragraphs (a) and (b).
12.21 No grantee is eligible for a grant unless they
12.22 are a member of the Association of Minnesota
12.23 Public Educational Radio Stations on or before
12.24 July 1, 2017.
- 12.25 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining the
12.26 first year for grants to public television or
12.27 public radio stations does not cancel and is
12.28 available for the second year.
- 12.29 (h) \$162,000 each year is for transfer to the
12.30 Minnesota Film and TV Board. The
12.31 appropriation in each year is available only
12.32 upon receipt by the board of \$1 in matching
12.33 contributions of money or in-kind
12.34 contributions from nonstate sources for every

13.1 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
 13.2 each year up to \$50,000 is available on July
 13.3 1 even if the required matching contribution
 13.4 has not been received by that date.

13.5 Sec. 12. **CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL**
 13.6 **AND PLANNING BOARD** \$ 347,000 \$ 350,000

13.7 Sec. 13. **MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**
 13.8 **BUDGET** \$ 25,497,000 \$ 26,076,000

13.9 Subdivision 1. **Appropriations**

13.10 The amounts that may be spent for each
 13.11 purpose are specified in the following
 13.12 subdivisions.

13.13 This appropriation includes funds for
 13.14 information technology project services and
 13.15 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota
 13.16 Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing
 13.17 information technology costs must be
 13.18 incorporated into the service level agreement
 13.19 and must be paid to the Office of MN.IT
 13.20 Services by the commissioner of management
 13.21 and budget under the rates and mechanism
 13.22 specified in that agreement.

13.23 Subd. 2. **Accounting Services** 5,060,000 5,060,000

13.24 Subd. 3. **Budget Services** 3,443,000 3,443,000

13.25 Subd. 4. **Economic Analysis** 548,000 548,000

13.26 Subd. 5. **Debt Management** 475,000 475,000

13.27 Subd. 6. **Enterprise Communications and**
 13.28 **Planning** 1,074,000 1,074,000

13.29 Subd. 7. **Enterprise Human Resources** 3,469,000 3,469,000

13.30 Subd. 8. **Labor Relations** 1,123,000 1,123,000

13.31 Subd. 9. **Agency Administration** 10,305,000 10,884,000

13.32 (a) \$632,000 the first year and \$1,204,000 the
 13.33 second year are for operating adjustments and

15.1	<u>(a) Operations Support</u>		
15.2	<u>General</u>	<u>10,134,000</u>	<u>10,134,000</u>
15.3	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>126,000</u>
15.4	<u>(b) Appeals, Legal Services, and Tax Research</u>		
15.5	<u>General</u>	<u>7,251,000</u>	<u>7,251,000</u>
15.6	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>113,000</u>	<u>113,000</u>
15.7	<u>(c) Payment and Return Processing</u>		
15.8	<u>General</u>	<u>13,177,000</u>	<u>13,177,000</u>
15.9	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
15.10	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
15.11	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>343,000</u>	<u>343,000</u>
15.12	<u>(d) Administration of State Taxes</u>		
15.13	<u>General</u>	<u>57,408,000</u>	<u>57,248,000</u>
15.14	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,407,000</u>	<u>1,407,000</u>
15.15	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
15.16	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>1,621,000</u>	<u>1,621,000</u>
15.17	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>303,000</u>	<u>303,000</u>
15.18	<u>(1) \$160,000 from the general fund in the first</u>		
15.19	<u>year is for administration of a first-time home</u>		
15.20	<u>buyer savings account program. This</u>		
15.21	<u>appropriation is canceled to the general fund</u>		
15.22	<u>if income tax provisions related to first-time</u>		
15.23	<u>home buyer savings accounts are not enacted</u>		
15.24	<u>by law at the 2017 regular or special</u>		
15.25	<u>legislative session.</u>		
15.26	<u>(2) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$400,000</u>		
15.27	<u>in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund are</u>		
15.28	<u>for grants to one or more nonprofit</u>		
15.29	<u>organizations, qualifying under section</u>		
15.30	<u>501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of</u>		
15.31	<u>1986, to coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and</u>		
15.32	<u>aid in the provision of taxpayer assistance</u>		
15.33	<u>services. The unencumbered balance in the</u>		
15.34	<u>first year does not cancel but is available for</u>		
15.35	<u>the second year.</u>		

16.1 For purposes of this appropriation, "taxpayer
 16.2 assistance services" means accounting and tax
 16.3 preparation services provided by volunteers
 16.4 to low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged
 16.5 Minnesota residents to help them file federal
 16.6 and state income tax returns, Minnesota
 16.7 property tax refund claims, and to provide
 16.8 personal representation before the Department
 16.9 of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service.

16.10 For the fiscal year 2020-2021 biennial budget,
 16.11 the commissioner must develop a budget
 16.12 structure that reflects actual spending to the
 16.13 budget activity level. This detail must be
 16.14 available in the Budget Planning and Analysis
 16.15 System.

16.16 **(e) Technology Development, Implementation,**
 16.17 **and Support**

16.18 <u>General</u>	<u>22,784,000</u>	<u>22,784,000</u>
16.19 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>
16.20 <u>Highway User Tax</u>		
16.21 <u>Distribution</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>

16.22 **(f) Property Tax Administration and State Aid**

16.23 <u>General</u>	<u>4,173,000</u>	<u>4,173,000</u>
16.24 <u>(g) Effective and Efficient Tax Service</u>	<u>5,727,000</u>	<u>9,782,000</u>

16.25 These appropriations are for increased
 16.26 operation costs. The commissioner may
 16.27 transfer money in these appropriations to other
 16.28 activities in this subdivision.

16.29 <u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u>	<u>28,616,000</u>	<u>28,616,000</u>
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16.30 Sec. 15. <u>HUMAN RIGHTS</u>	<u>\$ 4,393,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,580,000</u>
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16.31 Sec. 16. <u>GAMBLING CONTROL</u>	<u>\$ 3,422,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,457,000</u>
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16.32 These appropriations are from the lawful
 16.33 gambling regulation account in the special
 16.34 revenue fund.

17.1	Sec. 17. <u>RACING COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>845,000</u>	\$	<u>908,000</u>
17.2	<u>These appropriations are from the racing and</u>				
17.3	<u>card playing regulation accounts in the special</u>				
17.4	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
17.5	Sec. 18. <u>STATE LOTTERY</u>				
17.6	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
17.7	<u>349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's</u>				
17.8	<u>operating budget must not exceed \$32,500,000</u>				
17.9	<u>in fiscal year 2018 and \$33,000,000 in fiscal</u>				
17.10	<u>year 2019.</u>				
17.11	Sec. 19. <u>AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>303,000</u>	\$	<u>305,000</u>
17.12	Sec. 20. <u>COUNCIL ON MINNESOTANS OF</u>				
17.13	<u>AFRICAN HERITAGE</u>	\$	<u>403,000</u>	\$	<u>406,000</u>
17.14	Sec. 21. <u>COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS</u>	\$	<u>477,000</u>	\$	<u>494,000</u>
17.15	Sec. 22. <u>COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC</u>				
17.16	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	\$	<u>457,000</u>	\$	<u>464,000</u>
17.17	Sec. 23. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>580,000</u>	\$	<u>584,000</u>
17.18	Sec. 24. <u>MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u>				
17.19	<u>SOCIETY</u>				
17.20	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>23,393,000</u>	\$	<u>23,893,000</u>
17.21	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>				
17.22	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>				
17.23	<u>subdivisions.</u>				
17.24	Subd. 2. <u>Operations and Programs</u>		<u>23,072,000</u>		<u>23,572,000</u>
17.25	<u>\$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the</u>				
17.26	<u>second year are for digital preservation and</u>				
17.27	<u>access, including planning and implementation</u>				
17.28	<u>of a program to preserve and make available</u>				
17.29	<u>resources related to Minnesota history. These</u>				
17.30	<u>are onetime appropriations.</u>				

18.1 Subd. 3. Fiscal Agent18.2 (a) Global Minnesota 39,000 39,00018.3 (b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum 17,000 17,00018.4 (c) Minnesota Military Museum 50,000 50,00018.5 (d) Farmamerica 115,000 115,00018.6 (e) Hockey Hall of Fame 100,000 100,000

18.7 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this
 18.8 subdivision the first year does not cancel but
 18.9 is available for the second year of the
 18.10 biennium.

18.11 Sec. 25. BOARD OF THE ARTS18.12 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 7,534,000 \$ 7,539,000

18.13 The amounts that may be spent for each
 18.14 purpose are specified in the following
 18.15 subdivisions.

18.16 Subd. 2. Operations and Services 595,000 600,00018.17 Subd. 3. Grants Program 4,800,000 4,800,00018.18 Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils 2,139,000 2,139,000

18.19 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this
 18.20 section the first year does not cancel, but is
 18.21 available for the second year.

18.22 Money appropriated in this section and
 18.23 distributed as grants may only be spent on
 18.24 projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of
 18.25 a grant funded by an appropriation in this
 18.26 section must not use more than ten percent of
 18.27 the total grant for costs related to travel outside
 18.28 the state of Minnesota.

18.29 Sec. 26. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER \$ 950,000 \$ 950,000

18.30 (a) \$325,000 each year is for the Healthy
 18.31 Eating, Here at Home program under

20.1	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
20.2	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>		
20.3				
20.4	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>		
20.5				
20.6	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>		
20.7				
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20.13				
20.14				
20.15				
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20.18			<u>\$</u>	<u>161,000</u>
20.19			<u>\$</u>	<u>161,000</u>
20.20				
20.21				
20.22				
20.23				
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20.26				
20.27			<u>\$</u>	<u>14,893,000</u>
20.28			<u>\$</u>	<u>15,071,000</u>
20.29				
20.30				
20.31				
20.32			<u>8,893,000</u>	<u>9,071,000</u>

21.1 Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,
 21.2 subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;
 21.3 and 3A.115.

21.4 If an appropriation in this section for either
 21.5 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
 21.6 other year is available for it.

21.7 **Subd. 3. Judges Retirement Plan** 6,000,000 6,000,000

21.8 For transfer to the judges retirement fund
 21.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123.
 21.10 \$6,000,000 each fiscal year is included in the
 21.11 base for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. This
 21.12 transfer continues each fiscal year until the
 21.13 judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent
 21.14 funding as determined by an actuarial
 21.15 valuation prepared according to Minnesota
 21.16 Statutes, section 356.214.

21.17 **Sec. 34. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT**
 21.18 **ASSOCIATION**

\$ 16,000,000 \$ 16,000,000

21.19 General employees retirement plan of the
 21.20 Public Employees Retirement Association
 21.21 relating to the merged former MERF division.
 21.22 State payments from the general fund to the
 21.23 Public Employees Retirement Association on
 21.24 behalf of the former MERF division account
 21.25 are \$16,000,000 on September 15, 2017, and
 21.26 \$16,000,000 on September 15, 2018.

21.27 These amounts are estimated to be needed
 21.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.505.

21.29 **Sec. 35. TEACHERS RETIREMENT**
 21.30 **ASSOCIATION**

\$ 29,831,000 \$ 29,831,000

21.31 The amounts estimated to be needed are as
 21.32 follows:

22.1	<u>Special Direct State Aid. \$27,331,000 the</u>		
22.2	<u>first year and \$27,331,000 the second year are</u>		
22.3	<u>for special direct state aid authorized under</u>		
22.4	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 354.436.</u>		
22.5	<u>Special Direct State Matching Aid.</u>		
22.6	<u>\$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the</u>		
22.7	<u>second year are for special direct state</u>		
22.8	<u>matching aid authorized under Minnesota</u>		
22.9	<u>Statutes, section 354.435.</u>		
22.10	Sec. 36. <u>ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT</u>		
22.11	<u>FUND</u>	\$ <u>9,827,000</u>	\$ <u>9,827,000</u>
22.12	<u>The amounts estimated to be needed for</u>		
22.13	<u>special direct state aid to the first class city</u>		
22.14	<u>teachers retirement fund association authorized</u>		
22.15	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,</u>		
22.16	<u>subdivisions 3a and 3c.</u>		
22.17	Sec. 37. <u>MILITARY AFFAIRS</u>		
22.18	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$ <u>24,836,000</u>	\$ <u>22,920,000</u>
22.19	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
22.20	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
22.21	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
22.22	<u>Subd. 2. Maintenance of Training Facilities</u>	<u>9,677,000</u>	<u>9,694,000</u>
22.23	<u>Of the funds transferred to maintenance of</u>		
22.24	<u>training facilities in Laws 2015, chapter 77,</u>		
22.25	<u>article 1, section 36, subdivision 4, \$2,000,000</u>		
22.26	<u>in fiscal year 2017 may be transferred to the</u>		
22.27	<u>enlistment incentives appropriation to address</u>		
22.28	<u>a projected fiscal year 2017 deficit in the</u>		
22.29	<u>enlistment incentives program.</u>		
22.30	<u>Subd. 3. General Support</u>	<u>3,090,000</u>	<u>3,114,000</u>
22.31	<u>Subd. 4. Enlistment Incentives</u>	<u>12,069,000</u>	<u>10,112,000</u>

- 24.1 homeless or in danger of homelessness,
24.2 including assistance with the following:
- 24.3 (1) utilities;
24.4 (2) employment; and
24.5 (3) legal issues.
- 24.6 The assistance authorized under this paragraph
24.7 must be made only to veterans who have
24.8 resided in Minnesota for 30 days prior to
24.9 application for assistance and according to
24.10 other guidelines established by the
24.11 commissioner. In order to avoid duplication
24.12 of services, the commissioner must ensure that
24.13 this assistance is coordinated with all other
24.14 available programs for veterans.
- 24.15 **Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is for
24.16 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
24.17 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
24.18 197.231.
- 24.19 **Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is for
24.20 the costs of administering the Minnesota GI
24.21 Bill postsecondary educational benefits,
24.22 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
24.23 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
24.24 197.791.
- 24.25 **Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year is
24.26 for administering the Gold Star Program for
24.27 surviving family members of deceased
24.28 veterans.
- 24.29 **County Veterans Service Office.** \$1,100,000
24.30 each year is for funding the County Veterans
24.31 Service Office grant program under Minnesota
24.32 Statutes, section 197.608.

25.1 **Veterans Journey Home.** \$350,000 each year
 25.2 is for grants to the veterans Journey Home
 25.3 program. Grants must support the development
 25.4 of new or rehabilitated affordable housing
 25.5 dedicated for low-to-moderate income
 25.6 veterans and their families. These are onetime
 25.7 appropriations.

25.8 Subd. 3. **Veterans Health Care**

57,635,000

58,057,000

25.9 The general fund appropriations made to the
 25.10 department may be transferred to a veterans
 25.11 homes special revenue account in the special
 25.12 revenue fund in the same manner as other
 25.13 receipts are deposited according to Minnesota
 25.14 Statutes, section 198.34, and are appropriated
 25.15 to the department for the operation of veterans
 25.16 homes facilities and programs.

25.17 No later than January 15, 2018, the
 25.18 commissioner must submit a report to the
 25.19 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 25.20 veterans affairs and state government finance
 25.21 on reserve amounts maintained in the veterans
 25.22 homes special revenue account. The report
 25.23 must detail current and historical amounts
 25.24 maintained as a reserve, and uses of those
 25.25 amounts. The report must also include data on
 25.26 the utilization of existing veterans homes,
 25.27 including current and historical bed capacity
 25.28 and usage, staffing levels and staff vacancy
 25.29 rates, and staff-to-resident ratios.

25.30 **Maximize Federal Reimbursements.** The
 25.31 department will seek opportunities to
 25.32 maximize federal reimbursements of
 25.33 Medicare-eligible expenses and will provide
 25.34 annual reports to the commissioner of
 25.35 management and budget on the federal

26.1 Medicare reimbursements received.
26.2 Contingent upon future federal Medicare
26.3 receipts, reductions to the homes' general fund
26.4 appropriation may be made.

26.5 Sec. 39. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATIONS.**

26.6 All unspent funds estimated to be \$7,166,000, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
26.7 240A.085, under Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 13, section 56, are canceled to the general
26.8 fund on June 30, 2017.

26.9 Sec. 40. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.**

26.10 A commissioner of an executive branch agency receiving appropriations within this
26.11 article may transfer appropriations for staff positions, salaries, and technology within the
26.12 agency to meet its statutory obligations. The commissioner shall inform the chairs and
26.13 ranking minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and senate
26.14 with jurisdiction over state government and veterans finance quarterly about transfers made
26.15 under this section.

26.16 Sec. 41. **DATA COMPLAINTS; DEFICIENCY.**

26.17 \$34,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of
26.18 Administrative Hearings for the cost of considering complaints filed under Minnesota
26.19 Statutes, section 211B.32, and for the cost of considering data practices complaints filed
26.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.085.

26.21 Sec. 42. **SAVINGS FROM INSURANCE OPT OUT; APPROPRIATION**
26.22 **REDUCTION FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.**

26.23 The commissioner of management and budget must reduce general fund appropriations
26.24 to executive agencies, including constitutional offices, for agency operations for the biennium
26.25 ending June 30, 2019, by \$4,012,000 due to savings from permitting employees to opt out
26.26 of insurance coverage under the state employee group insurance coverage.

26.27 If savings obtained through permitting employees to opt out of insurance coverage under
26.28 the state employee group insurance coverage yield savings in nongeneral funds other than
26.29 those established in the state constitution or protected by federal law, the commissioner of
26.30 management and budget may transfer the amount of savings to the general fund. The amount
26.31 transferred to the general fund from other funds reduces the required general fund reduction

27.1 in this section. Reductions made in 2019 must be reflected as reductions in agency base
 27.2 budgets for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The commissioner of management and budget must
 27.3 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the senate Finance
 27.4 Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding the
 27.5 amount of reductions in spending by each agency under this section.

27.6 Sec. 43. **BASE BUDGET REPORT.**

27.7 No later than October 15, 2017, the commissioners of management and budget, revenue,
 27.8 and veterans affairs must each submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
 27.9 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance that detail the
 27.10 agency's base budget, by fiscal year. At a minimum, the report must include:

27.11 (1) a description of each appropriation rider enacted for the agency, and the year the
 27.12 rider was first enacted in a substantially similar form;

27.13 (2) a description of the agency's use of appropriated funds that are not directed by a
 27.14 rider, including an itemization of programs that appeared in a rider in a prior biennium and
 27.15 continue to receive funding despite no longer appearing in a rider; and

27.16 (3) an itemization of any appropriations provided to the agency under a provision of
 27.17 statute or the state constitution.

27.18 **ARTICLE 2**

27.19 **STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

27.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.305, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Legislative commission" means a joint commission,
 27.22 committee, or other entity in the legislative branch composed exclusively of members of
 27.23 the senate and the house of representatives.

27.24 (b) "Joint offices" means the Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Reference Library, the
 27.25 Office of Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Budget Office, and any other joint legislative
 27.26 service office.

27.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

27.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.8843, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

27.29 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2017~~ 2019.

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

28.1 Sec. 3. **[3.8853] LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE.**

28.2 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; duties.** The Legislative Budget Office is established
28.3 under control of the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide the house of
28.4 representatives and senate with nonpartisan, accurate, and timely information on the fiscal
28.5 impact of proposed legislation, without regard to political factors.

28.6 Subd. 2. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must appoint a director who
28.7 may hire staff necessary to do the work of the office. The director serves a term of six years
28.8 and may not be removed during a term except for cause.

28.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

28.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.971, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.11 Subd. 2. **Staff; compensation.** (a) The legislative auditor shall establish a Financial
28.12 Audits Division and a Program Evaluation Division to fulfill the duties prescribed in this
28.13 section.

28.14 (b) Each division may be supervised by a deputy auditor, appointed by the legislative
28.15 auditor, with the approval of the commission, for a term coterminous with the legislative
28.16 auditor's term. The deputy auditors may be removed before the expiration of their terms
28.17 only for cause. The legislative auditor and deputy auditors may each appoint a confidential
28.18 secretary to serve at pleasure. The salaries and benefits of the legislative auditor, deputy
28.19 auditors and confidential secretaries shall be determined by the compensation plan approved
28.20 by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The deputy auditors may perform and exercise
28.21 the powers, duties and responsibilities imposed by law on the legislative auditor when
28.22 authorized by the legislative auditor.

28.23 (c) The legislative auditor must appoint a fiscal oversight officer with duties that include
28.24 performing the review under section 3.972, subdivision 4.

28.25 (d) The deputy auditors and the confidential secretaries serve in the unclassified civil
28.26 service, but the fiscal oversight officer and all other employees of the legislative auditor are
28.27 in the classified civil service. Compensation for employees of the legislative auditor in the
28.28 classified service shall be governed by a plan prepared by the legislative auditor and approved
28.29 by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and the legislature under section 3.855,
28.30 subdivision 3.

28.31 (e) While in office, a person appointed deputy for the Financial Audit Division must
28.32 hold an active license as a certified public accountant.

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

29.2 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.971, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

29.3 Subd. 6. **Financial audits.** The legislative auditor shall audit the financial statements
 29.4 of the state of Minnesota required by section 16A.50 and, as resources permit, Minnesota
 29.5 State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota, state agencies, departments,
 29.6 boards, commissions, offices, courts, and other organizations subject to audit by the
 29.7 legislative auditor, including, but not limited to, the State Agricultural Society, Agricultural
 29.8 Utilization Research Institute, Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., Minnesota Historical Society,
 29.9 ClearWay Minnesota, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, Metropolitan Council,
 29.10 Metropolitan Airports Commission, and Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. Financial
 29.11 audits must be conducted according to generally accepted government auditing standards.
 29.12 The legislative auditor shall see that all provisions of law respecting the appropriate and
 29.13 economic use of public funds and other public resources are complied with and may, as
 29.14 part of a financial audit or separately, investigate allegations of noncompliance.

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

29.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.972, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 29.17 read:

29.18 Subd. 4. **Certain transit financial activity reporting.** (a) The legislative auditor must
 29.19 perform a transit financial activity review of financial information for the Metropolitan
 29.20 Council's Transportation Division and the joint powers board under section 297A.992.
 29.21 Within 14 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the legislative auditor must submit the
 29.22 review to the Legislative Audit Commission and the chairs and ranking minority members
 29.23 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance, finance,
 29.24 and ways and means.

29.25 (b) At a minimum, each transit financial activity review must include:

29.26 (1) a summary of monthly financial statements, including balance sheets and operating
 29.27 statements, that shows income, expenditures, and fund balance;

29.28 (2) a list of any obligations and agreements entered into related to transit purposes,
 29.29 whether for capital or operating, including but not limited to bonds, notes, grants, and future
 29.30 funding commitments;

29.31 (3) the amount of funds in clause (2) that has been committed;

30.1 (4) independent analysis by the fiscal oversight officer of the fiscal viability of revenues
 30.2 and fund balance compared to expenditures, taking into account:

30.3 (i) all expenditure commitments;

30.4 (ii) cash flow;

30.5 (iii) sufficiency of estimated funds; and

30.6 (iv) financial solvency of anticipated transit projects; and

30.7 (5) a notification concerning whether the requirements under paragraph (c) have been
 30.8 met.

30.9 (c) The Metropolitan Council and the joint powers board under section 297A.992 must
 30.10 produce monthly financial statements as necessary for the review under paragraph (b),
 30.11 clause (1), and provide timely information as requested by the legislative auditor.

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

30.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

30.14 Subdivision 1. **Preparation; duties.** (a) The head or chief administrative officer of each
 30.15 department or agency of the state government, including the Supreme Court, shall cooperate
 30.16 with the Legislative Budget Office and the Legislative Budget Office must prepare a fiscal
 30.17 note at the request of the chair of the standing committee to which a bill has been referred,
 30.18 or the chair of the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee, or the chair of the
 30.19 senate Committee on Finance.

30.20 (b) Upon request of the Legislative Budget Office, the head or chief administrative
 30.21 officer of each department or agency of state government, including the Supreme Court,
 30.22 must promptly supply all information necessary for the Legislative Budget Office to prepare
 30.23 an accurate and timely fiscal note.

30.24 (c) The Legislative Budget Office may adopt standards and guidelines governing timing
 30.25 of responses to requests for information and governing access to data, consistent with laws
 30.26 governing access to data. Agencies must comply with these standards and guidelines and
 30.27 the Legislative Budget Office must publish them on the office's Web site.

30.28 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "Supreme Court" includes all agencies, committees,
 30.29 and commissions supervised or appointed by the state Supreme Court or the state court
 30.30 administrator.

30.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

31.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.98, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

31.2 Subd. 4. **Uniform procedure.** ~~The commissioner of management and budget~~ Legislative
31.3 Budget Office shall prescribe a uniform procedure to govern the departments and agencies
31.4 of the state in complying with the requirements of this section.

31.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

31.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.987, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.7 Subdivision 1. **Local impact notes.** ~~The commissioner of management and budget~~
31.8 Legislative Budget Office shall coordinate the development of a local impact note for any
31.9 proposed legislation ~~introduced after June 30, 1997,~~ upon request of the chair or the ranking
31.10 minority member of either legislative Tax, Finance, or Ways and Means Committee. Upon
31.11 receipt of a request to prepare a local impact note, the ~~commissioner~~ office must notify the
31.12 authors of the proposed legislation that the request has been made. The local impact note
31.13 must be made available to the public upon request. If the action is among the exceptions
31.14 listed in section 3.988, a local impact note need not be requested nor prepared. The
31.15 ~~commissioner~~ office shall make a reasonable and timely estimate of the local fiscal impact
31.16 on each type of political subdivision that would result from the proposed legislation. The
31.17 ~~commissioner of management and budget~~ office may require any political subdivision or
31.18 the commissioner of an administrative agency of the state to supply in a timely manner any
31.19 information determined to be necessary to determine local fiscal impact. The political
31.20 subdivision, its representative association, or commissioner shall convey the requested
31.21 information to the ~~commissioner of management and budget~~ office with a signed statement
31.22 to the effect that the information is accurate and complete to the best of its ability. The
31.23 political subdivision, its representative association, or commissioner, when requested, shall
31.24 update its determination of local fiscal impact based on actual cost or revenue figures,
31.25 improved estimates, or both. Upon completion of the note, the ~~commissioner~~ office must
31.26 provide a copy to the authors of the proposed legislation and to the chair and ranking minority
31.27 member of each committee to which the proposed legislation is referred.

31.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

31.29 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 6.481, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.30 Subd. 3. **CPA firm audit.** A county audit performed by a CPA firm must meet the
31.31 standards and be in ~~the~~ a form required by the state auditor meeting recognized industry
31.32 auditing standards. The state auditor may require additional information from the CPA firm
31.33 if the state auditor determines that is in the public interest, but the state auditor must accept

32.1 the audit unless the state auditor determines ~~if the audit or its form~~ does not meet recognized
 32.2 industry auditing standards ~~or is not in the form required by the state auditor~~. The state
 32.3 auditor may make additional examinations as the auditor determines to be in the public
 32.4 interest.

32.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 6.481, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

32.6 Subd. 6. **Payments to state auditor.** A county audited by the state auditor must pay the
 32.7 state auditor for the costs and expenses of the audit. If the state auditor makes additional
 32.8 examinations of a county whose audit is performed by a CPA firm, the county must pay the
 32.9 auditor for the cost of these examinations. Payments must be deposited in the ~~state auditor~~
 32.10 enterprise general fund.

32.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 6.56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.12 Subd. 2. **Billings by state auditor.** Upon the examination of the books, records, accounts,
 32.13 and affairs of any political subdivision, as provided by law, such political subdivision shall
 32.14 be liable to the state for the total cost and expenses of such examination, including the
 32.15 salaries paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making such examination. The
 32.16 state auditor may bill such political subdivision periodically for service rendered and the
 32.17 officials responsible for approving and paying claims are authorized to pay said bill promptly.
 32.18 Said payments shall be without prejudice to any defense against said claims that may exist
 32.19 or be asserted. The ~~state auditor enterprise~~ general fund shall be credited with all collections
 32.20 made for any such examinations, including interest payments made pursuant to subdivision
 32.21 3.

32.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 6.581, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.23 Subd. 4. **Reports to legislature.** At least 30 days before implementing increased charges
 32.24 for examinations, the state auditor must report the proposed increases to the chairs and
 32.25 ranking minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate
 32.26 with jurisdiction over the budget of the state auditor. By January 15 of each odd-numbered
 32.27 year, the state auditor must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 32.28 legislative committees and divisions with primary jurisdiction over the budget of the state
 32.29 auditor a summary of ~~the state auditor enterprise fund~~ anticipated revenues, and expenditures
 32.30 related to examinations for the biennium ending June 30 of that year. The report must also
 32.31 include for the biennium the number of full-time equivalents ~~paid by the fund~~, by division,
 32.32 employed by the Office of the State Auditor, any audit rate changes stated as a percentage,
 32.33 the number of audit reports issued, and the number of counties audited.

33.1 Sec. 14. **[6.92] LITIGATION EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE REPORT.**

33.2 The state auditor must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 33.3 committees in the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over the Office
 33.4 of the State Auditor by July 1, 2017, and January 1, 2018, and each January 1 thereafter,
 33.5 on the state auditor's expenses in preparing or asserting a civil claim or appeal, or in defending
 33.6 against a civil claim or appeal, related to the proper exercise of the auditor's constitutionally
 33.7 authorized core functions. The report must list each lawsuit the state auditor has brought or
 33.8 is defending, the grounds for each suit, the litigation expenses incurred since the previous
 33.9 report under this section, and the projected expenses to complete the suit.

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

33.11 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 15.0145, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

33.12 Subd. 5. **Executive director; staff.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
 33.13 appoint an executive director for each council. The executive director must be experienced
 33.14 in administrative activities and familiar with the challenges and needs of the ethnic council's
 33.15 larger community. The executive director serves in the unclassified service at the pleasure
 33.16 of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

33.17 (b) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must establish a process for recruiting
 33.18 and selecting applicants for the executive director positions. This process must include
 33.19 consultation and collaboration with the applicable council.

33.20 (c) The executive director and applicable council members must work together in fulfilling
 33.21 council duties. The executive director must consult with the commissioner of administration
 33.22 to ensure appropriate financial, purchasing, human resources, and other services for operation
 33.23 of the council.

33.24 (d) Once appointed, each council is responsible for supervising the work of its director.
 33.25 The council chair must report to the chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission
 33.26 regarding the performance of the executive director, including any recommendations
 33.27 regarding disciplinary actions. The executive director must appoint and supervise the work
 33.28 of other staff necessary to carry out the duties of the council. The executive director must
 33.29 consult with the council chair prior to taking the following disciplinary actions with council
 33.30 staff: written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or discharge. The executive director and
 33.31 other council staff are executive branch employees.

33.32 (e) The executive director must submit the council's biennial budget request to the
 33.33 commissioner of management and budget as provided under chapter 16A.

34.1 (f) The Legislative Coordinating Commission may delegate its responsibilities under
 34.2 this section to a subcommittee or subgroup of the commission or the chair of the council.

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

34.4 Sec. 16. **[15.0395] INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND INTRA-AGENCY**
 34.5 **TRANSFERS.**

34.6 (a) By October 15, 2018, and annually thereafter, the head of each agency must provide
 34.7 reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
 34.8 jurisdiction over the department or agency's budget on:

34.9 (1) interagency agreements or service-level agreements and any renewals or extensions
 34.10 of existing interagency or service-level agreements with another agency if the cumulative
 34.11 value of those agreements is more than \$100,000 in the previous fiscal year; and

34.12 (2) transfers of appropriations between accounts within or between agencies, if the
 34.13 cumulative value of the transfers is more than \$100,000 in the previous fiscal year.

34.14 The report must include the statutory citation authorizing the agreement, transfer or dollar
 34.15 amount, purpose, and effective date of the agreement, the duration of the agreement, and a
 34.16 copy of the agreement.

34.17 (b) As used in this section, "agency" includes the departments of the state listed in section
 34.18 15.01, a multimember state agency in the executive branch described in section 15.012,
 34.19 paragraph (a), the Office of MN.IT Services, and the Office of Higher Education.

34.20 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 15A.083, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

34.21 Subd. 6a. **Administrative law judge; salaries.** The salary of the chief administrative
 34.22 law judge is 98.52 percent of the salary of a chief district court judge. The salaries of the
 34.23 assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors are 93.60
 34.24 percent of the salary of a chief district court judge. The salary of an administrative law judge
 34.25 employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings is ~~88.67~~ 98.52 percent of the salary of
 34.26 a district court judge as set under section 15A.082, subdivision 3.

34.27 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 15A.083, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

34.28 Subd. 7. **Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and compensation judges.**
 34.29 Salaries of judges of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals are 98.52 percent of the
 34.30 salary for district court judges. The salary of the chief judge of the Workers' Compensation
 34.31 Court of Appeals is 98.52 percent of the salary for a chief district court judge. Salaries of

35.1 compensation judges are ~~88.67~~ 98.52 percent of the salary of district court judges. ~~The chief~~
 35.2 ~~workers' compensation judge at the Department of Labor and Industry may be paid an annual~~
 35.3 ~~salary that is up to five percent greater than the salary of workers' compensation settlement~~
 35.4 ~~judges at the Department of Labor and Industry.~~

35.5 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 16A.90, is amended to read:

35.6 **16A.90 EMPLOYEE GAINSHARING SYSTEM.**

35.7 Subdivision 1. Commissioner must establish program. (a) The commissioner shall
 35.8 establish a program to provide onetime bonus compensation to state employees for efforts
 35.9 made to reduce the costs of operating state government or for ways of providing better or
 35.10 more efficient state services. The commissioner may authorize an executive branch appointing
 35.11 authority to make a onetime award to an employee or group of employees whose suggestion
 35.12 or involvement in a project is determined by the commissioner to have resulted in documented
 35.13 cost-savings to the state. Before authorizing awards under this section, the commissioner
 35.14 shall establish guidelines for the program including but not limited to:

35.15 (1) the maximum award is ten percent of the documented savings in the first fiscal year
 35.16 in which the savings are realized up to \$50,000;

35.17 (2) the award must be paid from the appropriation to which the savings accrued; and

35.18 (3) employees whose primary job responsibility is to identify cost savings or ways of
 35.19 providing better or more efficient state services are generally not eligible for bonus
 35.20 compensation under this section except in extraordinary circumstances as defined by the
 35.21 commissioner.

35.22 (b) The program required by this section must be in addition to any existing monetary
 35.23 or nonmonetary performance-based recognition programs for state employees, including
 35.24 achievement awards, continuous improvement awards, and general employee recognitions.

35.25 Subd. 2. Biannual legislative report. No later than August 1, 2017, and biannually
 35.26 thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 35.27 house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over Minnesota Management
 35.28 and Budget on the status of the program required by this section. The report must detail:

35.29 (1) the specific program guidelines established by the commissioner as required by
 35.30 subdivision 1, if the guidelines have not been described in a previous report;

35.31 (2) any proposed modifications to the established guidelines under consideration by the
 35.32 commissioner, including the reason for the proposed modifications;

36.1 (3) the methods used by the commissioner to promote the program to state employees,
36.2 if the methods have not been described in a previous report;

36.3 (4) a summary of the results of the program that includes the following, categorized by
36.4 agency:

36.5 (i) the number of state employees whose suggestions or involvement in a project were
36.6 considered for possible bonus compensation, and a description of each suggestion or project
36.7 that was considered;

36.8 (ii) the total amount of bonus compensation actually awarded, itemized by each suggestion
36.9 or project that resulted in an award and the amount awarded for that suggestion or project;
36.10 and

36.11 (iii) the total amount of documented cost-savings that accrued to the agency as a result
36.12 of each suggestion or project for which bonus compensation was granted; and

36.13 (5) any recommendations for legislation that, in the judgment of the commissioner,
36.14 would improve the effectiveness of the bonus compensation program established by this
36.15 section or which would otherwise increase opportunities for state employees to actively
36.16 participate in the development and implementation of strategies for reducing the costs of
36.17 operating state government or for providing better or more efficient state services.

36.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 16B.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.19 Subdivision 1. **Federal Assistive Technology Act.** (a) The Department of Administration
36.20 is designated as the lead agency to carry out all the responsibilities under the Assistive
36.21 Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as amended. The Minnesota
36.22 Assistive Technology Advisory Council is established to fulfill the responsibilities required
36.23 by the Assistive Technology Act, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as amended. Because
36.24 the existence of this council is required by federal law, this council does not expire.

36.25 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the governor shall appoint the membership of
36.26 the council as required by the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public
36.27 Law 108-364, as amended. After the governor has completed the appointments required by
36.28 this subdivision, the commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee, shall
36.29 convene the first meeting of the council following the appointments. Members shall serve
36.30 two-year terms commencing July 1 of each odd-numbered year, and receive the compensation
36.31 specified by the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as
36.32 amended. The members of the council shall select their chair at the first meeting following
36.33 their appointment.

37.1 (c) After consulting with the appropriate commissioner, the commissioner of
 37.2 administration shall appoint a representative from:

37.3 (1) State Services for the Blind who has assistive technology expertise;

37.4 (2) vocational rehabilitation services who has assistive technology expertise;

37.5 (3) the Workforce Development Council; and

37.6 (4) the Department of Education who has assistive technology expertise.

37.7 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 16B.2405, is amended to read:

37.8 **16B.2405 CAPITOL BUILDING POWERS AND DUTIES.**

37.9 Subdivision 1. **Duties.** The commissioner, upon receipt of funding for these purposes,
 37.10 shall:

37.11 (1) maintain and operate the Capitol building and grounds according to section 16B.24
 37.12 and other applicable law;

37.13 (2) designate a project manager to oversee and manage predesign, design, and construction
 37.14 contracts and funding for all modifications to the Capitol building;

37.15 (3) manage design and construction projects and funding for the Capitol building
 37.16 according to section 16B.31 and other applicable law;

37.17 (4) lease space in the Capitol building, as provided in section 16B.24, to state agencies,
 37.18 constitutional officers, and the court administrator on behalf of the judicial branch and
 37.19 allocate space in the Capitol building to the legislative branch as determined by the
 37.20 commission;

37.21 (5) provide information about the Capitol building to the commission, legislative bodies,
 37.22 and others as needed regarding maintenance, operation, leasing, condition assessments,
 37.23 design, and construction projects; and

37.24 (6) assist the State Capitol Preservation Commission with performance of its duties as
 37.25 needed.

37.26 Subd. 2. **Capitol event fees; appropriation.** The commissioner may collect charges or
 37.27 fees from users holding events in the Capitol building. Money collected by the commissioner
 37.28 under this subdivision shall be deposited in a Capitol events dedicated account in the special
 37.29 revenue fund. Money in the dedicated account is appropriated to the commissioner of
 37.30 administration to recover direct costs incurred from holding events in the Capitol building.
 37.31 The commissioner shall report annually by August 1 on the events held in the Capitol

38.1 building, the amounts collected for those events, and the costs for operating events, to the
38.2 chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and
38.3 the senate with jurisdiction over finance and policy relating to the commissioner of
38.4 administration.

38.5 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 16B.4805, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

38.6 Subd. 2. **Reimbursement for making reasonable accommodation.** The commissioner
38.7 of administration shall reimburse state agencies for up to 50 percent of the cost of expenses
38.8 incurred in making reasonable accommodations eligible for reimbursement for agency
38.9 employees and applicants for employment to the extent that funds are available in the
38.10 accommodation account established under subdivision 3 for this purpose.

38.11 Sec. 23. **[16B.991] TERMINATION OF GRANT.**

38.12 Each grant agreement subject to sections 16B.97 and 16B.98 must provide that the
38.13 agreement will immediately be terminated if the recipient is convicted of a criminal offense
38.14 relating to a state grant agreement.

38.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 16E.0466, is amended to read:

38.16 **16E.0466 STATE AGENCY TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.**

38.17 Subdivision 1. Consultation required. (a) Every state agency with an information or
38.18 telecommunications project must consult with the Office of MN.IT Services to determine
38.19 the information technology cost of the project. Upon agreement between the commissioner
38.20 of a particular agency and the chief information officer, the agency must transfer the
38.21 information technology cost portion of the project to the Office of MN.IT Services. Service
38.22 level agreements must document all project-related transfers under this section. Those
38.23 agencies specified in section 16E.016, paragraph (d), are exempt from the requirements of
38.24 this section.

38.25 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, any unexpended operating balance
38.26 appropriated to a state agency may be transferred to the information and telecommunications
38.27 technology systems and services account for the information technology cost of a specific
38.28 project, subject to the review of the Legislative Advisory Commission, under section 16E.21,
38.29 subdivision 3.

38.30 Subd. 2. Legislative report. No later than October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
38.31 state chief information officer must submit a comprehensive project portfolio report to the
38.32 chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees

39.1 with jurisdiction over state government finance on projects requiring consultation under
 39.2 subdivision 1. The report must itemize:

39.3 (1) each project presented to the office for consultation in the time since the last report;

39.4 (2) the information technology cost associated with the project, including the information
 39.5 technology cost as a percentage of the project's complete budget;

39.6 (3) the status of the information technology components of the project's development;

39.7 (4) the date the information technology components of the project are expected to be
 39.8 completed; and

39.9 (5) the projected costs for ongoing support and maintenance of the information technology
 39.10 components after the project is complete.

39.11 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 43A.17, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

39.12 Subd. 11. **Severance pay for certain employees.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,
 39.13 "highly compensated employee" means an employee of the state whose estimated annual
 39.14 compensation is greater than 60 percent of the governor's annual salary, and who is not
 39.15 covered by a collective bargaining agreement negotiated under chapter 179A or a
 39.16 compensation plan authorized under section 43A.18, subdivision 3a.

39.17 (b) Severance pay for a highly compensated employee includes benefits or compensation
 39.18 with a quantifiable monetary value, that are provided for an employee upon termination of
 39.19 employment and are not part of the employee's annual wages and benefits and are not
 39.20 specifically excluded by this subdivision. Severance pay does not include payments for
 39.21 accumulated vacation, accumulated sick leave, and accumulated sick leave liquidated to
 39.22 cover the cost of group term insurance. Severance pay for a highly compensated employee
 39.23 does not include payments of periodic contributions by an employer toward premiums for
 39.24 group insurance policies. The severance pay for a highly compensated employee must be
 39.25 excluded from retirement deductions and from any calculations of retirement benefits.
 39.26 Severance pay for a highly compensated employee must be paid in a manner mutually
 39.27 agreeable to the employee and the employee's appointing authority over a period not to
 39.28 exceed five years from retirement or termination of employment. If a retired or terminated
 39.29 employee dies before all or a portion of the severance pay has been disbursed, the balance
 39.30 due must be paid to a named beneficiary or, lacking one, to the deceased's estate. Except
 39.31 as provided in paragraph (c), severance pay provided for a highly compensated employee
 39.32 leaving employment may not exceed ~~an amount equivalent to six months of pay~~ the lesser
 39.33 of:

40.1 (1) six months pay; or

40.2 (2) the highly compensated employee's regular rate of pay multiplied by 35 percent of
 40.3 the highly compensated employee's accumulated but unused sick leave hours.

40.4 (c) Severance pay for a highly compensated employee may exceed ~~an amount equivalent~~
 40.5 ~~to six months of pay~~ the limit prescribed in paragraph (b) if the severance pay is part of an
 40.6 early retirement incentive offer approved by the state and the same early retirement incentive
 40.7 offer is also made available to all other employees of the appointing authority who meet
 40.8 generally defined criteria relative to age or length of service.

40.9 (d) An appointing authority may make severance payments to a highly compensated
 40.10 employee, up to the limits prescribed in this subdivision, only if doing so is authorized by
 40.11 a compensation plan under section 43A.18 that governs the employee, provided that the
 40.12 following highly compensated employees are not eligible for severance pay:

40.13 (1) a commissioner, deputy commissioner, or assistant commissioner of any state
 40.14 department or agency as listed in section 15.01 or 15.06, including the state chief information
 40.15 officer; and

40.16 (2) any unclassified employee who is also a public official, as defined in section 10A.01,
 40.17 subdivision 35.

40.18 (e) Severance pay shall not be paid to a highly compensated employee who has been
 40.19 employed by the appointing authority for less than six months or who voluntarily terminates
 40.20 employment.

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

40.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 43A.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 40.23 read:

40.24 Subd. 1a. **Opt out.** (a) An individual eligible for state-paid hospital, medical, and dental
 40.25 benefits under this section has the right to decline those benefits, provided the individual
 40.26 declining the benefits can prove health insurance coverage from another source. Any
 40.27 individual declining benefits must do so in writing, signed and dated, on a form provided
 40.28 by the commissioner.

40.29 (b) The commissioner must create, and make available in hard copy and online a form
 40.30 for individuals to use in declining state-paid hospital, medical, and dental benefits. The form
 40.31 must, at a minimum, include notice to the declining individual of the next available
 40.32 opportunity and procedure to re-enroll in the benefits.

41.1 (c) No later than January 15 of each year, the commissioner of management and budget
 41.2 must provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
 41.3 committees with jurisdiction over state government finance on the number of employees
 41.4 choosing to opt-out of state employee group insurance coverage under this section. The
 41.5 report must provide itemized statistics, by agency, and include the total amount of savings
 41.6 accrued to each agency resulting from the opt-outs.

41.7 Sec. 27. **[118A.09] ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM EQUITY INVESTMENT**
 41.8 **AUTHORITY.**

41.9 Subdivision 1. **Definition; qualifying government.** "Qualifying government" means:
 41.10 (1) a county or statutory or home rule charter city with a population of more than 100,000;
 41.11 (2) a county or statutory or home rule charter city which had its most recently issued
 41.12 general obligation bonds rated in the highest category by a national bond rating agency; or
 41.13 (3) a self-insurance pool listed in section 471.982, subdivision 3.

41.14 A county or statutory or home rule charter city with a population of 100,000 or less that is
 41.15 a qualifying government, but is subsequently rated less than the highest category by a
 41.16 national bond rating agency on a general obligation bond issue, may not invest additional
 41.17 funds under this section but may continue to manage funds previously invested under
 41.18 subdivision 2.

41.19 Subd. 2. **Additional investment authority.** Qualifying governments may invest the
 41.20 amount described in subdivision 3:

41.21 (1) in index mutual funds based in the United States and indexed to a broad market
 41.22 United States equity index; or

41.23 (2) with the Minnesota State Board of Investment subject to such terms and minimum
 41.24 amounts as may be adopted by the board. Index mutual fund investments must be made
 41.25 directly with the main sales office of the fund.

41.26 Subd. 3. **Funds.** (a) Qualifying governments may only invest under subdivision 2
 41.27 according to the limitations in this subdivision. A qualifying government under subdivision
 41.28 1, clause (1) or (2), may only invest its funds that are held for long-term capital plans
 41.29 authorized by the city council or county board, or long-term obligations of the qualifying
 41.30 government. Long-term obligations of the qualifying government include long-term capital
 41.31 plan reserves, funds held to offset long-term environmental exposure, other postemployment

42.1 benefit liabilities, compensated absences, and other long-term obligations established by
42.2 applicable accounting standards.

42.3 (b) Qualifying governments under subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2), may invest up to 15
42.4 percent of the sum of:

42.5 (1) unassigned cash;

42.6 (2) cash equivalents;

42.7 (3) deposits; and

42.8 (4) investments.

42.9 This calculation must be based on the qualifying government's most recent audited statement
42.10 of net position, which must be compliant and audited pursuant to governmental accounting
42.11 and auditing standards. Once the amount invested reaches 15 percent of the sum of
42.12 unassigned cash, cash equivalents, deposits, and investments, no further funds may be
42.13 invested under this section; however, a qualifying government may continue to manage the
42.14 funds previously invested under this section even if the total amount subsequently exceeds
42.15 15 percent of the sum of unassigned cash, cash equivalents, deposits, and investments.

42.16 (c) A qualified government under subdivision 1, clause (3), may invest up to the lesser
42.17 of:

42.18 (1) 15 percent of the sum of its cash, cash equivalents, deposits, and investments; or

42.19 (2) 25 percent of its net assets as reported on the pool's most recent audited statement
42.20 of net position, which must be compliant and audited pursuant to governmental accounting
42.21 and auditing standards.

42.22 Subd. 4. **Approval.** Before investing pursuant to this section, the governing body of the
42.23 qualifying government must adopt a resolution that includes the following statements:

42.24 (1) the governing body understands that investments under subdivision 2 have a risk of
42.25 loss;

42.26 (2) the governing body understands the type of funds that are being invested and the
42.27 specific investment itself; and

42.28 (3) the governing body certifies that all funds designated for investment through the
42.29 State Board of Investment meet the requirements of this section and the policies and
42.30 procedures established by the State Board of Investment.

43.1 Subd. 5. **Public Employees Retirement Association to act as account administrator.**
43.2 A qualifying government exercising authority under this section to invest amounts with the
43.3 State Board of Investment shall establish an account with the Public Employees Retirement
43.4 Association (PERA), which shall act as the account administrator.

43.5 Subd. 6. **Purpose of account.** The account established under subdivision 5 may only
43.6 be used for the purposes provided under subdivision 3. PERA may rely on representations
43.7 made by the qualifying government in exercising its duties as account administrator and
43.8 has no duty to further verify qualifications, use, or intended use of the funds that are invested
43.9 or withdrawn.

43.10 Subd. 7. **Account maintenance.** (a) A qualifying government may establish an account
43.11 to be held under the supervision of PERA for the purposes of investing funds with the State
43.12 Board of Investment under subdivision 2. PERA shall establish a separate account for each
43.13 qualifying government. PERA may charge participating qualifying governments a fee for
43.14 reasonable administrative costs. The amount of any fee charged by PERA is annually
43.15 appropriated to the association from the account. PERA may establish other reasonable
43.16 terms and conditions for creation and maintenance of these accounts.

43.17 (b) PERA must report to the qualifying government on the investment returns of invested
43.18 funds and on all investment fees or costs incurred by the account.

43.19 Subd. 8. **Investment.** (a) The assets of an account shall be invested and held as required
43.20 by this subdivision.

43.21 (b) PERA must certify all money in the accounts for which it is account administrator
43.22 to the State Board of Investment for investment under section 11A.14, subject to the policies
43.23 and procedures established by the State Board of Investment. Investment earnings must be
43.24 credited to the account of the individual qualifying government.

43.25 (c) For accounts invested by the State Board of Investment, the investment restrictions
43.26 shall be the same as those generally applicable to the State Board of Investment.

43.27 (d) A qualifying government may provide investment direction to PERA, subject to the
43.28 policies and procedures established by the State Board of Investment.

43.29 Subd. 9. **Withdrawal of funds and termination of account.** (a) A government may
43.30 withdraw some or all of its money or terminate the account.

43.31 (b) A government requesting withdrawal of money from an account created under this
43.32 section must do so at a time and in the manner required by the executive director of PERA,
43.33 subject to the policies and procedures established by the State Board of Investment.

44.1 Sec. 28. [134A.17] TRANSFERS TO COUNTY.

44.2 If the Sherburne County law library, through its trustees, has a fiscal reserve that is
 44.3 projected to sustain its operations for a period of over five years, the Sherburne County law
 44.4 library may transfer up to half of the money in its fiscal reserve, but not to exceed \$200,000,
 44.5 to Sherburne County to defray costs of constructing a new building to house the law library
 44.6 and courts.

44.7 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 138.081, is amended to read:

44.8 **138.081 FEDERAL FUNDS, ACTS.**

44.9 Subdivision 1. ~~Executive Council~~ Department of Administration as agency to accept
 44.10 **federal funds.** The ~~Executive Council of the Minnesota Historical Society~~ Department of
 44.11 Administration is hereby designated the state agency with power to accept any and all money
 44.12 provided for or made available to this state by the United States of America or any department
 44.13 or agency thereof for surveys, restoration, construction, equipping, or other purposes relating
 44.14 to the state historic sites program in accordance with the provisions of federal law and any
 44.15 rules or regulations promulgated thereunder and are further authorized to do any and all
 44.16 things required of this state by such federal law and the rules and regulations promulgated
 44.17 thereunder in order to obtain such federal money.

44.18 Subd. 2. ~~Director's~~ Commissioner's responsibilities. The ~~director of the Minnesota~~
 44.19 ~~Historical Society, as state historic preservation officer,~~ commissioner shall be responsible
 44.20 for the preparation, implementation and administration of the State Historic Preservation
 44.21 Plan and shall administer the State Historic Preservation Program authorized by the National
 44.22 Historic Preservation Act (United States Code, title 16, section 470 et seq. as amended).
 44.23 The ~~director of the Minnesota Historical Society~~ commissioner shall review and approve
 44.24 in writing all grants-in-aid for architectural, archaeological and historic preservation made
 44.25 by state agencies and funded by the state or a combination of state and federal funds in
 44.26 accordance with the State Historic Preservation Program.

44.27 Subd. 3. **Administration of federal act.** The ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ Department
 44.28 of Administration is designated as the state agency to administer the provisions of the federal
 44.29 act providing for the preservation of historical and archaeological data, United States Code,
 44.30 title 16, sections 469 to 469C, insofar as the provisions of the act provide for implementation
 44.31 by the state.

44.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

45.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 138.665, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.2 Subd. 2. **Mediation.** The state, state departments, agencies, and political subdivisions,
 45.3 including the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, have a responsibility to
 45.4 protect the physical features and historic character of properties designated in sections
 45.5 138.662 and 138.664 or listed on the National Register of Historic Places created by Public
 45.6 Law 89-665. Before carrying out any undertaking that will affect designated or listed
 45.7 properties, or funding or licensing an undertaking by other parties, the state department or
 45.8 agency shall consult with the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic Preservation Office
 45.9 pursuant to the society's established procedures to determine appropriate treatments and to
 45.10 seek ways to avoid and mitigate any adverse effects on designated or listed properties. If
 45.11 the state department or agency and the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic
 45.12 Preservation Office agree in writing on a suitable course of action, the project may proceed.
 45.13 If the parties cannot agree, any one of the parties may request that the governor appoint and
 45.14 convene a mediation task force consisting of five members, two appointed by the governor,
 45.15 the chair of the State Review Board of the State Historic Preservation Office, the
 45.16 commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee, and one member who is
 45.17 not an employee of the Minnesota Historical Society appointed by the director of the society.
 45.18 The two appointees of the governor and the one of the director of the society shall be qualified
 45.19 by training or experience in one or more of the following disciplines: (1) history; (2)
 45.20 archaeology; and (3) architectural history. The mediation task force is not subject to the
 45.21 conditions of section 15.059. This subdivision does not apply to section 138.662, subdivision
 45.22 24, and section 138.664, subdivisions 8 and 111.

45.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

45.24 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 138.665, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

45.25 Subd. 3. **Notice to ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic Preservation Office**
 45.26 **of land acquisition.** If the state or a governmental subdivision acquires any of the property
 45.27 in section 138.664, it is the duty of the officer in charge of the acquisition to notify in writing,
 45.28 as promptly as possible, the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic Preservation Office
 45.29 of the acquisition.

45.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

45.31 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 138.69, is amended to read:

45.32 **138.69 PUBLIC AREAS OF THE CAPITOL.**

46.1 The Minnesota State Historical Society is designated the research agency and is
 46.2 responsible for the interpretation of the public areas for visitors to the Capitol. This involves
 46.3 conducting or approving public programs and tours in the Capitol and State Office Building,
 46.4 including exhibits held in the Capitol, providing informational services, acting as ~~adviser~~
 46.5 adviser on preservation, recommending appropriate custodial policies, and maintaining and
 46.6 repairing all works of art. Notwithstanding section 138.668, the society may not charge a
 46.7 fee for general tours at the Capitol but may charge fees for special programs other than
 46.8 general tours.

46.9 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 155A.30, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

46.10 Subd. 5. **Conditions precedent to issuance.** A license must not be issued unless the
 46.11 board first determines that the applicant has met the requirements in clauses (1) to ~~(8)~~ (9):

46.12 (1) the applicant must have a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available
 46.13 to meet the school's financial obligations; to refund all tuition and other charges, within a
 46.14 reasonable period of time, in the event of dissolution of the school or in the event of any
 46.15 justifiable claims for refund against the school; to provide adequate service to its students
 46.16 and prospective students; and to maintain proper use and support of the school;

46.17 (2) the applicant must have satisfactory training facilities with sufficient tools and
 46.18 equipment and the necessary number of work stations to adequately train the students
 46.19 currently enrolled, and those proposed to be enrolled;

46.20 (3) the applicant must employ a sufficient number of qualified instructors trained by
 46.21 experience and education to give the training contemplated;

46.22 (4) the premises and conditions under which the students work and study must be sanitary,
 46.23 healthful, and safe according to modern standards;

46.24 (5) each occupational course or program of instruction or study must be of such quality
 46.25 and content as to provide education and training that will adequately prepare enrolled
 46.26 students for testing, licensing, and entry level positions ~~as a cosmetologist, esthetician, or~~
 46.27 ~~nail technician~~;

46.28 (6) the school must have coverage by professional liability insurance of at least \$25,000
 46.29 per incident and an accumulation of \$150,000 for each premium year;

46.30 (7) the applicant shall provide evidence of the school's compliance with section 176.182;

46.31 (8) the applicant, except the state and its political subdivisions as described in section
 46.32 ~~471.617~~ 13.02, subdivision ~~4~~ 11, ~~shall~~ must file with the board a continuous corporate surety

47.1 bond in the amount of no less than ten percent of the preceding year's gross income from
 47.2 student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges, but in no event less than
 47.3 \$10,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements with
 47.4 students made by the applicant. New schools must base the bond amount on the anticipated
 47.5 gross income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges for the third
 47.6 year of operation, but in no event less than \$10,000. The applicant must compute the amount
 47.7 of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies with this
 47.8 subdivision. The bond shall run to the ~~state of Minnesota~~ board and to any person who may
 47.9 have a cause of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and
 47.10 before it is canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with
 47.11 any student. ~~The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the~~
 47.12 ~~bond shall not exceed \$10,000.~~ The surety of the bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days'
 47.13 notice in writing to the board and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition
 47.14 occurring after the effective date of cancellation; and

47.15 (9) the applicant must, ~~at all times during the term of the license, employ~~ appoint a
 47.16 designated ~~licensed~~ school manager ~~who maintains a cosmetology salon manager license.~~

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

47.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 270.44, is amended to read:

47.19 **270.44 CHARGES FOR COURSES, EXAMINATIONS OR MATERIALS.**

47.20 The board shall charge the following fees:

47.21 (1) ~~\$105~~ \$150 for a senior accredited Minnesota assessor license;

47.22 (2) ~~\$80~~ \$125 for an accredited Minnesota assessor license;

47.23 (3) ~~\$65~~ \$95 for a certified Minnesota assessor specialist license;

47.24 (4) ~~\$55~~ \$85 for a certified Minnesota assessor license;

47.25 (5) ~~\$35~~ \$85 for a temporary license;

47.26 (6) \$50 for a trainee registration;

47.27 (7) \$80 for grading a form appraisal;

47.28 ~~(6)~~ ~~\$60~~ (8) \$140 for grading a narrative appraisal;

47.29 ~~(7)~~ ~~\$30~~ (9) \$50 for a reinstatement fee; and

47.30 ~~(8)~~ ~~\$25~~ (10) \$20 for a record retention fee; and

48.1 ~~(9) \$20 for an educational transcript.~~

48.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning with licenses issued after June
 48.3 30, 2018.

48.4 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 270.45, is amended to read:

48.5 **270.45 DISPOSITION OF FEES AND FINES.**

48.6 All fees and fines so established and collected ~~shall~~ under section 270.44 must be paid
 48.7 to the commissioner of management and budget for deposit deposited in the general a
 48.8 dedicated account within the special revenue fund. The expenses of carrying Fees collected
 48.9 under this section are appropriated to the Department of Revenue to carry out the provisions
 48.10 of sections 270.41 to 270.50 shall be paid from appropriations made to the board.

48.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

48.12 Sec. 36. **[270.455] REFUNDS OF FEES.**

48.13 When the board determines that a fee or any part of a fee was erroneously paid to the
 48.14 board, the board may refund or credit the amount of fees that was paid in error. These refunds
 48.15 or credits shall be paid out of the dedicated account within the special revenue fund where
 48.16 the fees were originally deposited.

48.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

48.18 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.0681, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

48.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 48.20 the meanings given.

48.21 (b) "Account" means the historic credit administration account in the special revenue
 48.22 fund.

48.23 (c) "Office" means the State Historic Preservation Office of the ~~Minnesota Historical~~
 48.24 ~~Society~~ Department of Administration.

48.25 (d) "Project" means rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, as defined in section
 48.26 47(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, that is located in Minnesota and is allowed a
 48.27 federal credit.

48.28 (e) ~~"Society" means the Minnesota Historical Society.~~

48.29 ~~(f) "Federal credit" means the credit allowed under section 47(a)(2) of the Internal~~
 48.30 ~~Revenue Code.~~

49.1 ~~(g)~~ (f) "Placed in service" has the meaning used in section 47 of the Internal Revenue
49.2 Code.

49.3 ~~(h)~~ (g) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" has the meaning given in section 47 of
49.4 the Internal Revenue Code.

49.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

49.6 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.0681, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

49.7 Subd. 2. **Credit or grant allowed; certified historic structure.** (a) A credit is allowed
49.8 against the tax imposed under this chapter equal to not more than 100 percent of the credit
49.9 allowed under section 47(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for a project. To qualify for
49.10 the credit:

49.11 (1) the project must receive Part 3 certification and be placed in service during the taxable
49.12 year; and

49.13 (2) the taxpayer must be allowed the federal credit and be issued a credit certificate for
49.14 the taxable year as provided in subdivision 4.

49.15 (b) The ~~society~~ commissioner of administration may pay a grant in lieu of the credit.
49.16 The grant equals 90 percent of the credit that would be allowed for the project.

49.17 (c) In lieu of the credit under paragraph (a), an insurance company may claim a credit
49.18 against the insurance premiums tax imposed under chapter 297I.

49.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

49.20 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.0681, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

49.21 Subd. 7. **Appropriations.** (a) An amount sufficient to pay the refunds authorized under
49.22 this section is appropriated to the commissioner from the general fund.

49.23 (b) An amount sufficient to pay the grants authorized under this section is appropriated
49.24 to the ~~society~~ commissioner of administration from the general fund.

49.25 (c) Amounts in the account are appropriated to the ~~society~~ commissioner of administration
49.26 for costs associated with personnel and administrative expenses related to administering
49.27 the credit for historic structure rehabilitation in this section, for refunding application fees
49.28 under subdivision 3, and for costs associated with preparing the determination of economic
49.29 impact report required in subdivision 9.

49.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

50.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 290.0681, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

50.2 Subd. 9. **Report; determination of economic impact.** The ~~society~~ commissioner of
 50.3 administration must annually determine the economic impact to the state from the
 50.4 rehabilitation of property for which credits or grants are provided under this section and
 50.5 provide a written report on the impact to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 50.6 legislative committees on taxes of the senate and house of representatives, in compliance
 50.7 with sections 3.195 and 3.197.

50.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

50.9 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 349A.08, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

50.10 Subd. 2. **Prizes not assignable.** A prize in the state lottery is not assignable ~~except as~~
 50.11 ~~provided in subdivision 3 and~~ except that:

50.12 (1) if a prize winner dies before the prize is paid, the director shall pay the prize to the
 50.13 prize winner's estate; and

50.14 (2) the director may pay a prize to a person other than the winner of that prize under an
 50.15 appropriate court order.

50.16 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 349A.10, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

50.17 Subd. 6. **Budget; plans.** (a) The director shall prepare and submit a biennial budget plan
 50.18 to the commissioner of management and budget. The governor shall recommend the
 50.19 maximum amount available for the lottery in the budget the governor submits to the
 50.20 legislature under section 16A.11. The maximum amount available to the lottery for operating
 50.21 expenses and capital expenditures shall be determined by law. In addition, the director shall
 50.22 appear at least once each fiscal year before the senate and house of representatives committees
 50.23 having jurisdiction over gambling policy to present and explain the lottery's plans for future
 50.24 games and the related advertising and promotions and spending plans for the next fiscal
 50.25 year.

50.26 (b) For purposes of this section, operating expenses shall not include:

50.27 (1) expenses that are a direct function of lottery sales, which include the cost of lottery
 50.28 prizes, amounts paid to lottery retailers as sales commissions or other compensation, amounts
 50.29 paid to produce and deliver scratch lottery games, and amounts paid to an outside vendor
 50.30 to operate and maintain an online gaming system. ~~In addition, the director shall appear at~~
 50.31 ~~least once each fiscal year before the senate and house of representatives committees having~~

51.1 ~~jurisdiction over gambling policy to present and explain the lottery's plans for future games~~
 51.2 ~~and the related advertising and promotions and spending plans for the next fiscal year; and~~

51.3 (2) expenses related solely to the noncash year-end adjustment required for government
 51.4 agencies to adjust the net actuarially determined pension liability which includes deferred
 51.5 inflows, deferred outflows, noncash pension expense, unrestricted net deficit, and net pension
 51.6 liability, in accordance with Statement 68 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

51.7 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 352D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.8 Subdivision 1. **Annuity; reserves.** (a) When a participant attains at least age 55,
 51.9 terminates from covered service, and applies for a retirement annuity, the cash value of the
 51.10 participant's shares must be transferred to the general state employees retirement fund and
 51.11 ~~must~~ be used to provide an annuity for the ~~retired employee~~ participant based upon the
 51.12 participant's age when the benefit begins to accrue ~~according to the reserve basis used by~~
 51.13 ~~the general state employees retirement plan in determining pensions and reserves.~~

51.14 (b) Except for participants described in paragraph (c), the monthly amount of the annuity
 51.15 must be determined using the actuarial assumptions in effect for the general state employees
 51.16 retirement plan under section 356.215 on the accrual date.

51.17 (c) For any participant who retires on or after July 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2020,
 51.18 when the participant is at least age 63 or has had at least 26 years of covered service, the
 51.19 monthly amount of the annuity must be determined using the actuarial assumptions in effect
 51.20 for the general state employees retirement plan under section 356.215 on June 30, 2016.

51.21 Subd. 1a. **Postretirement adjustments.** The annuity under ~~this~~ subdivision 1 is eligible
 51.22 for postretirement adjustments under section 356.415.

51.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

51.24 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 353.27, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

51.25 Subd. 3c. **Former MERF members; member and employer contributions.** (a) For
 51.26 the period July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2031, the member contributions for former
 51.27 members of the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund and by the former Minneapolis
 51.28 Employees Retirement Fund-covered employing units are governed by this subdivision.

51.29 (b) The member contribution for a public employee who was a member of the former
 51.30 Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund on June 29, 2010, is 9.75 percent of the salary of
 51.31 the employee.

52.1 (c) The employer regular contribution with respect to a public employee who was a
 52.2 member of the former Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund on June 29, 2010, is 9.75
 52.3 percent of the salary of the employee.

52.4 (d) ~~For calendar years 2015 and 2016,~~ The annual employer supplemental contribution
 52.5 is the employing unit's share of \$31,000,000. For calendar years 2017 ~~through 2031~~ and
 52.6 2018, the employer supplemental contribution is the employing unit's share of \$21,000,000.

52.7 (e) Each employing unit's share under paragraph (d) is the amount determined from an
 52.8 allocation between each employing unit in the portion equal to the unit's employer
 52.9 supplemental contribution paid or payable under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.50,
 52.10 during calendar year 2014.

52.11 (f) The employer supplemental contribution amount under paragraph (d) for calendar
 52.12 year 2015 must be invoiced by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement
 52.13 Association by July 1, 2015. The calendar year 2015 payment is payable in a single amount
 52.14 on or before September 30, 2015. For subsequent calendar years, the employer supplemental
 52.15 contribution under paragraph (d) must be invoiced on January 31 of each year and is payable
 52.16 in two parts, with the first half payable on or before July 31 and with the second half payable
 52.17 on or before December 15. Late payments are payable with compound interest at the rate
 52.18 of 0.71 percent per month for each month or portion of a month that has elapsed after the
 52.19 due date.

52.20 (g) The employer supplemental contribution under paragraph (d) terminates on December
 52.21 31, 2031.

52.22 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 353.505, is amended to read:

52.23 **353.505 STATE CONTRIBUTIONS; FORMER MERF DIVISION.**

52.24 (a) ~~On September 15, 2015, and September 15, 2016~~ 2019, and annually thereafter, the
 52.25 state shall pay to the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement
 52.26 Association, with respect to the former MERF division, \$6,000,000. ~~By September 15 of~~
 52.27 ~~each year after 2016,~~

52.28 (b) On September 15, 2017, and September 15, 2018, the state shall pay to the general
 52.29 employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association, with respect
 52.30 to the former MERF division, \$16,000,000.

52.31 ~~(b)~~ (c) State contributions under this section end on September 15, 2031.

53.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 471.193, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

53.2 Subd. 6. **Communication with state historic preservation officer.** Proposed site
 53.3 designations and design guidelines must be sent to the state historic preservation officer at
 53.4 the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ Department of Administration, who shall review and
 53.5 comment on the proposal within 60 days. By October 31 of each year, each commission
 53.6 shall submit an annual report to the state historic preservation officer. The report must
 53.7 summarize the commission's activities, including designations, reviews, and other activities
 53.8 during the previous 12 months.

53.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

53.10 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 508.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

53.11 Subdivision 1. **Examiner and deputy examiner.** The judges of the district court shall
 53.12 appoint a competent attorney in each county within their respective districts to be an examiner
 53.13 of titles and legal adviser to the registrar in said county, to which examiner all applications
 53.14 to register title to land are referred without further order, and may appoint attorneys to serve
 53.15 as deputy examiners who shall act in the name of the examiner and under the examiner's
 53.16 supervision and control, and the deputy's acts shall be the acts of the examiners. The examiner
 53.17 of titles and deputy examiners shall hold office subject to the will and discretion of the
 53.18 district court by whom appointed. The examiner's compensation and that of the examiner's
 53.19 deputies shall be fixed and determined by the court and paid in the same manner as the
 53.20 compensation of other county employees is paid except that in all counties having fewer
 53.21 than 75,000 inhabitants, and in Stearns, Dakota, Scott, Wright, Sherburne, and Olmsted
 53.22 Counties the fees and compensation of the examiners for services as legal adviser to the
 53.23 registrar shall be determined by the judges of the district court and paid in the same manner
 53.24 as the compensation of other county employees is paid, but in every other instance shall be
 53.25 paid by the person applying to have the person's title registered or for other action or relief
 53.26 which requires the services, certification or approval of the examiner.

53.27 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 518A.79, is amended by adding a subdivision
 53.28 to read:

53.29 **Subd. 3a. Open meetings.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the task force
 53.30 is subject to chapter 13D. A meeting of the task force occurs when a quorum is present and
 53.31 the members receive information, discuss, or take action on any matter relating to the duties
 53.32 of the task force. The task force may conduct meetings as provided in section 13D.015 or
 53.33 13D.02. The task force may conduct meetings at any location in the state that is appropriate

54.1 for the purposes of the task force as long as the location is open and accessible to the public.
54.2 For legislative members of the task force, enforcement of this subdivision is governed by
54.3 section 3.055, subdivision 2. For nonlegislative members of the task force, enforcement of
54.4 this subdivision is governed by section 13D.06, subdivisions 1 and 2.

54.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

54.6 Sec. 49. Laws 2016, chapter 127, section 8, is amended to read:

54.7 **Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

54.8 Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment. With respect to eyelash
54.9 technicians, the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners must not enforce sections 1 to 7 until
54.10 ~~July 1, 2017~~ February 1, 2018. Any educational or training requirements developed by the
54.11 board regarding eyelash technicians must be 14 hours.

54.12 Sec. 50. Laws 2017, chapter 21, section 1, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

54.13 Subd. 2. **Exemption; legislature may waive.** (a) This section does not apply to contracts
54.14 with a value of less than ~~\$1,000~~ \$50,000.

54.15 (b) The legislature may waive application of this section on a contract if the legislature
54.16 determines that compliance is not practicable or in the best interests of the state.

54.17 Sec. 51. Laws 2017, chapter 21, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

54.18 Subd. 2. **Exemption; commissioner may waive.** (a) This section does not apply to
54.19 contracts with a value of less than ~~\$1,000~~ \$50,000.

54.20 (b) The commissioner may waive application of this section on a contract if the
54.21 commissioner determines that compliance is not practicable or in the best interests of the
54.22 state.

54.23 **Sec. 52. SMALL AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR**
54.24 **REVIEW.**

54.25 No later than February 1, 2018, the legislative auditor is requested to conduct a program
54.26 evaluation of the small agency assistance program authorized under Minnesota Statutes,
54.27 section 16B.371. The program evaluation must be conducted according to the standards
54.28 provided for a program evaluation in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.971, subdivision 7.

55.1 Sec. 53. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR REVIEW.**

55.2 The legislative auditor is requested to conduct a program evaluation of the State Historic
55.3 Preservation Office no later than January 1, 2018. The program evaluation must be consistent
55.4 with the standards provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.971, subdivision 7, and include
55.5 consideration of the office's consistency in its responsiveness to project proposals, and in
55.6 its treatment of historic sites in the state, including those that are listed on the national
55.7 register, those that are eligible for the national register, and those that are registered as state
55.8 historic sites by the Minnesota Historical Society. The evaluation should also include a
55.9 review of approaches to state historic preservation governance in other states, in comparison
55.10 to Minnesota's governance structure, with emphasis on the impact of those approaches on
55.11 the timeliness and consistency of preservation work in those states.

55.12 Sec. 54. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION; TRANSFER.**

55.13 (a) The powers, duties, responsibilities, personnel, assets, and unexpended funds relating
55.14 to functions assigned to the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office are transferred to
55.15 the Department of Administration effective March 1, 2018. For the purpose of this section,
55.16 the Minnesota State Historical Society is considered a state agency under Minnesota Statutes,
55.17 sections 15.039 and 16B.37.

55.18 (b) The commissioner of the Department of Administration in consultation with the
55.19 Minnesota Historical Society must transfer functions from the Minnesota Historical
55.20 Preservation Office to the Department of Administration. The transfer must provide for the
55.21 full transition of all State Historic Preservation Office functions to the Department of
55.22 Administration.

55.23 (c) A transferred employee's length of service remains uninterrupted as if the employee
55.24 had been employed by the Department of Administration during the employee's time of
55.25 employment by the Minnesota Historical Society.

55.26 The employee shall have all accumulated unliquidated vacation and sick leave hours
55.27 transferred to the employee's credit, up to the maximum accumulations permitted by the
55.28 state collective bargaining agreement or compensation plan adopted under Minnesota
55.29 Statutes, section 43A.18, governing the transferred position. Vacation and sick leave hours
55.30 are not transferred if the transferred position does not provide for the leave.

55.31 The salary rate of employees transferred under this section may not decrease as a result
55.32 of the transfer to state employment. If an employee's salary rate is above the maximum of
55.33 the class to which the transferred position is allocated, so long as the employee remains in

56.1 the transferred position, the employee shall not be eligible to receive any increase in salary
 56.2 until the employee's salary is within the range of the class to which the transferred position
 56.3 is allocated, unless such increases are specifically provided in the state collective bargaining
 56.4 agreement or compensation plan governing the transferred position.

56.5 All transferred employees must successfully complete a probationary period of at least
 56.6 one year beginning the effective date of the transfer in order to attain permanent status in
 56.7 the class to which the transferred position is allocated.

56.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

56.9 **Sec. 55. OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES; IT OPTIMIZATION REPORT**
 56.10 **REQUIRED.**

56.11 The chief information officer shall report by December 31, 2018, on the progress of
 56.12 executive branch information technology optimization, including the status of data center
 56.13 consolidation, the status and plans for use of public cloud technology, and the status of state
 56.14 agency transition to enterprise information technology services.

56.15 **Sec. 56. INITIAL TRANSIT FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTING.**

56.16 (a) The first transit financial activity review and report submitted under Minnesota
 56.17 Statutes, section 3.972, subdivision 4, must include financial information from the period
 56.18 beginning on January 1, 2016, and through the end of the fiscal quarter immediately preceding
 56.19 the date of the report.

56.20 (b) The legislative auditor must provide a copy of the review under paragraph (a) to
 56.21 each county that is party to the joint powers agreement under Minnesota Statutes, section
 56.22 297A.992.

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

56.24 **Sec. 57. TRANSITION; STATE AUDITOR ENTERPRISE FUND.**

56.25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, receipts received by the state auditor for fiscal
 56.26 year 2018 and beyond, from examinations conducted by the state auditor under Minnesota
 56.27 Statutes, chapter 6, must be credited to the general fund. Amounts in the state auditor
 56.28 enterprise fund at the close of fiscal year 2017 are transferred to the general fund.

57.1 Sec. 58. **RETENTION OF FISCAL NOTE SYSTEM; LEGISLATIVE BUDGET**
 57.2 **OFFICE ACCESS.**

57.3 The Legislative Coordinating Commission must contract with the commissioner of
 57.4 management and budget to maintain and, as needed, upgrade the fiscal note tracking system
 57.5 funded under Laws 2013, chapter 142, article 1, section 13. The commissioner must provide
 57.6 the Legislative Budget Office established under this act with complete access to, and use
 57.7 of, the system.

57.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 8, 2019.

57.9 Sec. 59. **LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE TRANSITION PLANNING TASK**
 57.10 **FORCE.**

57.11 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Legislative Budget Office Transition Planning Task
 57.12 Force is established. The task force consists of the following members:

57.13 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
 57.14 house, and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

57.15 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees
 57.16 of the Committee on Rules and Administration, one of whom must represent the majority
 57.17 caucus of the senate, and one of whom must represent the minority caucus of the senate;

57.18 (3) the legislative auditor;

57.19 (4) the commissioner of management and budget; and

57.20 (5) the state budget director.

57.21 The chief nonpartisan fiscal analyst of the house of representatives, the lead nonpartisan
 57.22 fiscal analyst of the senate, and two members from executive branch agencies, appointed
 57.23 by the commissioner of management and budget, shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
 57.24 members of the task force. Appointments required by this section must be made no later
 57.25 than July 15, 2017. The chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall designate
 57.26 one member of the task force to serve as its chair.

57.27 Subd. 2. **Duties; report required.** (a) The task force must develop a plan for the orderly
 57.28 transition of fiscal note and local impact note responsibilities from Minnesota Management
 57.29 and Budget to the Legislative Budget Office, as required by this act. At a minimum, the
 57.30 plan must consider the office's responsibilities for fiscal notes and local impact notes, the
 57.31 duties of state agencies and departments and local governments in facilitating the office's
 57.32 work, and any other issues relevant to the transition of duties to the office, as determined

58.1 by the task force. The plan may include recommendations for additional legislation as
58.2 necessary to implement the task force's transition plan, or to further clarify or structure the
58.3 office's responsibilities.

58.4 (b) The task force must submit a preliminary report no later than January 15, 2018, and
58.5 a final report no later than December 1, 2018, to the chairs and ranking minority members
58.6 of the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee and the senate Finance
58.7 Committee. The final report must describe the task force's work, including recommendations
58.8 for a transition plan and any recommendations for legislation developed under paragraph
58.9 (a).

58.10 Subd. 3. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide research and
58.11 administrative assistance to support the work of the task force.

58.12 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of its final report to the
58.13 legislature under subdivision 2.

58.14 Sec. 60. **MINNESOTA ADMINISTRATIVE RULES STATUS SYSTEM (MARSS)**
58.15 **WORKING GROUP.**

58.16 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The MARSS working group consists of the following nine
58.17 members:

58.18 (1) the chief judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, or a designee;

58.19 (2) the secretary of state, or a designee;

58.20 (3) a representative from the Interagency Rules Committee (IRC) appointed by the
58.21 committee;

58.22 (4) a representative from each of the following agencies with rulemaking experience
58.23 appointed by the appropriate commissioner:

58.24 (i) the Department of Health;

58.25 (ii) the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency;

58.26 (iii) the Department of Transportation; and

58.27 (iv) the Department of Labor and Industry;

58.28 (5) as designated by the IRC, a representative from a health-related board; and

58.29 (6) as designated by the IRC, a representative from a non-health-related board.

59.1 Subd. 2. **MARSS description.** The Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System
59.2 (MARSS) is a concept for a new software application. The application would be built and
59.3 maintained by the Revisor's Office. Executive branch agencies and others would upload
59.4 official rulemaking record documents to the system. The goal is to improve public access,
59.5 security, preservation, and transparency of state agencies' official rulemaking records through
59.6 the creation of a single online records system. The system would serve as a single Internet
59.7 location for the public to track rulemaking progress and access the official rulemaking
59.8 record. Agencies would fulfill their requirement to maintain and preserve the official
59.9 rulemaking record by submitting required documents to the revisor for inclusion in the
59.10 online records system.

59.11 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The working group must report by February 1, 2018, to the chairs and
59.12 ranking minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and senate
59.13 with jurisdiction over policy and finance for the legislature. The report must identify the
59.14 functional and nonfunctional requirements of the MARSS system. The working group must
59.15 define a funding mechanism to share the cost to build and maintain the MARSS system
59.16 among state agencies and departments.

59.17 Subd. 4. **Administration provisions.** (a) The revisor of statutes or the revisor's designee
59.18 must convene the initial meeting of the working group by August 1, 2017. Upon request of
59.19 the working group, the revisor must provide meeting space and administrative services for
59.20 the group.

59.21 (b) The working group must elect a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

59.22 (c) Members serve without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

59.23 (d) The working group expires on February 1, 2018, or upon submission of documents
59.24 fulfilling its duties, whichever is earlier.

59.25 Subd. 5. **Deadline for appointments and designations.** The appointments and
59.26 designations authorized by this section must be completed by July 1, 2017.

59.27 Sec. 61. **ICE PALACE ON CAPITOL GROUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

59.28 Subdivision 1. **Use agreement; terms required.** The commissioner of administration
59.29 may enter a use agreement with the St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation for the
59.30 construction, operation, and removal of an ice palace and related temporary structures on
59.31 the grounds of the State Capitol complex. If a use agreement for this purpose is entered, the
59.32 terms must include the following:

60.1 (1) mutually agreed upon beginning and end dates for access to the grounds for
60.2 construction, operation, and removal of the ice palace and related temporary structures;

60.3 (2) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 7525.0400, an allowance for the St. Paul
60.4 Festival and Heritage Foundation to establish fees for admission to the ice palace and for
60.5 participation in related activities, and for vendors to sell concessions subject to terms
60.6 negotiated in the use agreement. Any fees established must allow a reasonable opportunity
60.7 for all Minnesotans, regardless of income, to access the palace and participate in related
60.8 activities, and must allow free or discounted admission to members of the military, military
60.9 veterans, and their families. A fee may not be charged for general admission to the Capitol
60.10 grounds or, to the extent practicable, for access to public memorials and monuments located
60.11 on the Capitol grounds;

60.12 (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.28, and related rules of the Capitol
60.13 Area Architectural and Planning Board, an allowance for the St. Paul Festival and Heritage
60.14 Foundation to erect advertising devices promoting the ice palace and its sponsors and donors,
60.15 subject to terms negotiated in the use agreement;

60.16 (4) a restriction on private events that limit public access to the ice palace or surrounding
60.17 Capitol grounds, without prior approval of the commissioner of administration; and

60.18 (5) a requirement that, following removal of the ice palace and related temporary
60.19 structures, the St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation restore the Capitol grounds to the
60.20 same condition as existed prior to their construction.

60.21 Subd. 2. **Additional terms.** In addition to the terms required by subdivision 1, a use
60.22 agreement authorized by this section may include additional terms as necessary to preserve
60.23 the integrity, dignity, and security of the State Capitol building, the Capitol grounds, and
60.24 the surrounding public buildings, memorials, and monuments, and to ensure compliance
60.25 with other applicable laws governing commercial activity on public property.

60.26 Subd. 3. **Costs, expenses, and liabilities.** Unless expressly provided in the use agreement,
60.27 any costs or expenses incurred by the state or the city of St. Paul in implementing a use
60.28 agreement entered under this section must be paid or reimbursed by the St. Paul Festival
60.29 and Heritage Foundation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 3.736, subdivision
60.30 1, and Minnesota Statutes, section 466.02, the state, the city of St. Paul, and their employees
60.31 are not liable for losses incurred during the construction, operation, or removal of an ice
60.32 palace or related temporary structures, or losses incurred by a person while visiting the ice
60.33 palace or participating in related activities.

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

61.1 **Sec. 62. WAITE PARK; HOTEL INSPECTION.**

61.2 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary and in addition to any other requirement
 61.3 in law, the city of Waite Park may adopt an ordinance to require a hotel, motel, or lodging
 61.4 establishment operating within the city's jurisdiction to have a valid license issued by the
 61.5 city. The license may prohibit the licensee from:

61.6 (1) knowingly allowing a room to be occupied for purposes of sex trafficking;

61.7 (2) knowingly allowing a room to be occupied for the purposes of illegal drug activity;

61.8 (3) knowingly allowing a room to be occupied by a minor for the consumption of
 61.9 alcoholic beverages;

61.10 (4) prohibiting the inspection of the licensed premises;

61.11 (5) failing to report observed or suspected illegal activity to the police in a reasonable
 61.12 period of time; and

61.13 (6) failure to maintain the licensed premises to all building, fire, mechanical, zoning or
 61.14 licensing codes.

61.15 The ordinance may provide for inspections related to the activities the license addresses.

61.16 The city may collect a reasonable fee related to the cost of issuing the license and conducting
 61.17 inspections.

61.18 (b) "Hotel," "motel," and "lodging establishment" are as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 61.19 section 157.15.

61.20 (c) The authority in this section does not replace or diminish the authority of the
 61.21 community health board to inspect and license any hotel, motel, or lodging establishment
 61.22 in the city.

61.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment without
 61.24 local approval, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.023, subdivision 1, paragraph
 61.25 (a).

61.26 **Sec. 63. EYELASH TECHNICIAN GRANDFATHERING.**

61.27 (a) The board must issue grandfathered eyelash technician licenses no later than February
 61.28 1, 2018, under the conditions in this section.

61.29 (b) A complete grandfathering application for an eyelash technician license must be
 61.30 received in the board office between August 1, 2017, and January 31, 2018, and must contain:

61.31 (1) proof of a high school diploma or equivalent;

62.1 (2) proof of completion of an eyelash extension training course before July 1, 2017;

62.2 (3) proof of completion of a six-hour board-approved public health and safety course

62.3 provided by a board-licensed school or a board-recognized professional association organized

62.4 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A. Four hours must be related to health, safety, and

62.5 infection control and two hours must be related to Minnesota laws and rules governing

62.6 cosmetology;

62.7 (4) original passing results no more than one year old of board-approved laws and rules

62.8 test and theory tests; and

62.9 (5) the practitioner fees required under Minnesota Statutes, section 155A.25.

62.10 (c) A complete grandfathering application for an eyelash salon manager license must

62.11 be received in the board office between August 1, 2017, and January 31, 2018, and must

62.12 contain:

62.13 (1) proof of a high school diploma or equivalent;

62.14 (2) proof of completion of an eyelash extension training course before July 1, 2017;

62.15 (3) documentation of at least 2,700 hours of experience performing eyelash extensions

62.16 within the last three years;

62.17 (4) original passing results no more than one year old of board-approved laws and rules

62.18 test and theory tests;

62.19 (5) original passing results no more than one year old of board-approved salon manager

62.20 test;

62.21 (6) proof of a six-hour board-approved public health and safety course provided by a

62.22 board-licensed school or a board-recognized professional association organized under

62.23 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A. Four hours must be related to infection control and two

62.24 hours must be related to Minnesota laws and rules; and

62.25 (7) the practitioner fees required under Minnesota Statutes, section 155A.25.

62.26 (d) Grandfathered licenses must not be expedited under Minnesota Statutes, section

62.27 155A.25, subdivision 7. The application timelines under Minnesota Statutes, section 155A.25,

62.28 subdivisions 5, 6, and 8, do not apply to grandfathered licenses.

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

63.1 Sec. 64. **EYELASH TECHNICIAN RULEMAKING.**

63.2 The Board of Cosmetologist Examiners shall adopt rules governing the eyelash technician
 63.3 and salon licenses, which must include scope of practice, the conditions and process of
 63.4 issuing and renewing the license, requirements related to education and testing, and 14 hours
 63.5 of training regarding application of eyelash extensions in a board-licensed school. The board
 63.6 may use the expedited rule process in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.389. The grant of
 63.7 rulemaking authority under this section expires May 31, 2019.

63.8 Sec. 65. **EYELASH TECHNICIAN LICENSING.**

63.9 The Board of Cosmetologist Examiners must not issue an eyelash practitioner license
 63.10 before February 1, 2018, except for grandfathered licenses issued under section 59. The
 63.11 Board of Cosmetologist Examiners must not require a person to have an eyelash practitioner
 63.12 license for eyelash extensions before February 1, 2018.

63.13 Sec. 66. **REPEALER.**

63.14 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 6.581, subdivision 1; and 349A.08, subdivision 3,
 63.15 are repealed.

63.16 **ARTICLE 3**

63.17 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ELECTIONS**

63.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.01, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

63.19 Subd. 12. **Depository.** "Depository" means a bank, savings association, or credit union
 63.20 organized under federal or state law and transacting business within this state. The
 63.21 depositories of a political committee or political fund include any depository in which the
 63.22 committee or fund has a savings, checking, or similar account, or purchases a money market
 63.23 certificate or certificate of deposit.

63.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.01, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

63.25 Subd. 16. **Election cycle.** "Election cycle" means the period from January 1 following
 63.26 a general election for an office to December 31 following the next general election for that
 63.27 office, except that "election cycle" for a special election means the period from the date the
 63.28 special election writ is issued to ~~60~~ 15 days after the special election is held. For a regular
 63.29 election, the period from January 1 of the year prior to an election year through December
 63.30 31 of the election year is the "election segment" of the election cycle. Each other two-year
 63.31 segment of an election cycle is a "nonelection segment" of the election cycle. An election

64.1 cycle that consists of two calendar years has only an election segment. The election segment
64.2 of a special election cycle includes the entire special election cycle.

64.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
64.4 applies to any special election cycle that starts on or after that date.

64.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.025, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

64.6 Subd. 1a. **Electronic filing.** (a) A report or statement required to be filed under this
64.7 chapter may be filed electronically. The board shall adopt rules to regulate electronic filing
64.8 and to ensure that the electronic filing process is secure.

64.9 (b) A document filed by facsimile transmission or electronic filing system has the same
64.10 force and effect as filing an original paper document.

64.11 (c) In order to provide a secure environment for the submission of electronic files, the
64.12 board must require that a filer use a personal identification code when submitting an
64.13 electronic file. The board may also request the filer to provide a valid e-mail address in
64.14 order to receive confirmation and verification messages from the board.

64.15 (d) After an electronic file is processed by the board, the information contained in the
64.16 electronic file becomes the property of the state subject to the terms of the Data Practices
64.17 Act under chapter 13.

64.18 (e) In the case of a filing by facsimile transmission, the filer must retain the original of
64.19 the filed document and a record of the date and time of the transmission. If an electronic
64.20 filing system is used to submit an electronic file to the board, the filer must retain as
64.21 documentation the database and information on which the electronic submission of data is
64.22 based. The database and records are subject to audit as provided in this chapter.

64.23 (f) Within five days of a request by the board, any person filing a document by facsimile
64.24 transmission or electronic filing system shall refile the document by one of the other filing
64.25 methods provided in Minnesota Rules, part 4501.0500, subpart 1.

64.26 (g) Technical problems that prevent the successful submission of a facsimile transmission
64.27 or electronic file do not relieve the filer of the responsibility of meeting the requirements
64.28 of this chapter. An audit trail that demonstrates that the facsimile transmission or electronic
64.29 file was successfully submitted in a timely fashion may be used by the board to waive late
64.30 filing fees.

65.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to
65.2 read:

65.3 Subd. 9. Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity. Clauses (1)
65.4 to (6) apply when a single individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher
65.5 education system is represented by more than one lobbyist.

65.6 (1) The entity must appoint one designated lobbyist to report lobbyist disbursements
65.7 made by the entity. The designated lobbyist must indicate that status on the periodic reports
65.8 of lobbyist disbursements.

65.9 (2) A reporting lobbyist may consent to report on behalf of one or more other lobbyists
65.10 for the same entity, in which case, the other lobbyists are persons whose activities the
65.11 reporting lobbyist must disclose and are subject to the disclosure requirements of subdivision
65.12 3. Lobbyist disbursement reports filed by a reporting lobbyist must include the names and
65.13 registration numbers of the other lobbyists whose activities are included in the report.

65.14 (3) Lobbyists whose activities are accounted for by a reporting lobbyist are not required
65.15 to file lobbyist disbursement reports.

65.16 (4) A lobbyist whose lobbying disbursements are provided to the board through a
65.17 reporting lobbyist must supply all relevant information on disbursements to the reporting
65.18 lobbyist no later than five days before the prescribed filing date.

65.19 (5) The reporting periods and due dates for a reporting lobbyist are those provided in
65.20 subdivision 2. The late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to reports required by this
65.21 subdivision.

65.22 (6) The reporting lobbyist must indicate the names and registration numbers of any
65.23 lobbyists who did not provide their lobbying disbursements for inclusion in a report. The
65.24 late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to lobbyists who fail to report information to
65.25 the reporting lobbyist.

65.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

66.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

66.4 Subd. 5. **Form.** (a) A statement of economic interest required by this section must be
66.5 on a form prescribed by the board. The individual filing must provide the following
66.6 information:

66.7 (1) name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

66.8 (2) the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

66.9 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
66.10 the individual holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or
66.11 seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of
66.12 \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000;

66.13 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
66.14 individual is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as
66.15 buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of
66.16 the partnership interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property
66.17 has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A listing under this clause or clause (3) must
66.18 indicate the street address and the municipality or the section, township, range and
66.19 approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the property is located;

66.20 (5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with
66.21 pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which
66.22 the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family
66.23 member holds a partial or full interest;

66.24 (6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business
66.25 from which the individual receives more than \$50 in any month as an employee, if the
66.26 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business; ~~and~~

66.27 (7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the
66.28 individual received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past 12 months as an
66.29 independent contractor; and

66.30 (8) the full name of each security with a value of more than \$2,500 owned in part or in
66.31 full by the public official at any time during the reporting period.

67.1 (b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6)
67.2 and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service
67.3 for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does not
67.4 require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any additional
67.5 principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if the category is
67.6 enacted by law.

67.7 (c) For the purpose of an original statement of economic interest, "compensation in any
67.8 month" includes only compensation received in the calendar month immediately preceding
67.9 the date of appointment as a public official or filing as a candidate.

67.10 (d) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single
67.11 source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source
67.12 during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

67.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

67.14 Subd. 6. **Annual statement.** (a) Each individual who is required to file a statement of
67.15 economic interest must also file an annual statement by the last Monday in January of each
67.16 year that the individual remains in office. The annual statement must cover the period
67.17 through December 31 of the year prior to the year when the statement is due. The annual
67.18 statement must include the amount of each honorarium in excess of \$50 received since the
67.19 previous statement and the name and address of the source of the honorarium. The board
67.20 must maintain each annual statement of economic interest submitted by an officeholder in
67.21 the same file with the statement submitted as a candidate.

67.22 (b) For the purpose of annual statements of economic interest to be filed, "compensation
67.23 in any month" includes compensation and honoraria received in any month between the
67.24 end of the period covered in the preceding statement of economic interest and the end of
67.25 the current period.

67.26 (c) An individual must file the annual statement of economic interest required by this
67.27 subdivision to cover the period for which the individual served as a public official even
67.28 though at the time the statement was filed, the individual is no longer holding that office as
67.29 a public official.

68.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to
68.2 read:

68.3 Subd. 6. **Contributions from Hennepin County registered associations.** In lieu of
68.4 registration with the board, an association registered with the Hennepin County filing officer
68.5 under sections 383B.041 to 383B.058 that makes contributions of more than \$200 to a
68.6 committee or fund in a calendar year may notify the recipient committee of its registration
68.7 with Hennepin County, including its registration number, and instruct the recipient committee
68.8 to include the notice when the recipient committee discloses receipt of the contribution.

68.9 Sec. 9. **[10A.155] VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF AUTOMOBILE USE.**

68.10 Automobile use provided to a committee by an individual may be valued at the lowest
68.11 rate used by the state to reimburse its employees for automobile use. Alternatively, the value
68.12 of the automobile may be calculated as the actual cost of fuel, maintenance, repairs, and
68.13 insurance directly related to the use of the automobile. An automobile provided by an
68.14 association must be valued at the fair market value for renting an equivalent automobile.

68.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

68.16 Subd. 3. **Contents of report.** (a) The report required by this section must include each
68.17 of the items listed in paragraphs (b) to ~~(r)~~ (q) that are applicable to the filer. The board shall
68.18 prescribe forms based on filer type indicating which of those items must be included on the
68.19 filer's report.

68.20 (b) The report must disclose the amount of liquid assets on hand at the beginning of the
68.21 reporting period.

68.22 (c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,
68.23 and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that
68.24 has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets
68.25 for a fund-raising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or
68.26 statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and
68.27 date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from
68.28 each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An
68.29 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered
68.30 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must
68.31 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under
68.32 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is
68.33 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the

69.1 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and
69.2 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the
69.3 report.

69.4 (d) The report must disclose the sum of contributions to the reporting entity during the
69.5 reporting period.

69.6 (e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within
69.7 the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven,
69.8 together with the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and
69.9 registration number if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date
69.10 and amount of the loan. If a loan made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate
69.11 is forgiven or is repaid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must
69.12 be reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

69.13 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200 during the reporting period not
69.14 otherwise listed under paragraphs (c) to (e).

69.15 (g) The report must disclose the sum of all receipts of the reporting entity during the
69.16 reporting period.

69.17 (h) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
69.18 with the board of each individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved
69.19 expenditures, independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures have been made
69.20 by or on behalf of the reporting entity within the year in excess of \$200, together with the
69.21 amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and the name and address of, and office
69.22 sought by, each candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made, identification of the
69.23 ballot question that the expenditure was intended to promote or defeat and an indication of
69.24 whether the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot question, and in the case of
69.25 independent expenditures made in opposition to a candidate, the candidate's name, address,
69.26 and office sought. A reporting entity making an expenditure on behalf of more than one
69.27 candidate for state or legislative office must allocate the expenditure among the candidates
69.28 on a reasonable cost basis and report the allocation for each candidate.

69.29 (i) The report must disclose the sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the
69.30 reporting entity during the reporting period.

69.31 (j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by
69.32 the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit
69.33 incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or

70.1 paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a
70.2 donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

70.3 (k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
70.4 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
70.5 or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within
70.6 the year and the amount and date of each contribution.

70.7 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity
70.8 during the reporting period.

70.9 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
70.10 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have
70.11 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting
70.12 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement.

70.13 (n) The report must disclose the sum of all noncampaign disbursements made within
70.14 the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

70.15 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides
70.16 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section
70.17 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate
70.18 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political
70.19 fund during the reporting period.

70.20 (p) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, and political committees
70.21 and funds must itemize contributions that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for
70.22 legislative or statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions on reports submitted
70.23 to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received,
70.24 the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor.
70.25 Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item
70.26 or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported
70.27 as an aggregate total.

70.28 (q) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and
70.29 funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and
70.30 noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year on reports
70.31 submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made
70.32 or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the
70.33 vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item

71.1 purchased. Expenditures and noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report
 71.2 alphabetically by vendor.

71.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

71.4 Subd. 2. **Amounts.** (a) In a segment of an election cycle, the principal campaign
 71.5 committee of the candidate must not make campaign expenditures nor permit approved
 71.6 expenditures to be made on behalf of the candidate that result in aggregate expenditures in
 71.7 excess of the following:

71.8 (1) for governor and lieutenant governor, running together, \$3,651,200 in the election
 71.9 segment and \$1,564,800 in the nonelection segment;

71.10 (2) for attorney general, \$626,000 in the election segment and \$208,700 in the nonelection
 71.11 segment;

71.12 (3) for secretary of state and state auditor, separately, \$417,300 in the election segment
 71.13 and \$104,400 in the nonelection segment;

71.14 (4) for state senator, \$94,700 in the election segment and \$31,600 in a nonelection
 71.15 segment;

71.16 (5) for state representative, \$63,100 in the election segment.

71.17 (b) In addition to the amount in paragraph (a), clause (1), a candidate for endorsement
 71.18 for the office of lieutenant governor at the convention of a political party may make campaign
 71.19 expenditures and approved expenditures of five percent of that amount to seek endorsement.

71.20 (c) If a special election cycle occurs during a general election cycle, expenditures by or
 71.21 on behalf of a candidate in the special election do not count as expenditures by or on behalf
 71.22 of the candidate in the general election.

71.23 (d) The expenditure limits in this subdivision for an office are increased by ten percent
 71.24 for a candidate who has not previously held the same office, whose name has not previously
 71.25 been on the primary or general election ballot for that office, and who has not in the past
 71.26 ten years raised or spent more than \$750 in a run for any other office whose territory now
 71.27 includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of the
 71.28 new office. Candidates who qualify for first-time candidate status receive a ten percent
 71.29 increase in the campaign expenditure limit in all segments of the applicable election cycle.

71.30 In the case of a legislative candidate, the office is that of a member of the house of
 71.31 representatives or senate without regard to any specific district.

72.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to
72.2 read:

72.3 Subd. 16a. **Return of contributions after merger of governor and lieutenant governor**
72.4 **funds.** Funds transferred to the joint committee for candidates for governor and lieutenant
72.5 governor that result in aggregate contributions in excess of the applicable limits may be
72.6 returned to the contributor within 90 days of the transfer of funds to the joint committee.

72.7 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to
72.8 read:

72.9 Subd. 16b. **Special election contribution limits.** Election segment contribution limits
72.10 set forth in this section apply to a special election cycle.

72.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to
72.12 read:

72.13 Subd. 16c. **Contribution limits apply independently.** Contribution limits apply
72.14 independently for election segments, nonelection segments, and special election cycles.

72.15 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.31, is amended by adding a subdivision to
72.16 read:

72.17 Subd. 7b. **Failure to repay.** A candidate who fails to repay money required by the
72.18 agreement cannot be paid additional public subsidy funds during the current or future election
72.19 cycles until the entirety of the unexpended funds and any associated collection fees are
72.20 either repaid to the board or discharged by court action.

72.21 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.323, is amended to read:

72.22 **10A.323 AFFIDAVIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

72.23 (a) In addition to the requirements of section 10A.322, to be eligible to receive a public
72.24 subsidy under section 10A.31 a candidate or the candidate's treasurer must:

72.25 (1) between January 1 of the previous year and the cutoff date for transactions included
72.26 in the report of receipts and expenditures due before the primary election, accumulate
72.27 contributions from individuals eligible to vote in this state in at least the amount indicated
72.28 for the office sought, counting only the first \$50 received from each contributor, excluding
72.29 in-kind contributions:

72.30 (i) candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running together, \$35,000;

73.1 (ii) candidates for attorney general, \$15,000;

73.2 (iii) candidates for secretary of state and state auditor, separately, \$6,000;

73.3 (iv) candidates for the senate, \$3,000; and

73.4 (v) candidates for the house of representatives, \$1,500;

73.5 (2) file an affidavit with the board stating that the principal campaign committee has
73.6 complied with this paragraph. The affidavit must state the total amount of contributions that
73.7 have been received from individuals eligible to vote in this state, excluding:

73.8 (i) the portion of any contribution in excess of \$50;

73.9 (ii) any in-kind contribution; and

73.10 (iii) any contribution for which the name and address of the contributor is not known
73.11 and recorded; and

73.12 (3) submit the affidavit required by this section to the board in writing by the deadline
73.13 for reporting of receipts and expenditures before a primary under section 10A.20, subdivision
73.14 4.

73.15 (b) A candidate for a vacancy to be filled at a special election for which the filing period
73.16 does not coincide with the filing period for the general election must accumulate the
73.17 contributions specified in paragraph (a) and must submit the affidavit required by this section
73.18 to the board within five days after the close of the filing period for the special election for
73.19 which the candidate filed.

73.20 (c) A candidate or the candidate's treasurer must be able to electronically file the affidavit
73.21 required under this section in the same manner as other reports required by this chapter.
73.22 The board must not require the candidate or candidate's treasurer to notarize the affidavit
73.23 of contribution.

73.24 **Sec. 17. [206.95] VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT ACCOUNT.**

73.25 Subdivision 1. **Voting equipment grant account.** A voting equipment grant account is
73.26 established in the special revenue fund. Funds in the account are appropriated to the secretary
73.27 of state to provide grants to political subdivisions as authorized by this section. Funds in
73.28 the account are available until expended.

73.29 Subd. 2. **Authorized equipment.** A political subdivision may apply to receive a grant
73.30 under this section for the purchase or lease of the following:

74.1 (1) an electronic voting system, or any individual components of an electronic voting
74.2 system as provided in section 206.56, subdivision 8;

74.3 (2) assistive voting technology;

74.4 (3) an electronic roster system meeting the technology requirements of section 201.225,
74.5 subdivision 2; and

74.6 (4) any other equipment or technology approved by the secretary of state for use in
74.7 conducting a state or local election in Minnesota consistent with the requirements of law.

74.8 Subd. 3. **Application.** (a) The secretary of state may make a grant from the account to
74.9 a political subdivision only after receiving an application from the political subdivision.

74.10 The application must contain the following information:

74.11 (1) the date the application is submitted;

74.12 (2) the name of the political subdivision;

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

74.14 (4) the type of voting system currently used in each precinct in the political subdivision;

74.15 (5) the date the system currently used was acquired and at what cost;

74.16 (6) the total number of registered voters, as of the date of the application, in each precinct
74.17 in the political subdivision;

74.18 (7) the total amount of the grant requested;

74.19 (8) the total amount and source of the political subdivision's money to be used to match
74.20 a grant from the account;

74.21 (9) the type of voting system to be acquired with the grant money and whether the voting
74.22 system will permit individuals with disabilities to cast a secret ballot;

74.23 (10) the proposed schedule for purchasing and implementing the new voting system and
74.24 the precincts in which the new voting system would be used;

74.25 (11) whether the political subdivision has previously applied for a grant from the account
74.26 and the disposition of that application;

74.27 (12) a certified statement by the political subdivision that the grant will be used only to
74.28 purchase authorized equipment under subdivision 2 of this section and that the political
74.29 subdivision has insufficient resources to purchase the voting system without obtaining a
74.30 grant from the account; and

75.1 (13) any other information required by the secretary of state.

75.2 (b) The secretary of state must establish a deadline for receipt of grant applications, a
 75.3 procedure for awarding and distributing grants, and a process for verifying the proper use
 75.4 of the grants after distribution.

75.5 Subd. 4. **Amount of grant.** A political subdivision is eligible to receive a grant of no
 75.6 more than 75 percent of the total cost of electronic roster equipment and 50 percent of the
 75.7 total cost of all other equipment or technology authorized for a grant under subdivision 2.
 75.8 In evaluating the application, the secretary of state shall consider only the information set
 75.9 forth in the application and is not subject to chapter 14. If the secretary of state determines
 75.10 that the application has been fully and properly completed, and that there is a sufficient
 75.11 balance in the account to fund the grant, either in whole or in part, the secretary of state
 75.12 may approve the application.

75.13 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** No later than January 15, 2018, and annually thereafter
 75.14 until the appropriations provided for grants under this section have been exhausted, the
 75.15 secretary of state must submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 75.16 elections policy on grants awarded by this section. The report must detail each grant awarded,
 75.17 including the jurisdiction, the amount of the grant, and the type of equipment purchased.

75.18 Sec. 18. **REPEALER.**

75.19 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 204B.48, is repealed.

75.20 (b) Minnesota Rules, parts 4501.0300, subpart 3; 4501.0500, subpart 2; 4503.0200,
 75.21 subpart 6; 4503.0300, subpart 4; 4503.0400, subpart 1; 4503.0500, subparts 5 and 8;
 75.22 4503.0700, subparts 2 and 3; 4503.1300, subpart 5; 4503.1400, subparts 8 and 9; 4503.1450,
 75.23 subparts 1 and 3; 4503.1600; 4503.1700; 4503.1800; 4505.0100, subpart 3; 4505.0900,
 75.24 subparts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; 4511.0500, subpart 2; 4512.0100, subparts 2, 4, and 5; and
 75.25 4525.0210, subpart 1, are repealed.

75.26 **ARTICLE 4**

75.27 **MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

75.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 190.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.29 Subd. 2. **Uses.** (a) Money appropriated from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account
 75.30 to the Department of Military Affairs may be used for:

75.31 (1) grants directly to eligible individuals;

76.1 (2) grants to one or more eligible foundations for the purpose of making grants to eligible
76.2 individuals, as provided in this section;

76.3 (3) veterans' services; or

76.4 (4) grants to family readiness groups chartered by the adjutant general.

76.5 (b) As used in paragraph (a), the term "eligible individual" includes any person who is:

76.6 (1) a member in good standing of the Minnesota National Guard or a reserve unit based
76.7 in Minnesota ~~who has been called to active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision~~
76.8 ~~5;~~

76.9 (2) a Minnesota resident who is a member of a military reserve unit not based in
76.10 Minnesota, if the member is called to active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision
76.11 5;

76.12 (3) any other Minnesota resident performing active service for any branch of the military
76.13 of the United States;

76.14 (4) a person who honorably served in one of the capacities listed in clause (1), (2), or

76.15 (3) who has current financial needs ~~directly related to that service~~; and

76.16 (5) a member of the immediate family of an individual identified in clause (1), (2), (3),
76.17 or (4). For purposes of this clause, "immediate family" means the individual's spouse and
76.18 minor children and, if they are dependents of the member of the military, the member's
76.19 parents, grandparents, siblings, stepchildren, and adult children.

76.20 (c) As used in paragraph (a), the term "eligible foundation" includes any organization
76.21 that:

76.22 (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

76.23 (2) has articles of incorporation under chapter 317A specifying the purpose of the
76.24 organization as including the provision of financial assistance to members of the Minnesota
76.25 National Guard and other United States armed forces reserves and their families and
76.26 survivors; and

76.27 (3) agrees in writing to distribute any grant money received from the adjutant general
76.28 under this section to eligible individuals as defined in this section and in accordance with
76.29 any written policies and rules the adjutant general may impose as conditions of the grant to
76.30 the foundation.

77.1 (d) The maximum grant awarded to an eligible individual under paragraph (a) in a
 77.2 calendar year with funds from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account, either through
 77.3 an eligible institution or directly from the adjutant general, may not exceed ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000.

77.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 190.19, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

77.5 Subd. 2a. **Uses; veterans.** (a) Money appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs
 77.6 from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account may be used for:

77.7 (1) grants to veterans service organizations;

77.8 (2) outreach to underserved veterans;

77.9 (3) providing services and programs for veterans and their families;

77.10 (4) transfers to the vehicle services account for Gold Star license plates under section
 77.11 168.1253;

77.12 (5) grants of up to \$100,000 to any organization approved by the commissioner of
 77.13 veterans affairs for the purpose of supporting and improving the lives of veterans and their
 77.14 families; ~~and~~

77.15 (6) grants to an eligible foundation; and

77.16 (7) the agency's uncompensated burial costs for eligible dependents to whom the
 77.17 commissioner grants a no-fee or reduced-fee burial in the state's veteran cemeteries pursuant
 77.18 to section 197.236, subdivision 9, paragraph (b).

77.19 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible foundation" includes any organization
 77.20 that:

77.21 (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

77.22 (2) is a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A and the organization's articles of
 77.23 incorporation specify that a purpose of the organization includes: (i) providing assistance
 77.24 to veterans and their families; or (ii) enhancing the lives of veterans and their families.

77.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 196.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

77.26 Subdivision 1. **General duties.** The commissioner shall:

77.27 (1) act as the agent of a resident of the state having a claim against the United States for
 77.28 benefits arising out of or by reason of service in the armed forces and prosecute the claim
 77.29 without charge;

77.30 (2) act as custodian of veterans' bonus records;

78.1 (3) administer the laws relating to the providing of bronze flag holders at veterans' graves
78.2 for memorial purposes;

78.3 (4) administer the laws relating to recreational or rest camps for veterans so far as
78.4 applicable to state agencies;

78.5 (5) administer the state soldiers' assistance fund and veterans' relief fund and other funds
78.6 appropriated for the payment of bonuses or other benefits to veterans or for the rehabilitation
78.7 of veterans;

78.8 (6) cooperate with national, state, county, municipal, and private social agencies in
78.9 securing to veterans and their dependents the benefits provided by national, state, and county
78.10 laws, municipal ordinances, or public and private social agencies;

78.11 (7) provide necessary assistance where other adequate aid is not available to the dependent
78.12 family of a veteran while the veteran is hospitalized and after the veteran is released for as
78.13 long a period as is necessary as determined by the commissioner;

78.14 (8) cooperate with United States governmental agencies providing compensation,
78.15 pensions, insurance, or other benefits provided by federal law, by supplementing the benefits
78.16 prescribed therein, when conditions in an individual case make it necessary;

78.17 (9) assist dependent family members of military personnel who are called from reserve
78.18 status to extended federal active duty during a time of war or national emergency through
78.19 the state soldiers' assistance fund provided by section 197.03;

78.20 (10) exercise other powers as may be authorized and necessary to carry out the provisions
78.21 of this chapter and chapter 197, consistent with that chapter; ~~and~~

78.22 (11) provide information, referral, and counseling services to those veterans who may
78.23 have suffered adverse health conditions as a result of possible exposure to chemical agents;
78.24 and

78.25 (12) in coordination with the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers,
78.26 develop a written disclosure statement for use by private providers of veterans benefits
78.27 services as required under section 197.6091. At a minimum, the written disclosure statement
78.28 shall include a signature line, contact information for the department, and a statement that
78.29 veterans benefits services are offered at no cost by federally chartered veterans service
78.30 organizations and by county veterans service officers.

79.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.236, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

79.2 Subd. 9. **Burial fees.** (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a fee
 79.3 schedule, which may be adjusted from time to time, for the interment of eligible spouses
 79.4 and dependent children. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of
 79.5 interment, excluding the value of the plot.

79.6 (b) Upon application, the commissioner may waive or reduce the burial fee in the case
 79.7 of an indigent eligible person. The commissioner shall develop a policy, eligibility
 79.8 standards, and application form for requests to waive or reduce the burial fee to indigent
 79.9 eligible applicants.

79.10 (c) No plot or interment fees may be charged for the burial of service members who die
 79.11 on active duty or eligible veterans, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section 101,
 79.12 paragraph (2).

79.13 Sec. 5. [197.6091] VETERANS BENEFITS SERVICES; DISCLOSURE
 79.14 REQUIREMENTS.

79.15 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 79.16 the meanings given.

79.17 (b)(1) "Advertising" or "advertisement" means any of the following:

79.18 (i) any written or printed communication made for the purpose of soliciting business for
 79.19 veterans benefits appeal services, including but not limited to a brochure, letter, pamphlet,
 79.20 newspaper, telephone listing, periodical, or other writing;

79.21 (ii) any directory listing caused or permitted by a person and made available by that
 79.22 person indicating that veterans benefits appeal services are being offered; or

79.23 (iii) any radio, television, computer network, or similar airwave or electronic transmission
 79.24 that solicits business for or promotes a person offering veterans benefits appeal services.

79.25 (2) "Advertising" or "advertisement" does not include any of the following:

79.26 (i) any printing or writing used on buildings, uniforms, or badges, where the purpose of
 79.27 the writing is for identification; or

79.28 (ii) any printing or writing in a memorandum or other communication used in the ordinary
 79.29 course of business where the sole purpose of the writing is other than soliciting business
 79.30 for veterans benefits appeal services.

80.1 (c) "Veterans benefits appeal services" means services that a veteran might reasonably
80.2 require in order to appeal a denial of federal or state veterans benefits, including but not
80.3 limited to denials of disability, limited income, home loan, insurance, education and training,
80.4 burial and memorial, and dependent and survivor benefits.

80.5 (d) "Veterans benefits services" means services that a veteran or a family member of a
80.6 veteran might reasonably use in order to obtain federal, state, or county veterans benefits.

80.7 (e) "Written disclosure statement" means the written disclosure statement developed by
80.8 the commissioner of veterans affairs pursuant to section 196.05, subdivision 1.

80.9 Subd. 2. **Advertising disclosure requirements.** A person advertising veterans benefits
80.10 appeal services must conspicuously disclose in the advertisement, in similar type size or
80.11 voice-over, that veterans benefits appeal services are also offered at no cost by county
80.12 veterans service officers under sections 197.603 and 197.604.

80.13 Subd. 3. **Veterans benefits services disclosure requirements.** A person who provides
80.14 veterans benefits services in exchange for compensation shall provide a written disclosure
80.15 statement to each client or prospective client. Before a person enters into an agreement to
80.16 provide veterans benefits services or accepts money or any other thing of value for the
80.17 provision of veterans benefits services, the person must obtain the signature of the client
80.18 on a written disclosure statement containing an attestation by the client that the client has
80.19 read and understands the written disclosure statement.

80.20 Subd. 4. **Violations; penalties.** A person who fails to comply with this section is subject
80.21 to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Civil penalties shall be assessed
80.22 by the district court in an action initiated by the attorney general. For the purposes of
80.23 computing the amount of each civil penalty, each day of a continuing violation constitutes
80.24 a separate violation. Additionally, the attorney general may accept a civil penalty as
80.25 determined by the attorney general in settlement of an investigation of a violation of this
80.26 section regardless of whether an action has been filed under this section. Any civil penalty
80.27 recovered shall be deposited in the Support Our Troops account established under section
80.28 190.19.

80.29 Subd. 5. **Nonapplicability.** This section does not apply to the owner or personnel of any
80.30 medium in which an advertisement appears or through which an advertisement is
80.31 disseminated.

81.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.791, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

81.2 Subd. 2. **Program established.** The Minnesota GI Bill program is established to provide
 81.3 postsecondary educational assistance, apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits, and
 81.4 other professional and educational benefits to eligible Minnesota veterans and to the children
 81.5 and spouses of deceased and severely disabled Minnesota veterans.

81.6 The commissioner, in cooperation with eligible postsecondary educational institutions,
 81.7 shall administer the program for the purpose of providing postsecondary educational
 81.8 assistance to eligible persons in accordance with this section. Each public postsecondary
 81.9 educational institution in the state must participate in the program and each private
 81.10 postsecondary educational institution in the state is encouraged to participate in the program.
 81.11 Any participating private institution may suspend or terminate its participation in the program
 81.12 at the end of any semester or other academic term.

81.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.791, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

81.14 Subd. 3. **Duties; responsibilities.** (a) The commissioner shall establish policies and
 81.15 procedures including, but not limited to, procedures for student application record keeping,
 81.16 information sharing, payment of educational assistance benefits under subdivision 5, payment
 81.17 of apprenticeship or on-the-job training benefits under subdivision 5a, payment of other
 81.18 educational or professional benefits under subdivision 5, and other procedures the
 81.19 commissioner considers appropriate and necessary for effective and efficient administration
 81.20 of the program established in this section.

81.21 (b) The commissioner may delegate part or all of the administrative procedures for the
 81.22 program to responsible representatives of participating eligible institutions. The commissioner
 81.23 may execute an interagency agreement with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for
 81.24 services the commissioner determines necessary to administer the program.

81.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

81.26 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** (a) A person is eligible for educational assistance under ~~this section~~
 81.27 subdivisions 5 and 5a if:

81.28 (1) the person is:

81.29 (i) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United
 81.30 States armed forces at any time;

81.31 (ii) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively
 81.32 as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of

82.1 the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September
82.2 11, 2001;

82.3 (iii) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military and who
82.4 has died as a direct result of that military service, only if the surviving spouse or child is
82.5 eligible to receive federal education benefits under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33,
82.6 as amended, or United States Code, title 38, chapter 35, as amended; or

82.7 (iv) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time and who
82.8 has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans
82.9 Administration, only if the spouse or child is eligible to receive federal education benefits
82.10 under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as amended, or United States Code, title 38,
82.11 chapter 35, as amended; and

82.12 (2) the person receiving the educational assistance is a Minnesota resident, as defined
82.13 in section 136A.101, subdivision 8; and

82.14 (3) the person receiving the educational assistance:

82.15 (i) is an undergraduate or graduate student at an eligible institution;

82.16 (ii) is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for students
82.17 participating in federal Title IV programs;

82.18 (iii) is enrolled in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree at
82.19 an eligible institution;

82.20 (iv) has applied for educational assistance under this section prior to the end of the
82.21 academic term for which the assistance is being requested;

82.22 (v) is in compliance with child support payment requirements under section 136A.121,
82.23 subdivision 2, clause (5); and

82.24 (vi) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

82.25 (b) A person's eligibility terminates when the person becomes eligible for benefits under
82.26 section 135A.52.

82.27 (c) To determine eligibility, the commissioner may require official documentation,
82.28 including the person's federal form DD-214 or other official military discharge papers;
82.29 correspondence from the United States Veterans Administration; birth certificate; marriage
82.30 certificate; proof of enrollment at an eligible institution; signed affidavits; proof of residency;
82.31 proof of identity; or any other official documentation the commissioner considers necessary
82.32 to determine eligibility.

83.1 (d) The commissioner may deny eligibility or terminate benefits under this section to
83.2 any person who has not provided sufficient documentation to determine eligibility for the
83.3 program. An applicant may appeal the commissioner's eligibility determination or termination
83.4 of benefits in writing to the commissioner at any time. The commissioner must rule on any
83.5 application or appeal within 30 days of receipt of all documentation that the commissioner
83.6 requires. The decision of the commissioner regarding an appeal is final. However, an
83.7 applicant whose appeal of an eligibility determination has been rejected by the commissioner
83.8 may submit an additional appeal of that determination in writing to the commissioner at
83.9 any time that the applicant is able to provide substantively significant additional information
83.10 regarding the applicant's eligibility for the program. An approval of an applicant's eligibility
83.11 by the commissioner following an appeal by the applicant is not retroactively effective for
83.12 more than one year or the semester of the person's original application, whichever is later.

83.13 (e) Upon receiving an application with insufficient documentation to determine eligibility,
83.14 the commissioner must notify the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application that
83.15 the application is being suspended pending receipt by the commissioner of sufficient
83.16 documentation from the applicant to determine eligibility.

83.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.791, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

83.18 Subd. 5. **Benefit Educational assistance amount.** (a) On approval by the commissioner
83.19 of eligibility for the program, the applicant shall be awarded, on a funds-available basis,
83.20 the educational assistance under the program for use at any time according to program rules
83.21 at any eligible institution.

83.22 (b) The amount of educational assistance in any semester or term for an eligible person
83.23 must be determined by subtracting from the eligible person's cost of attendance the amount
83.24 the person received or was eligible to receive in that semester or term from:

83.25 (1) the federal Pell Grant;

83.26 (2) the state grant program under section 136A.121; and

83.27 (3) any federal military or veterans educational benefits including but not limited to the
83.28 Montgomery GI Bill, GI Bill Kicker, the federal tuition assistance program, vocational
83.29 rehabilitation benefits, and any other federal benefits associated with the person's status as
83.30 a veteran, except veterans disability payments from the United States Veterans Administration
83.31 and payments made under the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP).

83.32 (c) The amount of educational assistance for any eligible person who is a full-time
83.33 student must not exceed the following:

84.1 ~~(1) \$1,000 per semester or term of enrollment;~~

84.2 ~~(2) (1) \$3,000 per state fiscal year; and~~

84.3 ~~(3) (2) \$10,000 in a lifetime.~~

84.4 (d) A person eligible under this subdivision may use the benefit amounts for the following
84.5 purposes:

84.6 (1) licensing or certification tests, the successful completion of which demonstrates an
84.7 individual's possession of the knowledge or skill required to enter into, maintain, or advance
84.8 in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession, provided that the
84.9 tests and the licensing or credentialing organizations or entities that offer the tests are
84.10 approved by the commissioner;

84.11 (2) tests for admission to institutions of higher learning or graduate schools;

84.12 (3) national tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher
84.13 learning;

84.14 (4) a preparatory course for a test that is required or used for admission to an institution
84.15 of higher education or a graduate program; and

84.16 (5) any fee associated with the pursuit of a professional or educational objective specified
84.17 in clauses (1) to (4).

84.18 (e) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5, the eligible person's
84.19 aggregate benefits under this subdivision and subdivision 5 must not exceed \$10,000 in the
84.20 eligible person's lifetime.

84.21 (f) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5a, the eligible person's
84.22 aggregate benefits under this subdivision and subdivision 5a must not exceed \$10,000 in
84.23 the eligible person's lifetime.

84.24 For a part-time student, the amount of educational assistance must not exceed \$500 per
84.25 semester or term of enrollment. For the purpose of this paragraph, a part-time undergraduate
84.26 student is a student taking fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent for a semester or term of
84.27 enrollment and a part-time graduate student is a student considered part time by the eligible
84.28 institution the graduate student is attending. The minimum award for undergraduate and
84.29 graduate students is \$50 per term.

85.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.791, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

85.2 Subd. 5a. **Apprenticeship and on-the-job training.** (a) The commissioner, in
 85.3 consultation with the commissioners of employment and economic development and labor
 85.4 and industry, shall develop and implement an apprenticeship and on-the-job training program
 85.5 to administer a portion of the Minnesota GI Bill program to pay benefit amounts to eligible
 85.6 ~~applicants~~ persons, as provided in this subdivision.

85.7 (b) An "eligible employer" means an employer operating a qualifying apprenticeship or
 85.8 on-the-job training program that has been approved by the commissioner.

85.9 (c) A person is eligible for apprenticeship and on-the-job training assistance under this
 85.10 subdivision if the person meets the criteria established under subdivision 4, ~~paragraphs~~
 85.11 paragraph (a), clause (1), and (e) to (e). The commissioner may determine eligibility as
 85.12 provided in subdivision 4, paragraph (c), and may deny or terminate benefits as prescribed
 85.13 under subdivision 4, paragraphs (d) and (e). The amount of assistance paid to or on behalf
 85.14 of an eligible individual under this subdivision must not exceed the following:

85.15 (1) ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,000 per fiscal year for apprenticeship expenses;

85.16 (2) ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,000 per fiscal year for on-the-job training;

85.17 (3) \$1,000 for a job placement credit payable to an eligible employer upon hiring and
 85.18 completion of six consecutive months' employment of a person receiving assistance under
 85.19 this subdivision; and

85.20 (4) \$1,000 for a job placement credit payable to an eligible employer after a person
 85.21 receiving assistance under this subdivision has been employed by the eligible employer for
 85.22 at least 12 consecutive months as a full-time employee.

85.23 No more than ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 in aggregate benefits under this paragraph may be paid to or
 85.24 on behalf of an individual in one fiscal year, and not more than ~~\$9,000~~ \$10,000 in aggregate
 85.25 benefits under this paragraph may be paid to or on behalf of an individual over any period
 85.26 of time.

85.27 (d) Assistance for apprenticeship expenses and on-the-job training is available for
 85.28 qualifying programs, which must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

85.29 (1) the training must be with an eligible employer;

85.30 (2) the training must be documented and reported;

85.31 (3) the training must reasonably be expected to lead to an entry-level position; and

85.32 (4) the position must require at least six months of training to become fully trained.

86.1 **ARTICLE 5**86.2 **LIQUOR**

86.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.0505, is amended by adding a subdivision
86.4 to read:

86.5 Subd. 3. **Fort Ridgely State Park.** The commissioner of public safety, with the approval
86.6 of the commissioner of natural resources, may issue to a concessionaire, lessee, or person
86.7 holding a contract with the Department of Natural Resources an on-sale license for the sale
86.8 of intoxicating liquor at the Fort Ridgely State Park golf course. The annual fee for the
86.9 license issued pursuant to this subdivision shall be set by the commissioner of public safety
86.10 at an amount comparable to the fee charged by the surrounding counties for a similar license.
86.11 All provisions of chapter 340A not inconsistent with this subdivision shall apply to the sale
86.12 of intoxicating liquor at the Fort Ridgely State Park golf course.

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

86.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

86.15 Subdivision 1. **Activities.** (a) A microdistillery licensed under this chapter may provide
86.16 on its premises samples of distilled spirits manufactured on its premises, in an amount not
86.17 to exceed 15 milliliters per variety per person. No more than 45 milliliters may be sampled
86.18 under this paragraph by any person on any day.

86.19 (b) A microdistillery can sell cocktails to the public, pursuant to subdivision 2.

86.20 (c) A microdistillery may not operate a cocktail room under subdivision 2 or conduct
86.21 sales at off-sale under subdivision 4 unless at least 50 percent of the annual production of
86.22 the licensee is processed and distilled on premises.

86.23 (d) Distilled spirits produced or in production prior to July 1, 2017, are not counted as
86.24 part of the calculations under paragraph (c).

86.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

86.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

86.27 Subd. 2. **Cocktail room license.** (a) A municipality, including a city with a municipal
86.28 liquor store, may issue the holder of a microdistillery license under this chapter a
86.29 microdistillery cocktail room license. A microdistillery cocktail room license authorizes
86.30 on-sale of distilled liquor produced by the distiller for consumption on the premises of or
86.31 adjacent to one distillery location owned by the distiller. Notwithstanding section 340A.504,

87.1 subdivision 3, a cocktail room may be open and may conduct on-sale business on Sundays
 87.2 if authorized by the municipality. Nothing in this subdivision precludes the holder of a
 87.3 microdistillery cocktail room license from also holding a license to operate a restaurant at
 87.4 the distillery. Section 340A.409 shall apply to a license issued under this subdivision. All
 87.5 provisions of this chapter that apply to a retail liquor license shall apply to a license issued
 87.6 under this subdivision unless the provision is explicitly inconsistent with this subdivision.

87.7 (b) A distiller may only have one cocktail room license under this subdivision, and may
 87.8 not have an ownership interest in a distillery licensed under section 340A.301, subdivision
 87.9 6, clause (a).

87.10 (c) The municipality shall impose a licensing fee on a distiller holding a microdistillery
 87.11 cocktail room license under this subdivision, subject to limitations applicable to license fees
 87.12 under section 340A.408, subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

87.13 (d) A municipality shall, within ten days of the issuance of a license under this
 87.14 subdivision, inform the commissioner of the licensee's name and address and trade name,
 87.15 and the effective date and expiration date of the license. The municipality shall also inform
 87.16 the commissioner of a license transfer, cancellation, suspension, or revocation during the
 87.17 license period.

87.18 (e) No single entity may hold both a cocktail room and taproom license, and a cocktail
 87.19 room and taproom may not be colocated.

87.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

87.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.24, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

87.22 Subd. 3. **Total retail sales.** A brew pub's total retail sales at on- or off-sale under this
 87.23 section may not exceed 3,500 barrels per year, provided that off-sales may not total more
 87.24 than ~~500~~ 750 barrels.

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

87.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.27 Subdivision 1. **License; limitations.** A brewer licensed under section 340A.301,
 87.28 subdivision 6, clause (c), (i), or (j), may be issued a license by a municipality for off-sale
 87.29 of malt liquor at its licensed premises that has been produced and packaged by the brewer.
 87.30 The license must be approved by the commissioner. A brewer may only have one license
 87.31 under this subdivision. The amount of malt liquor sold at off-sale may not exceed ~~500~~ 750
 87.32 barrels annually. Off-sale of malt liquor shall be limited to the legal hours for off-sale at

88.1 exclusive liquor stores in the jurisdiction in which the brewer is located, and the malt liquor
88.2 sold off-sale must be removed from the premises before the applicable off-sale closing time
88.3 at exclusive liquor stores, except that malt liquor in growlers only may be sold at off-sale
88.4 on Sundays. Sunday sales must be approved by the licensing jurisdiction and hours may be
88.5 established by those jurisdictions. Packaging of malt liquor for off-sale under this subdivision
88.6 must comply with section 340A.285.

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

88.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.301, is amended by adding a subdivision
88.9 to read:

88.10 Subd. 12. **3.2 percent malt liquor; label.** 3.2 percent malt liquor, as defined under
88.11 section 340A.101, subdivision 19, may be sold with a label that states "MAX 3.2% ALC/WT"
88.12 or equivalent, on the side of the can or bottle, and does not require a similar disclosure on
88.13 the can top or bottom. The commissioner shall establish standards to implement this
88.14 requirement.

88.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to all cans or
88.16 bottles sold after that date.

88.17 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.315, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

88.18 Subd. 7. **Distilled spirits permitted.** Farm wineries licensed under this section are
88.19 permitted to manufacture distilled spirits as defined under section 340A.101, subdivision
88.20 9, which may exceed 25 percent alcohol by volume, made from Minnesota-produced or
88.21 Minnesota-grown grapes, grape juice, other fruit bases, or honey. The following conditions
88.22 pertain:

88.23 (1) no farm winery or firm owning multiple farm wineries may manufacture more than
88.24 5,000 gallons of distilled spirits in a given year, and this 5,000 gallon limit is part of the
88.25 50,000 gallon limit found in subdivision 2;

88.26 (2) a farm winery may not sell at on-sale, off-sale, or wholesale, a distilled spirit that
88.27 does not qualify as a Minnesota spirit. For purposes of this section, to qualify as a Minnesota
88.28 spirit, 50 percent of the distilled spirit must be processed and distilled on premises. Distilled
88.29 spirits produced or in production prior to July 1, 2017, are not counted as part of the
88.30 calculations under this clause;

88.31 (3) farm wineries must pay an additional annual fee of \$50 to the commissioner before
88.32 beginning production of distilled spirits; and

89.1 ~~(3)~~ (4) farm wineries may not sell or produce distilled spirits for direct sale to
89.2 manufacturers licensed under section 340A.301, subdivision 6, paragraph (a).

89.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

89.4 Sec. 8. **[340A.425] SERVICE AT CAPITOL.**

89.5 Notwithstanding section 340A.412, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (2), the city of
89.6 St. Paul may issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor license for the premises known as the
89.7 State Capitol, including the Capitol cafeteria. The commissioner of administration must
89.8 specify those areas where service is being requested. The Department of Administration
89.9 shall enter into an agreement with a food service vendor or another vendor on all matters
89.10 related to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol. Section 16B.275 does not apply
89.11 to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol and all fees charged or profits earned by
89.12 the Department of Administration from the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol must
89.13 be deposited in a capitol revenues account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated
89.14 to the commissioner for capitol preservation and programming. The Capitol must sell wine
89.15 and malt liquor that are made in Minnesota.

89.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Saint Paul City
89.17 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

89.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 340A.504, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

89.19 Subd. 6. **Municipalities may limit hours.** A municipality may further limit the days or
89.20 hours of on and off sales of alcoholic beverages, provided that further restricted on-sale
89.21 hours for intoxicating liquor must apply equally to on-sale hours of 3.2 percent malt liquor.
89.22 A city may not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages during hours when the sale is prohibited
89.23 by this section.

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

89.25 Sec. 10. Laws 1999, chapter 202, section 13, as amended by Laws 2013, chapter 42,
89.26 section 8, is amended to read:

89.27 Sec. 13. **CITY OF ST. PAUL; LICENSES AUTHORIZED.**

89.28 (a) The city of St. Paul may issue temporary intoxicating liquor licenses under Minnesota
89.29 Statutes, section 340A.404, subdivision 10, to Macalester college for the Macalester Scottish
89.30 fair, Springfest, and for the annual alumni reunion weekend without regard to the limitation
89.31 in Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.410, subdivision 10, paragraph (b).

90.1 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.412, subdivision 4, the city of
 90.2 St. Paul may issue a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license to Twin Cities in Motion,
 90.3 or its successor organization, if any. The license may authorize ~~only~~ the sale of intoxicating
 90.4 ~~malt liquor and 3.2 percent malt liquor~~ on the grounds of the state capitol on the day of the
 90.5 Twin Cities Marathon. ~~The intoxicating~~ Any malt liquor and 3.2 percent malt liquor sold
 90.6 must be produced by a Minnesota brewery. All provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
 90.7 340A.404, subdivision 10, not inconsistent with this section, apply to the license authorized
 90.8 by this section.

90.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Saint Paul City
 90.10 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

90.11 Sec. 11. **SPECIAL LICENSE; COLD SPRING.**

90.12 Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of Cold Spring may issue
 90.13 an intoxicating malt liquor license to the Cold Spring Baseball Association for sales at Cold
 90.14 Spring Baseball Park, located at 700 First Street South. The license may allow service and
 90.15 consumption anywhere within the Baseball Park, at events hosted or scheduled by the
 90.16 Association.

90.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Cold Spring City
 90.18 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

90.19 Sec. 12. **FOOD HALL LICENSE; MINNEAPOLIS.**

90.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.101, subdivision 25, 340A.401, or
 90.21 340A.410, subdivision 7, or any other law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of
 90.22 Minneapolis may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for a licensee serving as an
 90.23 anchor tenant for a food hall to be located at 501 30th Avenue Southeast. The license may
 90.24 allow service and consumption anywhere within the licensee establishment, and anywhere
 90.25 within the larger food hall, provided that the larger premises is specified in the on-sale
 90.26 license. Multiple independent food vendors will be able to utilize a common seating area
 90.27 under the control of the liquor license holder to allow the public to purchase and consume
 90.28 food from third parties while also consuming licensed beverages sold by the license holder.

90.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the city of Minneapolis
 90.30 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

91.1 Sec. 13. CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS; SPECIAL LICENSES.

91.2 The city of Minneapolis may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a restaurant
91.3 located at 4312 Upton Avenue South, notwithstanding any law or local ordinance or charter
91.4 provision.

91.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Minneapolis City
91.6 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

91.7 Sec. 14. SPECIAL EVENTS; CAPITOL.

91.8 Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of St. Paul may issue two
91.9 separate temporary liquor licenses for special events at the Minnesota Capitol, allowing
91.10 sale throughout the Capitol building and on the Capitol grounds, as specified by the
91.11 commissioner of administration. The first special event license shall be for events relating
91.12 to the ceremonial opening of the restored State Capitol in August 2017. The second special
91.13 event license shall be for events associated with the Super Bowl and the construction of an
91.14 ice castle in 2018. Licenses shall be for on-sale during all legal hours of service and shall
91.15 allow all service of wine, malt liquor, and distilled spirits. Service must be limited to wine,
91.16 malt liquor, and distilled spirits that are made in Minnesota.

91.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Saint Paul City
91.18 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

91.19 Sec. 15. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TRAINING SITE; ON-SALE
91.20 LICENSES.

91.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.404, subdivision 1, or any other law
91.22 or local ordinance to the contrary, the city of Eagan may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor
91.23 license to the owner of a National Football League sports facility located on property in the
91.24 city of Eagan in Dakota County, legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Viking Lakes, and to
91.25 any concessionaire operator or third-party vendor under contract with the owner. The license
91.26 authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor to persons attending any and all events on Lots 1
91.27 and 2, Block 1, Viking Lakes, that are in conjunction with activities on Lot 1. The license
91.28 may be issued for a space that is not compact and contiguous, provided that the licensed
91.29 premises shall only be the space described in the approved license. The license authorizes
91.30 sales on all days of the week. All provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A, not
91.31 inconsistent with this section, apply to the license under this section.

92.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Eagan City Council
 92.2 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

92.3 Sec. 16. **SPECIAL LICENSE; NEW HOPE.**

92.4 Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of New Hope may issue
 92.5 an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the New Hope Village Golf Course that is located
 92.6 at 8130 Bass Lake Road and is owned by the city. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes,
 92.7 chapter 340A, not inconsistent with this section, apply to the license issued under this
 92.8 section. The city of New Hope is deemed the licensee under this section, and the provisions
 92.9 of Minnesota Statutes, sections 340A.603 and 340A.604, apply to the license as if the
 92.10 establishment were a municipal liquor store.

92.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the New Hope City
 92.12 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

92.13 Sec. 17. **SPECIAL LICENSE; SARTELL.**

92.14 The city of Sartell may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, an on-sale wine
 92.15 license, or an on-sale malt liquor license for the city-owned facilities known as Sartell
 92.16 Community Center, located at 850 19th Street South; Pinecone Central Park, located at
 92.17 1105 Central Park Blvd; and Champion Field, located at 710 12th Street North,
 92.18 notwithstanding any law, local ordinance, or charter provision. A license issued under this
 92.19 section authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons attending events at these facilities.
 92.20 The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A, not inconsistent with this section,
 92.21 apply to the licenses issued under this section. The city of Sartell is deemed the licensee
 92.22 under this section, and the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 340A.603 and
 92.23 340A.604, apply to the licenses as if the facilities were a municipal liquor store.

92.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Sartell City Council
 92.25 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

92.26 Sec. 18. **SPECIAL CLOSING TIMES; 2018 SUPER BOWL.**

92.27 During the 2018 National Football League Super Bowl at U.S. Bank Stadium, licensing
 92.28 jurisdictions that issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 92.29 340A, may, at their discretion, issue special permits for service of alcohol through extended
 92.30 hours lasting until 4:00 a.m. each day. This section is subject to the following conditions:

92.31 (1) only holders of an existing on-sale intoxicating liquor license or a 3.2 malt liquor
 92.32 license are eligible for later closing hours;

93.1 (2) later closing hours apply only during the period from 12:00 p.m. on February 2,
93.2 2018, through 4:00 a.m. on February 5, 2018;

93.3 (3) local licensing jurisdictions issuing special permits to operate with extended hours
93.4 during the days listed in clause (2) may charge a fee up to but not to exceed \$250 for a
93.5 permit. In the process of issuing a permit under this section, the licensing jurisdiction may
93.6 limit approval to specified geographic, zoning, or license classifications within its jurisdiction;
93.7 and

93.8 (4) this section expires at 4:01 a.m. on February 5, 2018.

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

93.10 Sec. 19. **REPEALER.**

93.11 Laws 2001, chapter 193, section 10, as amended by Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 4,
93.12 section 6; and Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 4, section 6, are repealed.

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6.581 STATE AUDITOR ENTERPRISE FUND.

Subdivision 1. **State auditor enterprise fund.** A state auditor enterprise fund is established in the state treasury. All amounts received for the costs and expenses of examinations performed under this chapter shall be credited to the fund. Amounts credited to the fund are annually appropriated to the state auditor to pay the costs and expenses related to the examinations performed, including, but not limited to, salaries, office overhead, equipment, authorized contracts, and other expenses.

204B.48 VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT ACCOUNT.

Subdivision 1. **Account created.** A voting equipment grant account is created in the state treasury to provide grants to political subdivisions to purchase precinct based optical scan ballot tabulation equipment. The equipment must permit the voter to verify and correct any errors on the ballot, including both undervotes and overvotes. Any grants made by the federal government to the state to improve election administration or equipment must be credited to the account.

Subd. 2. **Application.** The commissioner of administration may make a grant from the account to a political subdivision only after receiving an application from the political subdivision and a recommendation from the secretary of state concerning the application. The application must contain the following information:

- (1) the date the application is submitted;
- (2) the name of the political subdivision;
- (3) the name and title of the individual who prepared the application;
- (4) the type of voting system currently used in each precinct in the political subdivision;
- (5) if the current system is an optical scan system, the date the system was acquired and at what cost;
- (6) the total number of registered voters, as of the date of the application, in each precinct in the political subdivision;
- (7) the total amount of the grant requested;
- (8) the total amount and source of the political subdivision's money to be used to match a grant from the account;
- (9) the type of voting system to be acquired with the grant money and whether the voting system will permit individuals with disabilities to cast a secret ballot;
- (10) the proposed schedule for purchasing and implementing the new voting system and the precincts in which the new voting system would be used;
- (11) the proposed schedule for training election administrators and election judges to operate the new voting system;
- (12) a proposed plan to educate voters, the media, and the general public concerning the new voting system;
- (13) the names and contact information for the individuals and offices of the political subdivision responsible for communications and reporting to the commissioner of administration regarding the administration and implementation of the grant by the political subdivision, authorizing the purchase of voting systems, and implementing the training and education plan for the voting system;
- (14) whether the political subdivision has previously applied for a grant from the account and the disposition of that application;
- (15) a certified statement by the political subdivision that the grant will be used only to purchase precinct based optical scan ballot tabulation equipment, that the political subdivision will provide a dollar-for-dollar match that will not come from state or federal money, and that the political subdivision has insufficient resources to purchase the voting system without obtaining a grant from the account.

The commissioner of administration must forward a copy of the application to the secretary of state.

Subd. 3. **Evaluation and approval.** In evaluating the application, the commissioner of administration may consider only the information set forth in the application and is not subject to chapter 14. If the commissioner of administration determines that the application has been fully and properly completed, and that there is a sufficient balance in the account to fund the grant, either in whole or in part, the commissioner, after receiving the recommendation of the secretary of state, may approve the application.

Subd. 4. **Payment.** The commissioner of administration may then pay the grant to the political subdivision after certifying that:

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(1) the grant will be used only to purchase the kind of ballot tabulation equipment prescribed by subdivision 1, which may include equipment that makes it possible for individuals with disabilities to cast a secret ballot;

(2) the political subdivision to receive the grant has insufficient resources available to purchase the equipment; and

(3) the recipient of the grant will provide a dollar-for-dollar match, which may not come from state or federal money.

349A.08 LOTTERY PRIZES.

Subd. 3. **Prizes won by persons under age 18.** The following provisions govern the payment of a lottery prize to a person under age 18:

(1) if the prize is less than \$5,000, the director may give a draft, payable to the order of the person under age 18, to the person's parents, custodial parent if one parent has custody, guardian, or other adult member of the person's family; and

(2) if the prize is \$5,000 or more, the director shall deposit the prize with the district court and section 540.08 applies to the investment and distribution of the money.

Laws 2001, chapter 193, section 10, as amended by Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 4, section 6

Sec. 6. Laws 2001, chapter 193, section 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. CAPITOL CAFETERIA; WINE AND BEER LICENSE.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.412, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (2), the city of St. Paul may issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor license to the Capitol cafeteria, also called the Rathskeller Café. The commissioner of administration must enter into an agreement with the food service vendor or another vendor on all matters related to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol. Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.275, does not apply to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol cafeteria and all profits earned by the Department of Administration from the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol must be deposited in the arts and cultural heritage fund. The Capitol cafeteria must sell wine and malt liquor that are made in Minnesota.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the governing body of St. Paul and its chief clerical officer timely complete compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 4, section 6

Sec. 6. Laws 2001, chapter 193, section 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. CAPITOL CAFETERIA; WINE AND BEER LICENSE.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.412, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (2), the city of St. Paul may issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor license ~~for the premises known as the capitol cafeteria; for special events held at the capitol cafeteria:~~ to the Capitol cafeteria, also called the Rathskeller Café. The commissioner of administration must enter into an agreement with the food service vendor or another vendor on all matters related to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol. Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.275, does not apply to the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol cafeteria and all profits earned by the Department of Administration from the sale of wine and malt liquor in the Capitol must be deposited in the arts and cultural heritage fund. The Capitol cafeteria must sell wine and malt liquor that are made in Minnesota.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the governing body of St. Paul and its chief clerical officer timely complete compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

4501.0300 CERTIFICATION, SIGNATURES, AND NOTARIZATION.

Subp. 3. **Notarization.** The only documents that must be notarized are affidavits of contributions filed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.323, and sworn statements relating to independent expenditures filed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivision 6a.

4501.0500 FILINGS, SUBMISSIONS, AND DISCLOSURES.

Subp. 2. **Filing by facsimile transmission or electronic filing system.** A document filed by facsimile transmission or electronic filing system has the same force and effect as filing an original paper document. Facsimile transmissions and the use of an electronic filing system are subject to items A to F.

A. A facsimile transmission or electronic file received after the close of a business day is considered received at the beginning of the next business day.

B. Use of an electronic filing system is optional. In order to provide a secure environment for the submission of electronic files, the board must require that a filer use a personal identification code when submitting an electronic file. The board may also request the filer to provide a valid e-mail address in order to receive confirmation and verification messages from the board.

C. After an electronic file is processed by the board, the information contained in the electronic file becomes the property of the state subject to the terms of the Data Practices Act under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

D. In the case of a filing by facsimile transmission, the filer must retain the original of the filed document and a record of the date and time of the transmission. If an electronic filing system is used to submit an electronic file to the board, the filer must retain as documentation the database and information on which the electronic submission of data is based. The database and records are subject to audit as provided in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

E. Within five days of a request by the board, any person filing a document by facsimile transmission or electronic filing system shall refile the document by one of the other filing methods provided in subpart 1.

F. Technical problems that prevent the successful submission of a facsimile transmission or electronic file do not relieve the filer of the responsibility of meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A. An audit trail that demonstrates that the facsimile transmission or electronic file was successfully submitted in a timely fashion may be used by the board to waive late filing fees.

4503.0200 ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL FUNDS.

Subp. 6. **Depositories.** The depositories of a political committee or political fund include any depository in which the committee or fund has a savings, checking, or similar account, or purchases a money market certificate or certificate of deposit. Before registering, a political committee or political fund which expects to receive money or negotiable instruments must establish a checking, savings, or similar account in the name of "Campaign Fund of (name of candidate, committee, or fund)."

4503.0300 TERMINATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL FUND.

Subp. 4. **Payment plan pending dissolution of inactive political committee or political fund.** An inactive political committee or political fund that must dissolve according to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.242, and that has liquidated its available assets to pay its debts may submit to the board a proposed payment schedule to settle any remaining debts. Upon approval of the schedule, the board may allow the committee or fund to defer dissolution until all debts are paid.

4503.0400 DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES.

Subpart 1. **Donations in kind.** Donations in kind to a candidate for district court judge which in aggregate exceed \$100 must be disclosed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

4503.0500 CONTRIBUTIONS.

Subp. 5. **Contributions from Hennepin County registered associations.** In lieu of registration with the board, an association registered with the Hennepin County filing officer under Minnesota Statutes, sections 383B.041 to 383B.058, that makes contributions of more than \$100

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to a committee or fund in a calendar year may notify the recipient committee of its registration with Hennepin County, including its registration number, and instruct the recipient committee to include the notice when the recipient committee discloses receipt of the contribution.

4503.0500 CONTRIBUTIONS.

Subp. 8. **Value of contributions of automobile use.** Automobile use provided to a committee by an individual may be valued at the lowest rate used by the state to reimburse its employees for automobile use. Alternatively, the value of the automobile may be calculated as the actual cost of fuel, maintenance, repairs, and insurance directly related to the use of the automobile. The use of an automobile that exceeds \$20 in value a day is either an expenditure that must be reimbursed or a donation in kind from the individual who provided the use of the automobile. An automobile provided by an association must be valued at the fair market value for renting an equivalent automobile.

4503.0700 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

Subp. 2. **Special election contribution limits.** Election year contribution limits set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, apply to a special election cycle.

4503.0700 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

Subp. 3. **Independent application of limits for special election.** Contribution limits apply independently for election years, other years, and special election cycles.

4503.1300 GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Subp. 5. **Return of contributions after merger.** Funds transferred to the joint committee which result in aggregate contributions in excess of the applicable limits may be returned to the contributor within 60 days of the transfer of funds to the joint committee.

4503.1400 PUBLIC SUBSIDY AGREEMENTS.

Subp. 8. **Affidavit of contributions for special elections.** For a special election for which the filing period does not coincide with a general election, the candidate must submit the affidavit of contributions not later than five days after filing an affidavit of candidacy or nominating petition for the office sought.

4503.1400 PUBLIC SUBSIDY AGREEMENTS.

Subp. 9. **Increase for first-time candidates.** Candidates who qualify for first-time candidate status receive a ten percent increase in the campaign expenditure limit in all years of the applicable election cycle.

4503.1450 DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL ACCOUNT PUBLIC SUBSIDY FUNDS.

Subpart 1. **Agreement.** The general account public subsidy agreement required in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.31, subdivision 7, may be provided to candidates on a separate form, or incorporated into the public subsidy agreement. The agreement must require that the candidate spend or be legally obligated to spend at least 50 percent of the general account public subsidy payment by the end of the reporting period prior to the general election. The agreement must also provide that if the candidate does not meet this requirement, the candidate must repay the board the difference between the candidates general account public subsidy payment and the candidates total campaign expenditures as of the end of the reporting period prior to the general election. The agreement must further provide that the candidate must reimburse the board for any reasonable collection costs incurred in securing the repayment of the unused general account public subsidy payment.

4503.1450 DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL ACCOUNT PUBLIC SUBSIDY FUNDS.

Subp. 3. **Estimate of general account public subsidy payment.** For purposes of determining a candidate's fulfillment of the terms of the agreement, the board must use the September 1 certification of available funds from the commissioner of the Department of Revenue to estimate the general account public subsidy payment for the candidate's office. Using first class mail, the board must inform each candidate eligible for a general account payment of the minimum amount that must be spent to comply with the terms of the agreement.

4503.1600 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

If the board makes a public finding that there is probable cause to believe a violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273, has occurred, in lieu of pursuing or enforcing a judgment, the board may accept payment of any fine imposed and thereafter close the matter.

4503.1700 FILING OF 48-HOUR NOTICE.

The 48-hour notice required under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, may be filed by facsimile transmission in addition to the other methods permitted by law.

4503.1800 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Contributions.** Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and funds, and committees and funds to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize contributions that in aggregate exceed \$100 in a calendar year on reports submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received, the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor. Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported as an aggregate total.

Subp. 2. **Expenditures and noncampaign disbursements.** Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$100 in a calendar year on reports submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item purchased. Expenditures and noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically by vendor.

4505.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 3. **Compensation in any month.** For the purpose of an original statement of economic interest, "compensation in any month" includes only compensation received in the calendar month immediately preceding the date of appointment as a public official or filing as a candidate.

For the purpose of supplementary statements of economic interest to be filed, "compensation in any month" includes compensation and honorariums received in any month between the end of the period covered in the preceding statement of economic interest and the end of the current period.

For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 2. **Filing of more than one statement in any year.** An individual who has filed a statement of economic interest within the calendar year shall file a supplementary statement within 14 days after filing an affidavit of candidacy or accepting employment or appointment to an office requiring the advice and consent of the senate.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 3. **Statement after period when no statement required.** A public official or candidate, who previously filed a statement of economic interest and who is required to file a new statement of economic interest following a period when no statement was required, shall file an original statement.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 4. **Termination as a public official.** An individual shall file a statement of economic interest to cover the period for which the individual served as a public official even though at the time the statement is filed, the individual is no longer holding that office as a public official. The statement of economic interest does not need to be filed if there have been no changes from the most recent statement of economic interest filed with the board.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 5. **Option.** An individual whose term as a public official has ended after April 1 and before March 31 shall file either a supplementary statement on the next following April 15 through the last date of service or file a statement of termination as a public official through the last date of service. The latter statement may be filed at any time after the term ends and before the next following April 15.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 6. **Change of public official position.** A public official who leaves one public official position and is appointed to another public official position within the year between the time when the individual filed either an original statement or a supplementary statement and April 15 of the following year shall file a termination statement for the former office within ten days after leaving that office. The individual shall file an original statement relative to the new office within the time imposed by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.09, subdivision 1.

4505.0900 FILING.

Subp. 7. **Reporting of securities.** A public official must list the full name of each security with a value of \$2,500 or more owned in part or in full by the public official at any time during the reporting period.

4511.0500 LOBBYIST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Subp. 2. **Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity.** Items A to F apply if a single individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher education system is represented by more than one lobbyist.

A. The entity must appoint one designated lobbyist to report lobbyist disbursements made by the entity. The designated lobbyist must indicate that status on the periodic reports of lobbyist disbursements.

B. A reporting lobbyist may consent to report on behalf of one or more other lobbyists for the same entity, in which case, the other lobbyists are persons about whose activities the reporting lobbyist must disclose and are subject to the disclosure requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.04, subdivision 3. Lobbyist disbursement reports filed by a reporting lobbyist must include the names and registration numbers of the other lobbyists whose activities are included in the report.

C. Lobbyists whose activities are accounted for by a reporting lobbyist are not required to file lobbyist disbursement reports.

D. A lobbyist whose lobbying disbursements are provided to the board through a reporting lobbyist must supply all relevant information on disbursements to the reporting lobbyist no later than five days before the prescribed filing date.

E. The reporting periods and due dates for a reporting lobbyist are those provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.04, subdivision 3. The board must notify by certified mail or personal service each reporting lobbyist that fails to file a required report within seven days of a statutory filing date. Additionally, the board must notify by certified mail or personal service each lobbyist listed on the registration of the reporting lobbyist of the failure of the reporting lobbyist to file in a timely manner. Within ten business days of the date on which the notice was sent, each lobbyist must report disbursements to the board. If a lobbyist fails to file a report within ten business days of the date on which the notice was sent by the board, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$5 per day, not to exceed a maximum of \$100, commencing with the 11th day after the notice was sent.

F. The reporting lobbyist must indicate the names and registration numbers of any lobbyists who did not provide their lobbying disbursements for inclusion in a report. The board must send notice by certified mail or personal service to a lobbyist who failed to provide the required disbursement information to the reporting lobbyist. The notice must require that the lobbyist file an individual lobbyist disbursement report within ten business days of the mailing of the notice. If a lobbyist fails to file a report within ten business days of the mailing of the notice, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$5 per day, not to exceed a maximum of \$100, commencing with the 11th day after receiving notice.

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Subp. 2. **Field of specialty.** "Field of specialty" means a vocation, profession, trade, craft, or avocation of the individual.

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Subp. 4. **Individual services.** "Individual services" means services performed by an official outside of official duties.

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Subp. 5. **Plaque or similar memento.** "Plaque or similar memento" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for an accomplishment.

4525.0210 DETERMINATIONS PRIOR TO FORMAL INVESTIGATION.

Subpart 1. **Preparation for prima facie determination.** After a complaint is filed, the executive director must follow the notice provisions in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.022, subdivision 3, with regard to the respondent's right to submit written arguments addressing the prima facie determination.

Upon the expiration of the time provided for the respondent to submit written argument, the executive director must submit the matter to the board member who will make the determination or to all board members if the full board will make the determination. The submission must include the complaint, any response submitted by the respondent, and an analysis of the allegations of the complaint and the violations that it alleges.