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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. **134**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to the legislature; requiring the legislature to offer translation services to
- 1.3 individuals who are members of a language minority; amending Minnesota Statutes
- 1.4 2020, section 3.055, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 3.055, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 1b. **Translation services.** To the extent practicable, the legislature must offer
- 1.9 translation services and translated written materials to individuals who are members of a
- 1.10 language minority. The translation services must assist these individuals in providing
- 1.11 testimony in open meetings of legislative committees and in other interactions with legislators
- 1.12 and the legislative process. Written materials required to be translated include but are not
- 1.13 limited to official documents, brochures, and informational materials produced by the
- 1.14 legislature, and newsletters, updates, and other mass communications sent from legislators
- 1.15 to constituents. Written materials include all those provided in print or online. Translators
- 1.16 provided under this subdivision must be certified by the American Translators Association.
- 1.17 The house of representatives and the senate must adopt policies to implement this subdivision,
- 1.18 including policies to ensure the communities most likely to benefit from translation services
- 1.19 are adequately notified of the availability and process for accessing these services while on
- 1.20 the Capitol complex.
- 1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.