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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; modifying campaign finance reporting requirements;

1.3 modifying disclaimer requirements; expanding disclosure requirements; modifying

1.4 provisions related to noncoordinated expenditures; classifying certain street address

1.5 data as private data; modifying campaign finance laws related to security-related

1.6 expenses; making various changes related to election administration; modifying

1.7 provisions related to absentee voting; modifying timelines; making technical and

1.8 clarifying changes; modifying definitions; requiring studies and reports; imposing

1.9 penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.01, subdivision 24,

1.10 by adding subdivisions; 10A.02, by adding a subdivision; 10A.027; 10A.04,

1.11 subdivision 6; 10A.07, subdivisions 1, 2; 10A.08, subdivision 1; 10A.09,

1.12 subdivisions 2, 5, 5a, 5b, 6a; 10A.16; 10A.175, subdivisions 2, 3, 5; 10A.176,

1.13 subdivision 1; 10A.177; 10A.20, subdivisions 2, 2a, 3, 4; 10A.201, subdivision 6;

1.14 10A.202, subdivision 4; 10A.25, subdivision 10; 10A.27, subdivisions 2, 10, 17;

1.15 10A.275, subdivision 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.06, subdivision 3; 203B.065;

1.16 204B.07, subdivision 1; 204B.27, subdivision 2; 204B.49; 204C.26, subdivisions

1.17 2, 4; 205.185, subdivision 3; 205A.10, subdivision 3; 208.03; 211A.01, by adding

1.18 subdivisions; 211B.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 211B.075, subdivision 5; 211B.076,

1.19 subdivision 11; 383B.041, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025

1.20 Supplement, sections 10A.01, subdivision 26; 10A.02, subdivision 11b; 10A.04,

1.21 subdivision 4; 10A.09, subdivision 1; 203B.30, subdivisions 2, 3; 204B.06,

1.22 subdivision 1b; 204B.07, subdivision 2; 204B.09, subdivision 3; 211A.02,

1.23 subdivision 2; 211B.066, subdivision 2; 375.20; Laws 1969, chapter 193, section

1.24 3, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 10A;

1.25 204B; 211A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.31; 10A.09, subdivision

1.26 9; Minnesota Rules, parts 4501.0100, subpart 2; 4503.2000.

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

1.28 ARTICLE 1

1.29 CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES POLICY

1.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.01, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

1.31 Subd. 24. **Metropolitan governmental unit.** "Metropolitan governmental unit" means

1.32 ~~any of the seven counties in the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision~~

2.1 ~~2, a regional railroad authority established by one or more of those counties under section~~
 2.2 ~~398A.03, a city with a population of over 50,000 located in the seven-county metropolitan~~
 2.3 ~~area, a county in the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2; the~~
 2.4 ~~Metropolitan Council, or a metropolitan agency as defined in section 473.121, subdivision~~
 2.5 ~~5a; the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission; the Metropolitan Airports~~
 2.6 ~~Commission; or the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.~~

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

2.10 (b) The principal must report the total amount, rounded to the nearest \$5,000, spent by
 2.11 the principal during the preceding calendar year on each type of lobbying listed below:

2.12 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;

2.13 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause
 2.14 (3);

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

2.17 (4) lobbying to influence official action of a political subdivision.

2.18 (c) For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph (b), the principal must report a total
 2.19 amount that includes:

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

2.22 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,
 2.23 expert testimony, finance professionals, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and
 2.24 dissemination of information, communications ~~and staff costs used for the purpose of urging~~
 2.25 ~~members of the public to contact public or local officials to influence official actions~~, social
 2.26 media ~~and~~, public relations campaigns, and legal counsel used to support that type of lobbying
 2.27 in this state; and

2.28 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative
 2.29 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal for that type of lobbying in this
 2.30 state.

2.31 ~~(d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed~~
 2.32 ~~\$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact~~

3.1 ~~public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid~~
3.2 ~~advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.~~
3.3 ~~The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address~~
3.4 ~~of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest~~
3.5 ~~addressed by the advertisement.~~

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

3.7 Sec. 3. [10A.067] DISCLAIMER FOR LOBBYING MATERIAL.

3.8 Subdivision 1. Requirement. (a) A paid advertisement that urges members of the public
3.9 to contact public or local officials to influence a legislative or administrative action, or the
3.10 official action of a political subdivision, must identify the individual or association
3.11 responsible for the advertisement with a disclaimer substantially in the form provided in
3.12 paragraph (b).

3.13 (b) The disclaimer must identify the name of the individual or association responsible
3.14 for the content of the advertisement and either a phone number, actively monitored email
3.15 address, or website that can be used to contact the individual or association.

3.16 Subd. 2. Limitations. The disclaimer requirement does not apply to advertisements that
3.17 are campaign material, independent expenditures, or electioneering communications that
3.18 contain the disclaimer required under section 10A.202 or 211B.04. This section does not
3.19 apply to advertisements placed on the items listed in section 211B.04, subdivision 3,
3.20 paragraph (c).

3.21 Subd. 3. Exception. The disclaimer required in this section is not required for
3.22 communications between an association and its membership. An individual or association
3.23 that is not required to file a report under section 10A.04 covering any portion of the year
3.24 in which the advertisement is disseminated does not need to comply with the requirements
3.25 of this section.

3.26 Subd. 4. Size, duration, and location. (a) For written advertisements other than an
3.27 outdoor sign, website, or social media advertisement, the disclaimer must be printed in
3.28 8-point font or larger and provided in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast, on
3.29 a white background.

3.30 (b) Disclaimers on websites and social media must be clearly legible without manual
3.31 adjustment or magnification by the user.

3.32 (c) Audiovisual advertisements must display the disclaimer for a minimum of four
3.33 seconds at the end of the advertisement.

4.1 (d) Advertisements that only consist of audio must contain a disclaimer that is delivered
4.2 at a volume, speed, and cadence that can be easily understood.

4.3 (e) For signs that are smaller than two feet by three feet, the disclaimer must be printed
4.4 in 12-point font or larger and provided in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast,
4.5 on a white background.

4.6 (f) For signs larger than two feet by three feet and smaller than four feet by eight feet,
4.7 the disclaimer must be at least one inch tall and printed in black text, or in color text that is
4.8 in high contrast, on a white background.

4.9 (g) For signs larger than four feet by eight feet, the disclaimer must be at least six inches
4.10 tall and printed in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast, on a white background.

4.11 Subd. 5. **Penalties.** The board may impose a civil penalty of up to \$3,000 on an individual
4.12 or association that fails to provide the disclaimer required by this section.

4.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.14 Subdivision 1. **Disclosure of potential conflicts.** (a) A public official or a local official
4.15 elected to or appointed by a metropolitan governmental unit or political subdivision who
4.16 in the discharge of official duties would be required to take an action or make a decision
4.17 that would substantially affect the official's financial interests or those of an associated
4.18 business, unless the effect on the official is no greater than on other members of the official's
4.19 business classification, profession, or occupation, must take the following actions:

4.20 (1) prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decision and
4.21 the nature of the potential conflict of interest;

4.22 (2) deliver copies of the statement to the official's immediate superior, if any; and

4.23 (3) if a member of the legislature or of the governing body of a metropolitan governmental
4.24 unit or political subdivision, deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the
4.25 body of service.

4.26 If a potential conflict of interest presents itself and there is insufficient time to comply
4.27 with clauses (1) to (3), the public or local official must orally inform the superior or the
4.28 official body of service or committee of the body of the potential conflict.

4.29 (b) For purposes of this section, "financial interest" means any ownership or control in
4.30 an asset that has the potential to produce a monetary return.

5.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.2 Subd. 2. **Required actions.** (a) If the official is not a member of the legislature or of the
5.3 governing body of a metropolitan governmental unit or political subdivision, the superior
5.4 must assign the matter, if possible, to another employee who does not have a potential
5.5 conflict of interest.

5.6 (b) If there is no immediate superior, the official must abstain, if possible, by assigning
5.7 the matter to a subordinate for disposition or requesting the appointing authority to designate
5.8 another to determine the matter. The official shall not chair a meeting, participate in any
5.9 vote, or offer any motion or discussion on the matter giving rise to the potential conflict of
5.10 interest.

5.11 (c) If the official is a member of the legislature, the house of service may, at the member's
5.12 request, excuse the member from taking part in the action or decision in question.

5.13 (d) If an official is not permitted or is otherwise unable to abstain from action in
5.14 connection with the matter, the official must file a statement describing the potential conflict
5.15 and the action taken. A public official must file the statement with the board and a local
5.16 official must file the statement with the governing body of the official's political subdivision.
5.17 The statement must be filed within a week of the action taken.

5.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.19 Subdivision 1. **Disclosure required.** (a) A public official or elected local official who
5.20 represents a client for a fee before an individual, board, commission, or agency that has
5.21 rulemaking authority in a hearing conducted under chapter 14, must disclose the official's
5.22 participation in the action to the board within 14 days after the public official's initial
5.23 appearance at a hearing. If the public official fails to disclose the participation by the date
5.24 that the disclosure was due, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$25 per day, not to
5.25 exceed \$1,000, starting on the day after the disclosure was due. The board must send notice
5.26 by certified mail to a public official who fails to disclose the participation within ten business
5.27 days after the disclosure was due that the public official may be subject to a civil penalty
5.28 for failure to disclose the participation. A public official who fails to disclose the participation
5.29 within seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil
5.30 penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

5.31 (b) A public official or elected local official required to disclose representation under
5.32 this section shall provide the following information: name, address, and office held; name
5.33 and address of each client represented at the hearing; the name of the individual, board,

6.1 commission, or agency conducting the hearing and the date and location of the initial
 6.2 appearance at the hearing; and a general description of the subject or subjects on which the
 6.3 public official represented the client in the hearing.

6.4 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 10A.09, subdivision 1, is amended
 6.5 to read:

6.6 Subdivision 1. **Time for filing.** An individual must file a statement of economic interest:

6.7 (1) within 60 days of accepting employment as a public official or a local official in a
 6.8 metropolitan governmental unit or political subdivision;

6.9 (2) within 60 days of assuming office as a district court judge, appeals court judge, or
 6.10 supreme court justice, ~~or county commissioner~~;

6.11 (3) within 14 days after the end of the filing period for a candidate who filed an affidavit
 6.12 of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for an elective state constitutional or
 6.13 legislative office or an elective local office in a metropolitan governmental unit ~~other than~~
 6.14 ~~county commissioner~~ or political subdivision;

6.15 (4) in the case of a public official requiring the advice and consent of the senate, within
 6.16 14 days after undertaking the duties of office; or

6.17 (5) in the case of members of the Minnesota Racing Commission, the director of the
 6.18 Minnesota Racing Commission, chief of security, medical officer, inspector of pari-mutuels,
 6.19 and stewards employed or approved by the commission or persons who fulfill those duties
 6.20 under contract, within 60 days of accepting or assuming duties.

6.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.22 Subd. 2. **Notice to board.** Notwithstanding section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, the secretary
 6.23 of state or the appropriate county auditor, upon receiving an affidavit of candidacy or petition
 6.24 to appear on the ballot from an individual required by this section to file a statement of
 6.25 economic interest, and any official who nominates or employs a public official required by
 6.26 this section to file a statement of economic interest, must notify the board of the name,
 6.27 mailing address, phone number, and email address of the individual required to file a
 6.28 statement and the date of the affidavit, petition, appointment, or nomination. For candidates,
 6.29 the source of the data must be the affidavit of candidacy.

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

7.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

7.2 Subd. 5a. **Original statement; reporting period.** (a) An original statement of economic
7.3 interest required under subdivision 1, clause (1), must cover the calendar month before the
7.4 month in which the individual accepted employment as a public official or a local official
7.5 in a metropolitan governmental unit or political subdivision.

7.6 (b) An original statement of economic interest required under subdivision 1, clauses (2),
7.7 (4), and (5), must cover the calendar month before the month in which the individual assumed
7.8 or undertook the duties of office.

7.9 (c) An original statement of economic interest required under subdivision 1, clause (3),
7.10 must cover the calendar month before the month in which the candidate filed the affidavit
7.11 of candidacy.

7.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

7.13 Subd. 6a. **Place of filing.** A public official required to file a statement under this section
7.14 must file it with the board. A local candidate or local official required to file a statement
7.15 under this section must file it with the governing body of the official's political subdivision.
7.16 The governing body must maintain statements filed with it under this subdivision as public
7.17 data. If an official position is defined as both a public official and as a local official of a
7.18 metropolitan governmental unit or political subdivision under this chapter, the official must
7.19 file the statement, other than a local candidate statement, with the board.

7.20 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.16, is amended to read:

7.21 **10A.16 EARMARKING CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED.**

7.22 An individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or
7.23 party unit may not solicit or accept a contribution from any source with the express or
7.24 implied condition that the contribution or any part of it be directed to a particular candidate
7.25 or local candidate other than the initial recipient. An individual, political committee, political
7.26 fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit that knowingly accepts any earmarked
7.27 contribution is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000. Knowingly
7.28 accepting any earmarked contribution is a gross misdemeanor.

8.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.175, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.2 Subd. 2. **Agent.** "Agent" means a person serving during an election segment as a
8.3 candidate's or local candidate's chairperson, deputy chairperson, treasurer, deputy treasurer,
8.4 or any other person whose actions are coordinated.

8.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.175, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.6 Subd. 3. **Candidate.** "Candidate" means a candidate or local candidate as defined in
8.7 section 10A.01, ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 10 and 10d, ~~the candidate's~~ a principal campaign
8.8 committee, or the candidate's or local candidate's agent.

8.9 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.175, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

8.10 Subd. 5. **Coordinated.** "Coordinated" means with the authorization or expressed or
8.11 implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of
8.12 the candidate or local candidate. A coordinated expenditure is an approved expenditure
8.13 under section 10A.01, subdivision 4.

8.14 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.176, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.15 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** (a) An expenditure described in this section that expressly
8.16 advocates for the election of the candidate or the defeat of the candidate's opponent is a
8.17 coordinated expenditure and is not independent under section 10A.01, subdivision 18.

8.18 (b) A disbursement described in this section that would otherwise meet the definition
8.19 of electioneering communication is a coordinated expenditure and is not an electioneering
8.20 communication under sections 10A.201 to 10A.202.

8.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 12, 2026.

8.22 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.177, is amended to read:

8.23 **10A.177 NONCOORDINATED EXPENDITURES.**

8.24 Any of the following actions, taken alone, do not establish that an expenditure made by
8.25 the spender is coordinated with the candidate:

8.26 (1) a candidate asks a spender not to make any expenditure to support the candidate or
8.27 oppose the candidate's opponent or any disbursement for an electioneering communication
8.28 that references the candidate or the candidate's opponent;

9.1 (2) a candidate provides to a spender names of potential donors, as long as the spender
9.2 does not state or suggest to the candidate that funds received from use of the donor list will
9.3 be used for independent expenditures to benefit the candidate;

9.4 (3) an expenditure uses a photograph, video, or audio recording obtained from a publicly
9.5 available source or public event;

9.6 (4) an expenditure uses information obtained from a biography, position paper, press
9.7 release, or similar material about the candidate from a publicly available source or public
9.8 event;

9.9 (5) the spender contributes to the candidate, makes an in-kind donation to the candidate,
9.10 or endorses the candidate;

9.11 (6) an expenditure includes a hyperlink to the candidate's website or social media page;

9.12 (7) an expenditure appears in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through
9.13 the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical
9.14 publication;

9.15 (8) the spender discusses the candidate's position on a legislative or policy matter with
9.16 the candidate. This clause includes the sending, completion, and return of a survey conducted
9.17 by the spender to determine whether to endorse the candidate; or

9.18 (9) the spender invites the candidate to appear before the spender's members, employees,
9.19 or shareholders, including the candidate's participation in the event, unless the event promotes
9.20 the election of the candidate or the defeat of the candidate's opponent, or the candidate
9.21 requests or accepts campaign contributions at the event.

9.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 12, 2026.

9.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.24 Subd. 2. **Time for filing.** (a) The reports must be filed with the board on or before
9.25 January 31 of each year and additional reports must be filed as required and in accordance
9.26 with paragraphs (b) to (f).

9.27 (b) In each year in which the name of a candidate for legislative or district court judicial
9.28 office is on the ballot, the report of the principal campaign committee must be filed 15 days
9.29 before a primary election and ten days before a general election, seven days before a special
9.30 primary election and seven days before a special general election, and ten days after a special
9.31 election cycle. Notwithstanding the deadlines, if a special primary election is held on the
9.32 second Tuesday in August, the report of the principal campaign committee must be filed

10.1 15 days before the special primary election, and if a special general election is held on the
 10.2 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the report of the principal campaign
 10.3 committee must be filed ten days before the special general election. If the committee
 10.4 received contributions or made expenditures or noncampaign disbursements prior to the
 10.5 start of the special election cycle, the principal campaign committee of a special election
 10.6 candidate must file a report seven days after the close of the candidate filing period for the
 10.7 special election.

10.8 (c) In each general election year, a political committee, a political fund, a state party
 10.9 committee, and a party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a
 10.10 house of the legislature must file reports on the following schedule:

10.11 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due
 10.12 April 14;

10.13 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

10.14 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before a primary election;

10.15 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the general election; and

10.16 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a general election.

10.17 (d) In each general election year, a party unit not included in paragraph (c) must file
 10.18 reports 15 days before a primary election and ten days before a general election.

10.19 (e) In each year in which a constitutional office or appellate court judicial seat is on the
 10.20 ballot, the principal campaign committee of a candidate for that office or seat must file
 10.21 reports on the following schedule:

10.22 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due
 10.23 April 14;

10.24 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

10.25 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before a primary election;

10.26 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the general election;

10.27 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a general election; and

10.28 (6) for a special election, a constitutional office candidate whose name is on the ballot
 10.29 must file reports seven days before a special primary election, seven days before a special
 10.30 general election, and ten days after a special election cycle.

10.31 (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (e):

11.1 (1) the principal campaign committee of a candidate who did not file for office is not
 11.2 required to file the report due June 14, the report due 15 days before the primary election,
 11.3 or the report due ~~seven days~~ before a special primary election; and

11.4 (2) the principal campaign committee of a candidate whose name will not be on the
 11.5 general election ballot is not required to file the report due 42 days before the general
 11.6 election, the report due ten days before a general election, or the report due ~~seven days~~
 11.7 before a special general election.

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

11.9 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

11.10 Subd. 2a. **Local election reports.** (a) This subdivision applies to a political committee,
 11.11 political fund, or political party unit that during a non-general election year:

11.12 (1) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to influence the nomination or election of local
 11.13 candidates;

11.14 (2) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to make independent expenditures on behalf of
 11.15 local candidates; ~~or~~

11.16 (3) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to promote or defeat ballot questions defined
 11.17 in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), ~~(3), or (4);~~ or

11.18 (4) makes in aggregate more than \$200 in donations in kind consisting of (i) independent
 11.19 expenditures advocating the election or defeat of local candidates, or (ii) expenditures to
 11.20 promote or defeat ballot questions as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2).

11.21 (b) In addition to the reports required by subdivision 2, the entities listed in paragraph
 11.22 (a) must file the following reports in each non-general election year:

11.23 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due
 11.24 April 14;

11.25 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

11.26 (3) a July report due 15 days before the local primary election date specified in section
 11.27 205.065;

11.28 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the local general election; and

11.29 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a local general election.

11.30 The reporting obligations in this paragraph and subdivision 5 begin with the first report
 11.31 due after the reporting period in which the entity reaches the spending threshold specified

12.1 in paragraph (a). The July report required under clause (3) is required for all entities required
 12.2 to report under paragraph (a), regardless of whether the candidate or issue is on the primary
 12.3 ballot or a primary is not conducted.

12.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

12.11 (c) The report must disclose the name;₂ address;₂ employer;₂ or occupation if
 12.12 self-employed;₂ and registration number,₂ if registered with the board, of each individual or
 12.13 association that has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the
 12.14 purchase of tickets for a fundraising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200
 12.15 ~~for legislative or statewide candidates,~~₂ or more than \$500 for if the reporting entity is a
 12.16 ballot questions, together with question political committee or fund. For individuals or
 12.17 associations exceeding the aggregate threshold, the amount and date of each contribution,
 12.18 and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from ~~each~~ that source so must
 12.19 be disclosed in the report. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An
 12.20 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered
 12.21 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must
 12.22 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under
 12.23 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is
 12.24 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the
 12.25 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and
 12.26 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the
 12.27 report.

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

12.30 (e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within
 12.31 the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, or \$500 if the reporting entity is a ballot question
 12.32 political committee or fund, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven, together with
 12.33 the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and registration number
 12.34 if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date and amount of the

13.1 loan. If a loan ~~made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate~~ is forgiven or is
 13.2 repaid by an entity other than ~~that principal campaign committee~~ the borrower, it must be
 13.3 reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

13.4 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200, or \$500 if the reporting entity is a
 13.5 ballot question political committee or fund, during the reporting period not otherwise listed
 13.6 under paragraphs (c) to (e).

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

13.9 (h) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
 13.10 with the board of each individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved
 13.11 expenditures, independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures have been made
 13.12 by or on behalf of the reporting entity within the year in excess of \$200, together with the
 13.13 amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, including an explanation of how the
 13.14 expenditure was used, and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate
 13.15 or local candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made, identification of the ballot
 13.16 question that the expenditure was intended to promote or defeat and an indication of whether
 13.17 the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot question, and in the case of independent
 13.18 expenditures made in support of or opposition to a candidate or local candidate, the
 13.19 candidate's or local candidate's name, address, and office sought. A reporting entity making
 13.20 an expenditure on behalf of more than one candidate or local candidate must allocate the
 13.21 expenditure among the candidates and local candidates on a reasonable cost basis and report
 13.22 the allocation for each candidate or local candidate. The report must list on separate schedules
 13.23 any independent expenditures made on behalf of local candidates and any expenditures
 13.24 made for ballot questions as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), ~~(3), or~~
 13.25 ~~(4)~~.

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

13.28 (j) If the advance of credit was required to be itemized as an expenditure in the period
 13.29 in which it was incurred, the report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of
 13.30 credit incurred by the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an
 13.31 advance of credit ~~incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate~~ is forgiven
 13.32 by the creditor or paid by an entity other than ~~that principal campaign committee~~ the debtor,
 13.33 it must be reported as a donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was
 13.34 made.

14.1 (k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
 14.2 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
 14.3 local candidate, or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess
 14.4 of \$200 within the year and the amount and date of each contribution. The report must list
 14.5 on separate schedules any contributions made to state candidates' principal campaign
 14.6 committees and any contributions made to local candidates.

14.7 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity
 14.8 during the reporting period and must separately disclose the sum of all contributions made
 14.9 to local candidates by the reporting entity during the reporting period.

14.10 (m) The report of a principal campaign committee must disclose the name, address, and
 14.11 registration number if registered with the board of each individual or association to whom
 14.12 noncampaign disbursements have been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the
 14.13 year by or on behalf of the reporting entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each
 14.14 noncampaign disbursement, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used.

14.15 (n) The report of a principal campaign committee must disclose the sum of all
 14.16 noncampaign disbursements made within the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

14.17 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides
 14.18 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section
 14.19 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate
 14.20 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political
 14.21 fund during the reporting period.

14.22 (p) ~~Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, and political committees~~
 14.23 ~~and funds must itemize~~ Contributions that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for
 14.24 ~~legislative or statewide candidates, or more than \$500 for~~ if the reporting entity is a ballot
 14.25 ~~questions~~ question political committee or fund, must be itemized on reports submitted to
 14.26 the board. The itemization must include the date on which the contribution was received,
 14.27 the individual or association that provided the contribution, and the address of the contributor.
 14.28 Additionally, the itemization for a donation in kind must provide a description of the item
 14.29 or service received. Contributions that are less than the itemization amount must be reported
 14.30 as an aggregate total.

14.31 (q) ~~Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and~~
 14.32 ~~funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize~~ Expenditures
 14.33 and noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year must be
 14.34 itemized on reports submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which

15.1 the committee made or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the
15.2 name and address of the vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description
15.3 of the service or item purchased, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used.
15.4 Expenditures and noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically
15.5 by vendor.

15.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

15.7 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

15.8 Subd. 4. **Period of report.** (a) A report must cover the period from January 1 of the
15.9 reporting year to seven days before the report filing date, except that the report due on
15.10 January 31 must cover the period from January 1 to December 31 of the reporting year.

15.11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the report of the principal campaign committee of a
15.12 special election candidate due seven days after the close of the filing period to be on the
15.13 ballot must cover the period from January 1 of the reporting year to the day prior to the start
15.14 of the special election cycle.

15.15 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the reports of the principal campaign committee of
15.16 a special election candidate due seven days before a special primary election and seven days
15.17 before a special general election must cover the period from the start of the special election
15.18 cycle to seven days before the report filing date.

15.19 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the report of the principal campaign committee of a
15.20 special election candidate due ten days after a special election cycle must cover the period
15.21 from the start of the special election cycle to the end of the special election cycle.

15.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

15.23 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.201, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

15.24 Subd. 6. **Electioneering communication.** (a) "Electioneering communication" means
15.25 any broadcast, cable, satellite, telephone, or digital communication that:

15.26 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office;

15.27 (2) is publicly distributed within 60 days before a general election for the office sought
15.28 by the candidate, within 30 days before a primary election for the office sought by the
15.29 candidate, or within 30 days before a convention of a political party unit that has authority
15.30 to endorse a candidate for the office sought by the candidate; and

15.31 (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate.

16.1 (b) A communication is not an electioneering communication if it:

16.2 (1) is publicly disseminated through a means of communication other than a broadcast,
16.3 cable, satellite television, or radio station, by telephone, in a digital format online, or by
16.4 other electronic means;

16.5 (2) appears in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities
16.6 of any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, unless such facilities are
16.7 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate, provided that
16.8 a news story distributed through a broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station
16.9 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate is not an
16.10 electioneering communication if the news story meets the requirements described in Code
16.11 of Federal Regulations, title 11, section 100.132 (a) and (b);

16.12 (3) constitutes an expenditure or independent expenditure, provided that the expenditure
16.13 or independent expenditure is required to be reported under this chapter, and is not a
16.14 coordinated expenditure;

16.15 (4) constitutes a candidate debate or forum, or that solely promotes such a debate or
16.16 forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum;

16.17 (5) is paid for by a candidate;

16.18 (6) is a noncommercial solicitation for the purposes of opinion research, including but
16.19 not limited to opinion research designed for understanding the impact of exposure to political
16.20 messages and content, provided that the solicitation is not designed to influence respondents'
16.21 views by presenting biased or manipulative content under the guise of it being an opinion
16.22 poll, survey, or other form of scientific data collection; or

16.23 (7) is a communication disseminated by telephone, in a digital format online, or by other
16.24 electronic means that the recipient has affirmatively and voluntarily consented to receive
16.25 from the sender.

16.26 (c) If a disbursement is a coordinated expenditure under section 10A.176, it is not an
16.27 electioneering communication.

16.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 12, 2026.

16.29 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.202, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

16.30 Subd. 4. **Disclaimer required.** An electioneering communication must include a
16.31 disclaimer in the same manner as required for campaign material under section 211B.04,

17.1 subdivision 1, ~~paragraph (e)~~ 2, except that the phrase "independent expenditure" must be
17.2 replaced with "electioneering communication".

17.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 12, 2026.

17.4 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.25, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

17.5 Subd. 10. **Effect of opponent's conduct.** (a) After the deadline for filing a spending
17.6 limit agreement under section 10A.322, a candidate who has agreed to be bound by the
17.7 expenditure limits imposed by this section as a condition of receiving a public subsidy for
17.8 the candidate's campaign may choose to be released from the expenditure limits but remain
17.9 eligible to receive a public subsidy if the candidate has an opponent who has not agreed to
17.10 be bound by the limits and has received contributions or made or become obligated to make
17.11 expenditures during that election cycle in excess of the following limits:

17.12 (1) up to the close of the reporting period before the primary election, receipts or
17.13 expenditures equal to 20 percent of the election segment expenditure limit for that office
17.14 as set forth in subdivision 2; or

17.15 (2) after the close of the reporting period before the primary election, cumulative receipts
17.16 or expenditures during that election cycle equal to 50 percent of the election cycle expenditure
17.17 limit for that office as set forth in subdivision 2.

17.18 Before the primary election, a candidate's "opponents" are only those who will appear
17.19 on the ballot of the same party in the primary election.

17.20 (b) A candidate who has not agreed to be bound by expenditure limits, or the candidate's
17.21 principal campaign committee, must file written notice with the board and provide written
17.22 notice to any opponent of the candidate for the same office within 24 hours of exceeding
17.23 the limits in paragraph (a). The notice must state only that the candidate or candidate's
17.24 principal campaign committee has received contributions or made or become obligated to
17.25 make campaign expenditures in excess of the limits in paragraph (a).

17.26 (c) Upon receipt of the notice, a candidate who had agreed to be bound by the limits
17.27 may file with the board a notice that the candidate chooses to be no longer bound by the
17.28 expenditure limits. A candidate who had agreed to be bound by the limits may also file a
17.29 notice with the board that the candidate chooses to be no longer bound by the expenditure
17.30 limits if an opponent that did not agree to be bound by the expenditure limits files a report
17.31 of receipts and expenditures required under section 10A.20 that discloses that the candidate
17.32 has reached one of the thresholds in paragraph (a). A notice of a candidate's choice not to
17.33 be bound by the expenditure limits that is based on the conduct of an opponent in the state

18.1 primary election may not be filed more than one day after the State Canvassing Board has
18.2 declared the results of the state primary.

18.3 (d) A candidate who has agreed to be bound by the expenditure limits imposed by this
18.4 section and whose opponent in the general election has chosen, as provided in paragraph
18.5 (c), not to be bound by the expenditure limits because of the conduct of an opponent in the
18.6 primary election is no longer bound by the limits but remains eligible to receive a public
18.7 subsidy.

18.8 (e) A candidate who fails to provide the notice required in paragraph (b) within the time
18.9 specified is subject to a late filing fee of \$100 per day, not to exceed \$1,000, commencing
18.10 on the day after the notice was due.

18.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

18.12 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.27, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

18.13 Subd. 17. **Penalty.** (a) An association that makes a contribution under subdivision 15
18.14 and fails to provide the required statement within the time specified is subject to a late filing
18.15 fee of \$100 a day not to exceed \$1,000, commencing the day after the statement was due.
18.16 The board must send notice by certified mail that the individual or association may be
18.17 subject to a civil penalty for failure to file the statement. An association that fails to provide
18.18 the required statement within seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board
18.19 is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the contribution, but not to
18.20 exceed \$25,000.

18.21 (b) An independent expenditure political committee or ~~an independent expenditure~~
18.22 ~~political fund~~ or ballot question political committee or fund that files a report without
18.23 including the statement required under subdivision 15 is subject to a late filing fee of \$100
18.24 a day not to exceed \$1,000, commencing the day after the report was due. The board must
18.25 send notice by certified mail that the independent expenditure political committee or
18.26 ~~independent expenditure fund~~ or ballot question political committee or fund may be subject
18.27 to a civil penalty for failure to file the statement. An association that fails to provide the
18.28 required statement within seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board
18.29 is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the contribution for which
18.30 disclosure was not filed, but not to exceed \$25,000.

18.31 (c) If an independent expenditure political committee or ~~an independent expenditure~~
18.32 ~~political fund~~ or ballot question political committee or fund has been assessed a late filing
18.33 fee under this subdivision during the prior four years, the board may impose a late filing

19.1 fee of up to twice the amount otherwise authorized by this subdivision. If an independent
 19.2 expenditure political committee or ~~an independent expenditure political~~ fund or ballot
 19.3 question political committee or fund has been assessed a late filing fee under this subdivision
 19.4 more than two times during the prior four years, the board may impose a late filing fee of
 19.5 up to three times the amount otherwise authorized by this subdivision.

19.6 (d) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a
 19.7 civil penalty under this section.

19.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

19.9 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.275, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

19.10 Subdivision 1. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the
 19.11 following expenditures by a party unit, or two or more party units acting together are not
 19.12 considered contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a candidate or local candidate for
 19.13 the purposes of section 10A.25 ~~or~~, 10A.27, or 211A.12, and must not be allocated to
 19.14 candidates or local candidates under section 10A.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (h), (k), or
 19.15 (l):

19.16 (1) expenditures on behalf of candidates or local candidates of that party generally
 19.17 without referring to any of them specifically in a published, posted, or broadcast
 19.18 advertisement;

19.19 (2) expenditures for the preparation, display, mailing, or other distribution of an official
 19.20 party sample ballot listing the names of three or more individuals whose names are to appear
 19.21 on the ballot;

19.22 (3) expenditures for a telephone call, voice mail, text message, multimedia message,
 19.23 Internet chat message, or email when the communication includes the names of three or
 19.24 more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

19.25 (4) expenditures for a booth at a community event, county fair, or state fair that benefits
 19.26 three or more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

19.27 (5) expenditures for a political party fundraising effort on behalf of three or more
 19.28 candidates or local candidates; or

19.29 (6) expenditures for party committee staff services that benefit three or more candidates
 19.30 or local candidates.

20.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

20.2 Subdivision 1. **Campaign material.** (a) A person or committee who participates in the
 20.3 preparation or dissemination of campaign material ~~other than as provided in section 211B.05,~~
 20.4 ~~subdivision 1,~~ that does not prominently include the name and address of the person or
 20.5 committee causing the material to be prepared or disseminated in a disclaimer substantially
 20.6 in the form provided in paragraph (b) ~~or~~ (c), or (d) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

20.7 (b) Except in cases covered by paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) or subdivision 2, the required form of
 20.8 the disclaimer is: "Prepared and Paid for by the committee, (name of
 20.9 entity)(address)." ~~for material prepared and paid for by a principal campaign committee, or~~
 20.10 ~~"Prepared and Paid for by the committee, (address)" for material prepared and~~
 20.11 ~~paid for by a person or committee other than a principal campaign committee.~~ The address
 20.12 must be ~~either the committee's~~ entity's mailing address, an actively monitored email address,
 20.13 ~~or the committee's~~ entity's website, if the website includes the ~~committee's~~ entity's mailing
 20.14 address or email address. If the material is produced and disseminated without cost, the
 20.15 words ~~"paid for" may be omitted from~~ "Prepared by" may be used in place of "Paid for by"
 20.16 in the disclaimer.

20.17 (c) In the case of a candidate's or principal campaign committee's website, the
 20.18 requirements of this subdivision are satisfied for all of the website pages when the disclaimer
 20.19 prominently appears once on the website.

20.20 ~~(e)~~ (d) In the case of ~~broadcast~~ audio or video media, the required form of disclaimer
 20.21 is: "Paid for by the committee (name of entity)." If the material is produced and
 20.22 ~~broadcast~~ disseminated without cost, the required form of the disclaimer is: "The
 20.23 ~~committee~~ (name of entity) is responsible for the content of this message."

20.24 (e) Campaign material posted on a website, including on a candidate's or principal
 20.25 campaign committee's website, that is provided in a format that can be easily redistributed
 20.26 must include a disclaimer.

20.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.
 20.28 Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (e) are effective August 12, 2026.

20.29 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

20.30 Subd. 2. **Independent expenditures.** (a) ~~The required form of the disclaimer on a written~~
 20.31 A person or committee who participates in the preparation or dissemination of independent
 20.32 expenditure material that does not prominently include the name and address of the person

21.1 or committee causing the material to be prepared or disseminated in a disclaimer substantially
 21.2 in the form provided in paragraph (b), (c), or (d) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

21.3 (b) Except in cases covered by paragraph (d), the required form of disclaimer on
 21.4 independent expenditure material is: "This is an independent expenditure prepared and paid
 21.5 for by (name of entity participating in the expenditure), (address). It is not
 21.6 coordinated with or approved by any candidate nor is any candidate responsible for it." The
 21.7 address must be either the entity's mailing address, an actively monitored email address,
 21.8 or the entity's website, if the website includes the entity's mailing address or email address.
 21.9 When a written independent expenditure is produced and disseminated without cost, the
 21.10 words "and paid for" may be omitted from the disclaimer.

21.11 ~~(b)~~ (c) The required form of the disclaimer on a broadcast an audio or video media
 21.12 independent expenditure is: "This independent expenditure is paid for by (name of
 21.13 entity participating in the expenditure). It is not coordinated with or approved by any
 21.14 candidate nor is any candidate responsible for it." When a broadcast an audio or video media
 21.15 independent expenditure is produced and disseminated without cost, the following disclaimer
 21.16 may be used: "..... (name of entity participating in the expenditure) is responsible for the
 21.17 contents content of this independent expenditure. It is not coordinated with or approved by
 21.18 any candidate nor is any candidate responsible for it."

21.19 (d) Material which is an independent expenditure that is posted on a website and is
 21.20 provided in a format that can be easily redistributed must include a disclaimer.

21.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective August 12, 2026, and applies to crimes
 21.22 committed on or after that date. Paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.
 21.23 Paragraphs (c) and (d) are effective August 12, 2026.

21.24 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

21.25 Subd. 3. **Material that does not need a disclaimer.** (a) This section does not apply to
 21.26 fundraising tickets, business cards, personal letters, or similar items that are clearly being
 21.27 distributed by the candidate.

21.28 (b) This section does not apply to an individual or association that is not required to
 21.29 register or report under chapter 10A or 211A.

21.30 (c) This section does not apply to the following:

21.31 (1) bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens, or similar small items on which the disclaimer
 21.32 cannot be conveniently printed;

22.1 (2) skywriting, wearing apparel, or other means of displaying an advertisement of such
 22.2 a nature that the inclusion of a disclaimer would be impracticable; and

22.3 (3) ~~online banner ads and similar~~ electronic communications ~~that~~ for which it would be
 22.4 technologically infeasible. The communication must state the name of the person who paid
 22.5 for, or in the case of a communication that is produced and disseminated without cost, who
 22.6 is responsible for the communication and link directly to an online page that ~~includes~~
 22.7 prominently displays the disclaimer. The person who paid for or is responsible for the
 22.8 communication must, at the request of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
 22.9 or the Court of Administrative Hearings, demonstrate why it was technologically infeasible
 22.10 to include a disclaimer in the form required by subdivision 1 or 2.

22.11 ~~(d) This section does not modify or repeal section 211B.06.~~

22.12 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

22.13 Subd. 5. ~~Font size~~ **Size, duration, and location.** (a) For written communications other
 22.14 than an outdoor sign, website, or social media page, the disclaimer must be printed in 8-point
 22.15 font or larger and provided in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast, on a white
 22.16 background.

22.17 (b) Disclaimers on websites and social media must be clearly legible without manual
 22.18 adjustment or magnification by the user.

22.19 (c) Audiovisual advertisements must display the disclaimer for a minimum of four
 22.20 seconds at the end of the advertisement.

22.21 (d) Advertisements that only consist of audio must contain a disclaimer that is delivered
 22.22 at a volume, speed, and cadence that can be easily understood.

22.23 (e) For signs that are smaller than two feet by three feet, the disclaimer must be printed
 22.24 in 12-point font or larger and provided in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast,
 22.25 on a white background.

22.26 (f) For signs larger than two feet by three feet and smaller than four feet by eight feet,
 22.27 the disclaimer must be at least one inch tall and printed in black text, or in color text that is
 22.28 in high contrast, on a white background.

22.29 (g) For signs larger than four feet by eight feet, the disclaimer must be at least six inches
 22.30 tall and printed in black text, or in color text that is in high contrast, on a white background.

23.1 (h) Paragraphs (e) to (g) apply to signs printed on or after January 1, 2027. Signs printed
 23.2 prior January 1, 2027, that do not comply with paragraphs (e) to (h) may continue to be
 23.3 used after that date and are not in violation of this section.

23.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211B.066, subdivision 2, is amended
 23.5 to read:

23.6 Subd. 2. **Requirements.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, any person
 23.7 or entity that mails an absentee ballot application or sample ballot to anyone in the state
 23.8 must comply with this section. This section does not apply to a unit of government or
 23.9 employee of that unit of government when discharging official election duties.

23.10 (b) The person or entity mailing the absentee ballot application or sample ballot must
 23.11 include the following statement: "This mailing is not an official election communication
 23.12 from a unit of government. This [absentee ballot application or sample ballot] has not been
 23.13 included at the request of a government official." If a sample ballot is enclosed, the statement
 23.14 must also include the following: "This is a sample ballot, not an official ballot. You cannot
 23.15 cast the enclosed sample ballot."

23.16 (c) The statement required in paragraph (b) must be printed in a typeface and format
 23.17 designed to be clearly visible at the time the mailing is opened. The person or entity sending
 23.18 the sample ballot or absentee ballot application must include the person or entity's name
 23.19 and street address in the return address position on the mailing envelope.

23.20 (d) If an absentee ballot application is included, the fields on the application, including
 23.21 the space on the application to indicate the applicant's preference to join the permanent
 23.22 absentee voter list, must be left blank and may only be filled in or marked by the applicant.
 23.23 Nothing in this section prohibits the person or entity mailing the absentee ballot application
 23.24 from highlighting the required fields.

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

23.26 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.075, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

23.29 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or any person injured by an act prohibited
 23.30 by this section may bring a civil action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section if
 23.31 there is a reasonable basis to believe that an individual or entity is committing or intends
 23.32 to commit a prohibited act.

24.1 (c) The attorney general, a county attorney, or any person injured by an act prohibited
24.2 by this section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together
24.3 with costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief
24.4 as determined by the court. An action brought by any person under section 8.31, subdivision
24.5 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may impose a civil
24.6 penalty of up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 for each violation.

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

24.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
24.13 applies to crimes committed on or after that date and to causes of action accruing on or after
24.14 that date.

24.15 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.076, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

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

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

24.21 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this
24.22 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with
24.23 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as
24.24 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,
24.25 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may
24.26 impose a civil penalty of up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 for each violation.

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

25.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 25.2 applies to crimes committed on or after that date and to causes of action accruing on or after
 25.3 that date.

25.4 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 383B.041, is amended by adding a subdivision
 25.5 to read:

25.6 Subd. 6. **Economic interest disclosure; Three Rivers Park District.** A candidate for
 25.7 park district board of commissioners in Three Rivers Park District must file an original
 25.8 statement of economic interest with Hennepin County within 14 days after the end of the
 25.9 candidate filing period. An elected official in Three Rivers Park District must file the annual
 25.10 statement required in section 10A.09, subdivision 6, with Hennepin County for each year
 25.11 the individual remains in office. An original statement and annual statement must contain
 25.12 the information listed in section 10A.09, subdivision 5. The provisions of section 10A.09,
 25.13 subdivisions 6a, 7, and 9, apply to statements required by this subdivision.

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

25.15 Sec. 34. **CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS STUDY.**

25.16 The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must study the voluntary campaign
 25.17 spending limits as provided in this section. By January 15, 2027, the board must report to
 25.18 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 25.19 over the board with the board's findings and recommendations. At a minimum, the board
 25.20 must study and report on:

25.21 (1) the number of candidates that participate in the public subsidy program, broken down
 25.22 by office;

25.23 (2) the number of candidates that do not participate in the public subsidy program, broken
 25.24 down by office;

25.25 (3) historic trend data for the past ten years for the information in clauses (1) and (2);

25.26 (4) for candidates that do not participate in the public subsidy program, how much the
 25.27 candidate and the candidate's opponent spends and how much is spent on independent
 25.28 expenditures in the race;

25.29 (5) how other states set voluntary campaign spending limits, including:

25.30 (i) if other states distinguish between highly contested races and other races in the amount
 25.31 of funding provided or spending allowed;

26.1 (ii) if other states have an automatic inflator on the subsidies and limits; and

26.2 (iii) the level of candidate participation over time in the programs; and

26.3 (6) any recommendations the board has regarding the current public subsidy program
 26.4 in Minnesota and whether the current spending limits are appropriate.

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

26.6 Sec. 35. **LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING STUDY AND PILOT**
 26.7 **PROJECT; REPORT.**

26.8 Subdivision 1. **Feasibility study.** The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board
 26.9 must study the feasibility of permitting candidates for local office to use the board's reporting
 26.10 software to organize and track contributions, expenditures, and other data necessary to file
 26.11 reports required by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A. The study must assume that a
 26.12 candidate's obligation to file reports with the appropriate local filing officer will remain
 26.13 unchanged and that the board will have no jurisdiction over the candidate's activities or
 26.14 compliance with the reporting requirements.

26.15 Subd. 2. **Pilot project.** As part of the study required by this section, the board must
 26.16 conduct a pilot project that permits candidates in at least four local jurisdictions conducting
 26.17 a general election in 2028 to use the software. The jurisdictions selected must include at
 26.18 least one county election, one city election, and one school district election, and at least half
 26.19 of the jurisdictions must be located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

26.20 Subd. 3. **Required report.** The board must submit a report to the chairs and ranking
 26.21 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections describing
 26.22 the results of the study and pilot project, and any associated recommendations, no later than
 26.23 March 15, 2029.

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

26.25 Sec. 36. **WORKING GROUP ON LOCAL CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
 26.26 **REPORTING.**

26.27 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms have the meanings
 26.28 given.

26.29 (b) "Board" means the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

27.1 (c) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination or election to a county,
27.2 municipal, school district, or other political subdivision office. This definition does not
27.3 include an individual seeking a judicial office.

27.4 (d) "Local campaign report" means any report that a candidate is required to file pursuant
27.5 to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A.

27.6 **Subd. 2. Membership.** (a) The working group consists of the following 12 members:

27.7 (1) two members of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board affiliated with
27.8 different political parties appointed by the board's chair;

27.9 (2) the executive director of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board;

27.10 (3) two members appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities, one of whom must be
27.11 from a city of the fourth class;

27.12 (4) one member appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

27.13 (5) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;

27.14 (6) one member appointed by the Minnesota School Board Association;

27.15 (7) one senator appointed by the senate majority leader and one senator appointed by
27.16 the senate minority leader; and

27.17 (8) one representative appointed by the speaker of the house and one representative
27.18 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

27.19 (b) Appointments to the working group must be made within two weeks after the effective
27.20 date of this section.

27.21 (c) Public member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by
27.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
27.23 section 15.0595, the source of payment for compensation and reimbursement of nonlegislative
27.24 members of the working group is appropriations available to the Campaign Finance and
27.25 Public Disclosure Board. Legislative members may receive per diem and be reimbursed for
27.26 their expenses according to the rules of their respective bodies.

27.27 **Subd. 3. Chairs; meetings.** (a) The executive director of the board must convene the
27.28 first meeting of the working group no later than six weeks after the effective date of this
27.29 section. At the first meeting, members must elect a chair from among the legislative members
27.30 of the working group members.

28.1 (b) Working group meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under
28.2 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

28.3 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
28.4 provide administrative support and meeting space for the working group. Upon request of
28.5 the working group, the staff of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must
28.6 provide technical support.

28.7 Subd. 5. **Duties.** At a minimum, the working group must:

28.8 (1) examine and make recommendations on whether any or all local candidate campaign
28.9 finance reports should be filed with the board instead of with a local filing officer;

28.10 (2) assess the extent to which local filing officers are currently able to provide support
28.11 to local candidates and the public related to the local filing officers' duty to accept campaign
28.12 finance reports from local candidates;

28.13 (3) review the reporting requirements for local candidates in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
28.14 211A, and any changes to those requirements that should be made, especially if the reports
28.15 were to be filed with the board;

28.16 (4) study the impact of the potential increase of reports being made to the board in terms
28.17 of budgetary and staffing needs and the ability of the board to support the local candidates
28.18 in filing the reports;

28.19 (5) study local campaign finance reporting requirements and make any recommendations
28.20 to changes in the laws; and

28.21 (6) propose draft legislation to implement any of the working group's recommendations.

28.22 Subd. 6. **Report.** No later than January 15, 2027, the working group must submit a
28.23 written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
28.24 divisions with jurisdiction over elections. The report must outline a description of the
28.25 working group's activities, how the working group addressed each duty described in
28.26 subdivision 5, any recommendations made by the working group, and any proposed
28.27 legislation recommended by the working group.

28.28 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report required
28.29 under subdivision 6, or January 16, 2027, whichever is later.

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

29.1 Sec. 37. **REPEALER.**

29.2 Minnesota Rules, part 4503.2000, is repealed.

29.3 Sec. 38. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

29.4 This article is effective January 1, 2027, unless otherwise specified.

29.5 **ARTICLE 2**

29.6 **ADDRESS SECURITY AND SECURITY SPENDING**

29.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
29.8 to read:

29.9 Subd. 1a. **Address.** "Address" means the complete mailing address, including the zip
29.10 code. An individual may use either the individual's business address or home address. An
29.11 association's address is the address from which the association conducts its business.

29.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, is amended
29.13 to read:

29.14 Subd. 26. **Noncampaign disbursement.** (a) "Noncampaign disbursement" means a
29.15 purchase or payment of money or anything of value made, or an advance of credit incurred,
29.16 or a donation in kind received, by a principal campaign committee for any of the following
29.17 purposes:

29.18 (1) payment for accounting and legal services related to operating the candidate's
29.19 campaign committee, serving in office, or security for the candidate or the candidate's
29.20 immediate family, including but not limited to seeking and obtaining a harassment restraining
29.21 order;

29.22 (2) return of a contribution to the source;

29.23 (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;

29.24 (4) return of a public subsidy;

29.25 (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment,
29.26 and facility rental for a fundraising event;

29.27 (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer
29.28 in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1;

- 30.1 (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they
30.2 are engaged in campaign activities;
- 30.3 (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting
30.4 directly related to legislative duties;
- 30.5 (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus
30.6 in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;
- 30.7 (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving
30.8 in public office, other than for personal uses;
- 30.9 (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;
- 30.10 (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;
- 30.11 (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will
30.12 no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;
- 30.13 (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;
- 30.14 (15) filing fees;
- 30.15 (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements
30.16 in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;
- 30.17 (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if
30.18 the defective material is destroyed without being used;
- 30.19 (18) contributions to a party unit;
- 30.20 (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;
- 30.21 (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact
30.22 information and distributed to constituents;
- 30.23 (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national
30.24 convention in this state;
- 30.25 (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being
30.26 for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to
30.27 promote or defeat a ballot question;
- 30.28 (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit
30.29 card, or electronic check;

31.1 (24) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee to support the candidate's
31.2 participation in a recount of ballots affecting the candidate's election;

31.3 (25) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount
31.4 of ballots affecting that candidate's election;

31.5 (26) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception
31.6 given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for
31.7 affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;

31.8 (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general
31.9 fund;

31.10 (28) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county obligated
31.11 to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state office;

31.12 (29) during a period starting January 1 in the year following a general election and ending
31.13 on December 31 of the year of general election, total payments of up to ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000 for:

31.14 (i) detection-related security monitoring expenses for a candidate, including home
31.15 security hardware, maintenance of home security monitoring hardware, identity theft
31.16 monitoring services, and credit monitoring services; and

31.17 (ii) purchase, installation, and maintenance of structural security devices such as locks,
31.18 wiring, lighting, gates, doors, and fencing so long as such devices are intended solely to
31.19 provide security and not to improve the property or increase its value;

31.20 (30) during a period starting January 1 in the year following a general election and ending
31.21 on December 31 of the year of a general election, total payments of up to \$25,000 for security
31.22 services, including security services provided by a political party unit as an in-kind
31.23 contribution;

31.24 (31) costs paid to repair or replace campaign property that was: (i) lost or stolen, or (ii)
31.25 damaged or defaced to such a degree that the property no longer serves its intended purpose.
31.26 For purposes of this clause, campaign property includes but is not limited to campaign lawn
31.27 signs. The candidate must document the need for these costs in writing or with photographs;
31.28 and

31.29 ~~(31)~~ (32) transition expenses and inaugural event expenses as defined in section 10A.174.

31.30 (b) The board must determine whether an activity involves a noncampaign disbursement
31.31 within the meaning of this subdivision.

32.1 (c) A noncampaign disbursement is considered to be made in the year in which the
 32.2 candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods
 32.3 or services.

32.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 32.5 read:

32.6 Subd. 35d. **Security services.** (a) "Security services" means threat assessments, security
 32.7 guards, or guest screening services needed to address specific security concerns that result
 32.8 from the individual's position as a public official or state or local candidate that are provided
 32.9 by:

32.10 (1) a state or local law enforcement agency; or

32.11 (2) an insured vendor licensed by the Board of Private Detective and Protective Agent
 32.12 Services under sections 326.32 to 326.339.

32.13 (b) Security services do not include:

32.14 (1) services obtained from a relative or a business owned by a relative, within the third
 32.15 degree of consanguinity, of an official or candidate; or

32.16 (2) services obtained above fair market value.

32.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 32.18 read:

32.19 Subd. 36a. **Street address.** "Street address" means the name or number of the building,
 32.20 the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number.

32.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 10A.02, subdivision 11b, is amended
 32.22 to read:

32.23 Subd. 11b. **Data privacy related to electronic reporting system.** (a) The board may
 32.24 develop and maintain systems to enable ~~treasurers~~ individuals to enter and store electronic
 32.25 records online for the purpose of complying with this chapter. Data entered into such systems
 32.26 by ~~treasurers or their authorized agents~~ is not government data under chapter 13 and may
 32.27 not be accessed or used by the board for any purpose without the ~~treasurer's~~ written consent
 32.28 of the filer to whom the data pertains. Data from such systems that has been submitted to
 32.29 the board as a filed report or statement is government data under chapter 13.

32.30 (b) For purposes of administering the refund under section 290.06, subdivision 23, the
 32.31 board may access or use the following data entered and stored in an electronic reporting

33.1 system and share the data with the commissioner of revenue: (1) the amount of the
 33.2 contribution; (2) the name and address of the contributor; (3) any unique identifier for the
 33.3 contribution; (4) the name and campaign identification number of the party or candidate
 33.4 that received the contribution; and (5) the date on which the contribution was received. Data
 33.5 accessed, used, or maintained by the board under this paragraph are classified as nonpublic
 33.6 data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, and private data on individuals, as defined
 33.7 in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

33.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 33.9 read:

33.10 Subd. 11c. **Street address data.** The street address of individuals contained on reports
 33.11 and statements filed with the board under sections 10A.09, subdivision 5, paragraph (a),
 33.12 clause (1); 10A.09, subdivision 5b, paragraph (b), clause (1); 10A.155; 10A.179; 10A.20;
 33.13 and 10A.202, are classified as nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9,
 33.14 or as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and in addition
 33.15 to the subject of the data are accessible to the filer of the report or statement containing that
 33.16 data. The board, a county attorney, or a county, municipality, school district, or other political
 33.17 subdivision may use street addresses disclosed on reports and statements to ensure compliance
 33.18 with this chapter.

33.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.027, is amended to read:

33.20 **10A.027 INFORMATION ON WEBSITE.**

33.21 (a) The board must not post on its website any canceled checks, bank account numbers,
 33.22 credit card account numbers, or Social Security numbers that may be in the board's possession
 33.23 as a result of report or statement filings, complaints, or other proceedings under this chapter.

33.24 (b) To comply with section 10A.02, subdivision 11c, the board must modify a report or
 33.25 statement to omit private or nonpublic data before posting the report or statement on its
 33.26 website.

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

33.28 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended
 33.29 to read:

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

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

34.5 (c) A lobbyist must report every state agency that had administrative action that the
34.6 represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report
34.7 the specific subjects of interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes
34.8 rule draft number assigned to the administrative rulemaking.

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

34.12 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects
34.13 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to
34.14 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence
34.15 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying
34.16 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which
34.17 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting
34.18 period and report only those four subjects.

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

34.23 (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit, excluding
34.24 contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any official, as
34.25 defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or employee of
34.26 the lobbyist. The list must include the official's name and address of, title, and the government
34.27 jurisdiction for which the official serves for each official to whom the gift, item, or benefit
34.28 was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

34.29 (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any year
34.30 used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action, or
34.31 the official action of a political subdivision. The list must include the name, address, and
34.32 employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal place of business, of each payer
34.33 of money in excess of \$500.

35.1 (i) On each report, a lobbyist must disclose the general lobbying categories that were
35.2 lobbied on in the reporting period.

35.3 (j) A lobbyist must report each expert witness that the lobbyist requested to communicate
35.4 with public or local officials as described in section 10A.01, subdivision 21, paragraph (b),
35.5 clause (9), and each finance professional who participated in conduit financing as described
35.6 in section 10A.01, subdivision 21, paragraph (b), clause (7). The lobbyist must report the
35.7 name of the expert witness or finance professional; the employer, if any, of the expert witness
35.8 or finance professional; the government entity that received the communication from the
35.9 expert witness or finance professional; and the specific subject on which the expert witness
35.10 or finance professional communicated. The designated lobbyist must also report this
35.11 information if the expert witness or finance professional is requested to communicate by
35.12 the principal or association that the lobbyist represents.

35.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

35.14 Subd. 5. **Form; general requirements.** (a) A statement of economic interest required
35.15 by this section must be on a form prescribed by the board. Except as provided in subdivision
35.16 5b, the individual filing must provide the following information:

35.17 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

35.18 (2) a listing of the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

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

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

35.32 (5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with
35.33 pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which

36.1 the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family
36.2 member holds a partial or full interest;

36.3 (6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business
36.4 from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives more than \$250 in any month
36.5 during the reporting period as an employee, if the individual or the individual's spouse has
36.6 an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business;

36.7 (7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the
36.8 individual or the individual's spouse received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past
36.9 12 months as an independent contractor;

36.10 (8) a listing of the full name of each security with a value of more than \$10,000 owned
36.11 in part or in full by the individual or the individual's spouse, at any time during the reporting
36.12 period; and

36.13 (9) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that:

36.14 (i) is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
36.15 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

36.16 (ii) is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
36.17 serves as a public or local official.

36.18 (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), the board must classify as
36.19 private data the street address of real property at which an individual or the individual's
36.20 spouse lives on a permanent or temporary basis if the individual certifies for each address
36.21 that the individual would have a reasonable fear for the individual's or individual's family's
36.22 safety if the address were public data.

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

36.29 ~~(e)~~ (d) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any
36.30 single source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from
36.31 the source during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than
36.32 one month.

37.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) For the purpose of determining the value of an individual's interest in real property,
 37.2 the value of the property is the market value shown on the property tax statement.

37.3 ~~(e)~~ (f) For the purpose of this section, "date of appointment" means the effective date
 37.4 of appointment to a position.

37.5 ~~(f)~~ (g) For the purpose of this section, "accepting employment as a public official" means
 37.6 the effective date of the appointment to the position, as stated in the appointing authority's
 37.7 notice to the board.

37.8 ~~(g)~~ (h) The listings required in paragraph (a), clauses (3) to (9), must not identify whether
 37.9 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

37.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

37.11 Subd. 5b. **Form; exceptions for certain officials.** (a) This subdivision applies to the
 37.12 following individuals:

37.13 (1) a supervisor of a soil and water conservation district;

37.14 (2) a manager of a watershed district; and

37.15 (3) a member of a watershed management organization as defined under section
 37.16 103B.205, subdivision 13.

37.17 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 5, paragraph (a), an individual listed in paragraph (a),
 37.18 must provide only the information listed below on a statement of economic interest:

37.19 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

37.20 (2) a listing of any association, corporation, partnership, limited liability company,
 37.21 limited liability partnership, or other organized legal entity from which the individual
 37.22 receives compensation in excess of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any
 37.23 month during the reporting period as a director, officer, owner, member, partner, employer,
 37.24 or employee;

37.25 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
 37.26 the individual or the individual's spouse holds:

37.27 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
 37.28 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or

37.29 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000;

37.30 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
 37.31 individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds:

38.1 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
 38.2 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of the partnership interest is valued
 38.3 in excess of \$2,500; or

38.4 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A
 38.5 listing under this clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality
 38.6 or the section, township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county
 38.7 in which the property is located; and

38.8 (5) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that meets the
 38.9 following criteria:

38.10 (i) it is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
 38.11 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

38.12 (ii) it is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
 38.13 serves as a public or local official.

38.14 (c) The listings required in paragraph (b), clauses (3) to (5), must not identify whether
 38.15 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

38.16 (d) For the purposes of paragraph (b), clauses (3) and (4), the board must classify as
 38.17 private data the street address of real property at which an individual or the individual's
 38.18 spouse lives on a permanent or temporary basis if the individual certifies for each address
 38.19 that the individual would have a reasonable fear for the individual's or individual's family's
 38.20 safety if the address were public data.

38.21 (e) If an individual listed in paragraph (a) also holds a public official position that is not
 38.22 listed in paragraph (a), the individual must file a statement of economic interest that includes
 38.23 the information specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a).

38.24 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

38.31 (c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,
 38.32 and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that

39.1 has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets
39.2 for a fundraising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or
39.3 statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and
39.4 date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from
39.5 each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An
39.6 approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered
39.7 consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must
39.8 be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under
39.9 the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is
39.10 added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the
39.11 aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and
39.12 employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on the
39.13 report.

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

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

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

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

39.27 (h) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
39.28 with the board of each individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved
39.29 expenditures, independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures have been made
39.30 by or on behalf of the reporting entity within the year in excess of \$200, together with the
39.31 amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, including an explanation of how the
39.32 expenditure was used, and the name and ~~address~~ the city, state, and zip code of, and office
39.33 sought by, each candidate or local candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made,
39.34 identification of the ballot question that the expenditure was intended to promote or defeat

40.1 and an indication of whether the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot question,
40.2 and in the case of independent expenditures made in opposition to a candidate or local
40.3 candidate, the candidate's or local candidate's name, ~~address;~~ the city, state, and zip code;
40.4 and office sought. A reporting entity making an expenditure on behalf of more than one
40.5 candidate or local candidate must allocate the expenditure among the candidates and local
40.6 candidates on a reasonable cost basis and report the allocation for each candidate or local
40.7 candidate. The report must list on separate schedules any independent expenditures made
40.8 on behalf of local candidates and any expenditures made for ballot questions as defined in
40.9 section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), or (4).

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

40.12 (j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by
40.13 the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit
40.14 incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or
40.15 paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a
40.16 donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

40.17 (k) The report must disclose the name, ~~address,~~ and registration number if registered
40.18 with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
40.19 local candidate, or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess
40.20 of \$200 within the year and the amount and date of each contribution. The report must
40.21 include the city, state, and zip code of each principal campaign committee and local
40.22 candidate. The report must include the address of each political committee, political fund,
40.23 and party unit. The report must list on separate schedules any contributions made to state
40.24 candidates' principal campaign committees and any contributions made to local candidates.

40.25 (l) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity
40.26 during the reporting period and must separately disclose the sum of all contributions made
40.27 to local candidates by the reporting entity during the reporting period.

40.28 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
40.29 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have
40.30 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting
40.31 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement, including an
40.32 explanation of how the expenditure was used.

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

41.1 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides
41.2 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section
41.3 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate
41.4 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political
41.5 fund during the reporting period.

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

41.14 (q) Legislative, statewide, and judicial candidates, party units, political committees and
41.15 funds, and committees to promote or defeat a ballot question must itemize expenditures and
41.16 noncampaign disbursements that in aggregate exceed \$200 in a calendar year on reports
41.17 submitted to the board. The itemization must include the date on which the committee made
41.18 or became obligated to make the expenditure or disbursement, the name and address of the
41.19 vendor that provided the service or item purchased, and a description of the service or item
41.20 purchased, including an explanation of how the expenditure was used. Expenditures and
41.21 noncampaign disbursements must be listed on the report alphabetically by vendor.

41.22 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

41.23 Subd. 2. **Political party and dissolving principal campaign committee limit.** A
41.24 candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept
41.25 contributions from any political party units or dissolving principal campaign committees
41.26 in aggregate in excess of ten times the amount that may be contributed to that candidate as
41.27 set forth in subdivision 1. The limitation in this subdivision does not apply to a contribution
41.28 from a dissolving principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature to another
41.29 principal campaign committee of the same candidate. The limitation in this subdivision
41.30 does not apply to an in-kind contribution for security services from any political party units,
41.31 which are subject to the limitation for noncampaign disbursements in section 10A.01,
41.32 subdivision 26, clause (30).

42.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.27, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

42.2 Subd. 10. **Limited personal contributions.** (a) A candidate who signs an agreement
 42.3 under section 10A.322 may not contribute to the candidate's own campaign during a segment
 42.4 of an election cycle more than five times the candidate's contribution limit for that segment
 42.5 under subdivision 1.

42.6 (b) The limitation in paragraph (a) does not apply to payments made by the candidate
 42.7 for the following that would otherwise be considered campaign contributions to the
 42.8 candidate's own campaign:

42.9 (1) detection-related security monitoring expenses for a candidate, including home
 42.10 security hardware, maintenance of home security monitoring hardware, identity theft
 42.11 monitoring services, and credit monitoring services;

42.12 (2) purchase, installation, and maintenance of structural security devices such as locks,
 42.13 wiring, lighting, gates, doors, and fencing so long as such devices are intended solely to
 42.14 provide security and not to improve the property or increase its value; and

42.15 (3) security services.

42.16 Notwithstanding the exception in this paragraph, a candidate must still comply with the
 42.17 limitations for noncampaign disbursements in section 10A.01, subdivision 26, clauses (29)
 42.18 and (30).

42.19 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.275, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.20 Subdivision 1. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the
 42.21 following expenditures by a party unit, or two or more party units acting together are not
 42.22 considered contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a candidate for the purposes of
 42.23 section 10A.25 or 10A.27 and must not be allocated to candidates under section 10A.20,
 42.24 subdivision 3, paragraph (h):

42.25 (1) expenditures on behalf of candidates of that party generally without referring to any
 42.26 of them specifically in a published, posted, or broadcast advertisement;

42.27 (2) expenditures for the preparation, display, mailing, or other distribution of an official
 42.28 party sample ballot listing the names of three or more individuals whose names are to appear
 42.29 on the ballot;

42.30 (3) expenditures for a telephone call, voice mail, text message, multimedia message,
 42.31 Internet chat message, or email when the communication includes the names of three or
 42.32 more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

43.1 (4) expenditures for a booth at a community event, county fair, or state fair that benefits
 43.2 three or more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

43.3 (5) expenditures for a political party fundraising effort on behalf of three or more
 43.4 candidates; or

43.5 (6) expenditures for party committee staff services that benefit three or more candidates
 43.6 or local candidates, including contracts with third parties for security services if the services
 43.7 are provided to at least three candidates or local candidates.

43.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, is amended
 43.9 to read:

43.10 Subd. 1b. **Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.** (a) An affidavit
 43.11 of candidacy must state a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted. An
 43.12 affidavit must also state the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment issued electronic
 43.13 mail address or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess
 43.14 an electronic mail address. Except for affidavits of candidacy for (1) judicial office, (2) the
 43.15 office of county attorney, or (3) county sheriff, an affidavit must also state the candidate's
 43.16 current address of residence as determined under section 200.031, or at the candidate's
 43.17 request in accordance with paragraph (c), the candidate's campaign ~~contact~~ mailing address.
 43.18 When filing the affidavit, the candidate must present the filing officer with the candidate's
 43.19 valid driver's license or state identification card that contains the candidate's current address
 43.20 of residence, or documentation of proof of residence authorized for election day registration
 43.21 in section 201.061, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2); clause (3); or paragraph (d). If
 43.22 an original bill is shown, the due date on the bill must be within 30 days before or after the
 43.23 beginning of the filing period or, for bills without a due date, dated within 30 days before
 43.24 the beginning of the filing period. If the address on the affidavit and the documentation do
 43.25 not match, the filing officer must not accept the affidavit. The form for the affidavit of
 43.26 candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of
 43.27 residence be classified as private data, ~~and to provide the certification required under~~
 43.28 ~~paragraph (c) for classification of that address.~~

43.29 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
 43.30 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
 43.31 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
 43.32 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
 43.33 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
 43.34 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that

44.1 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
 44.2 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the
 44.3 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
 44.4 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
 44.5 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
 44.6 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the
 44.7 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
 44.8 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

44.9 (c) If the candidate requests that the candidate's address of residence be classified as
 44.10 private data, the candidate must list the candidate's address of residence on a separate form
 44.11 to be attached to the affidavit. ~~The candidate must also certify on the affidavit that either:~~
 44.12 ~~(1) a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or the~~
 44.13 ~~candidate has a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's~~
 44.14 ~~family; or (2) the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law. The~~
 44.15 address of residence provided by a candidate who makes a request for classification on the
 44.16 candidate's affidavit of candidacy ~~and provides the certification required by this paragraph~~
 44.17 is classified as private data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may be reviewed
 44.18 by the filing officer as provided in this subdivision.

44.19 **Sec. 16. [204B.065] CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN DATA.**

44.20 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "street address" means the name
 44.21 or number of the building, the name of the street on which the building is located, and any
 44.22 unit number.

44.23 Subd. 2. **Data classification.** Street address data of individual candidates on an affidavit
 44.24 of candidacy or nominating petition submitted prior to May 1, 2026, is classified as nonpublic
 44.25 data, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 9, or as private data on
 44.26 individuals, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 12.

44.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective seven days following final enactment.

44.28 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.29 Subdivision 1. **Form of petition.** A nominating petition may consist of one or more
 44.30 separate pages each of which shall state:

44.31 (a) the office sought;

45.1 (b) the candidate's name ~~and residence address, including street and number if any;~~
 45.2 campaign website, if any; and the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment-issued email
 45.3 address or a statement that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess an
 45.4 email address; and

45.5 (c) the candidate's political party or political principle expressed in not more than three
 45.6 words. No candidate who files for a partisan office by nominating petition shall use the term
 45.7 "nonpartisan" as a statement of political principle or the name of the candidate's political
 45.8 party. No part of the name of a major political party may be used to designate the political
 45.9 party or principle of a candidate who files for a partisan office by nominating petition, except
 45.10 that the word "independent" may be used to designate the party or principle. A candidate
 45.11 who files an affidavit of candidacy to fill a vacancy in nomination for a nonpartisan office
 45.12 pursuant to section 204B.13, shall not state any political principle or the name of any political
 45.13 party on the petition.

45.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
 45.15 to read:

45.16 Subd. 1a. **Address.** "Address" means the complete mailing address, including the zip
 45.17 code. An individual may use either the individual's business address or home address. An
 45.18 association's address is the address from which the association conducts its business.

45.19 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
 45.20 to read:

45.21 Subd. 9. **Street address.** "Street address" means the name or number of the building,
 45.22 the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number.

45.23 Sec. 20. **[211A.015] ADDRESSES; DATA CLASSIFICATION.**

45.24 For purposes of chapter 211A, the street address of individuals contained on reports and
 45.25 statements filed with a county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision
 45.26 are classified as nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, or as private
 45.27 data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and in addition to the subject
 45.28 of the data are accessible to the filer of the report or statement containing that data. The
 45.29 county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision may use street addresses
 45.30 disclosed on reports and statements to ensure compliance with this chapter.

46.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211A.02, subdivision 2, is amended
46.2 to read:

46.3 Subd. 2. **Information required.** The report to be filed by a candidate or committee must
46.4 include:

46.5 (1) the name of the candidate and office sought;

46.6 (2) the printed name, address, telephone number, signature, and email address or an
46.7 attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess an email address,
46.8 of the person responsible for filing the report;

46.9 (3) the total cash on hand designated to be used for political purposes;

46.10 (4) the total amount of contributions received and the total amount of disbursements for
46.11 the period from the last previous report to five days before the current report is due;

46.12 (5) if disbursements made to the same vendor exceed \$100 in the aggregate during the
46.13 period covered by the report, the name and address for the vendor and the amount, date,
46.14 and purpose for each disbursement; and

46.15 (6) the name, address, and employer, or occupation if self-employed, of any individual
46.16 or entity that during the period covered by the report has made one or more contributions
46.17 that in the aggregate exceed \$100, and the amount and date of each contribution. ~~The filing
46.18 officer must restrict public access to the address of any individual who has made a
46.19 contribution that exceeds \$100 and who has filed with the filing officer a written statement
46.20 signed by the individual that withholding the individual's address from the financial report
46.21 is required for the safety of the individual or the individual's family.~~

46.22 Sec. 22. **REDACTING STREET ADDRESSES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**
46.23 **AND STATEMENTS.**

46.24 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 211A.02, subdivision 6, any local
46.25 government that posts campaign finance reports or statements on the local government's
46.26 website must remove the reports or statements if the report or statement includes private or
46.27 nonpublic data. Prior to reposting any statement or report, the local government must redact
46.28 or omit all private or nonpublic data.

46.29 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 211A.02, subdivision 6, the filing officer
46.30 of a local government must have all reports reposted within six months of the effective date
46.31 of this section.

46.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective seven days following final enactment.

47.1 Sec. 23. **REDACTING STREET ADDRESSES; REPORTS AND STATEMENTS**
47.2 **ON BOARD'S WEBSITE.**

47.3 (a) The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board must remove from the board's
47.4 website all reports and statements that were filed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
47.5 section 10A.09, 10A.20, or 10A.202. The board must redact or omit private or nonpublic
47.6 data from each statement or report and repost the report to the board's website. The board
47.7 must prioritize its work on reports and statements filed on or after January 1, 2025, and then
47.8 reports or statements filed on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2025, in the
47.9 following order:

47.10 (1) reports and statements from candidates;

47.11 (2) reports and statements from party units;

47.12 (3) reports and statements from political committees, political funds, independent
47.13 expenditure funds, and ballot funds; and

47.14 (4) all other statements and filings.

47.15 When the board completes its work with statements and reports from a category above, the
47.16 board must post the reports and statements on the board's website. After the board completes
47.17 reposting reports and statements filed on or after January 1, 2025, the board must work to
47.18 repost reports and statements filed on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2025,
47.19 in the same order of priority.

47.20 (b) The board must have all reports filed on or after January 1, 2022, reposted within
47.21 six months of the effective date of this section. If the board is unable to comply with this
47.22 timeline, the board must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
47.23 committees with jurisdiction over campaign finance policy why compliance was not possible,
47.24 what issues must be resolved in order for the board to be in compliance, and when the board
47.25 anticipates it will be able to comply. The board must have statements and reports filed after
47.26 January 1, 2022, reposted by January 1, 2028.

47.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective seven days following final enactment.

47.28 Sec. 24. **TRANSITION TO NEW AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY; NOMINATING**
47.29 **PETITIONS NOT DEFICIENT.**

47.30 (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of this act, a completed affidavit of candidacy
47.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.06, submitted by a candidate is not deficient if the
47.32 affidavit form was printed or provided prior to the effective date of any modification required

48.1 by this act. For elections occurring on or after November 4, 2026, an election official must
 48.2 not print, copy, or publicly distribute a blank affidavit of candidacy or nominating petition
 48.3 that does not include the required modification in this act.

48.4 (b) A nominating petition filed for an election held in 2026 is not deficient if a candidate
 48.5 complies with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.07, subdivision 1, as
 48.6 it was in effect on April 1, 2026, or as amended by this act as of the effective date of this
 48.7 section.

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

48.9 Sec. 25. **REPEALER.**

48.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 9, is repealed.

48.11 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 4501.0100, subpart 2, is repealed.

48.12 Sec. 26. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

48.13 This article is effective the day following final enactment unless otherwise specified.

48.14 **ARTICLE 3**

48.15 **ELECTIONS POLICY**

48.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

48.22 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
 48.23 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121 and the municipality must
 48.24 determine whether the municipality's office will be designated to administer voting under
 48.25 section 203B.081 starting on the 46th day before the election or the 18th day before the
 48.26 election.

48.27 (b) A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
 48.28 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
 48.29 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
 48.30 city will administer absentee voting.

49.1 (c) A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and
49.2 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide voter registration system
49.3 in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must identify
49.4 hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites necessary to ensure the security,
49.5 access controls, and performance of the statewide voter registration system. A clerk must
49.6 receive training approved by the secretary of state on the use of the statewide voter
49.7 registration system before administering this section. A clerk may not use the statewide
49.8 voter registration system until the clerk has received the required training. The county auditor
49.9 must notify the secretary of state of any ~~municipal~~ clerk who will be administering the
49.10 provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will administer.

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

49.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.13 Subd. 3. **Delivery of ballots.** (a) The county auditor, municipal clerk, school district
49.14 clerk, or full-time clerk of any city or town administering an election pursuant to section
49.15 203B.05, shall mail absentee ballots to voters on the permanent absentee ballot list pursuant
49.16 to section 203B.04, subdivision 5, on the following timelines:

49.17 (1) except as otherwise provided by this section, at least 46 days before each regularly
49.18 scheduled primary and general election and each special primary and special election;

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

49.21 (3) at least 30 days before a town general election held in March.

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

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

50.1 is accepted when absentee ballots are available for distribution, the county auditor or
 50.2 municipal clerk accepting the application shall promptly:

50.3 (1) mail the ballots to the voter whose signature appears on the application if the
 50.4 application is submitted by mail and does not request commercial shipping under clause
 50.5 (2);

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

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

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

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

50.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.065, is amended to read:

50.24 **203B.065 USING THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**

50.25 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** A clerk administering absentee ballots pursuant to this
 50.26 section must meet the requirements of section 203B.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

50.27 Subd. 2. **Use of the statewide voter registration system.** (a) Upon accepting an
 50.28 application for a ~~state~~ primary or ~~state~~ general election, the county auditor or municipal
 50.29 clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system the voter's name, date of birth,
 50.30 address of residence in Minnesota, mailing address, Minnesota driver's license or state
 50.31 identification number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, if provided
 50.32 by the voter. Upon acceptance of an absentee ballot application of a voter who is registered
 50.33 to vote at an address different from the residential address certified on the absentee ballot

51.1 application, the voter registration record with the previous address shall be challenged. Once
 51.2 the absentee ballot has been transmitted to the voter, the method of transmission and the
 51.3 date of transmission must be recorded.

51.4 (b) Upon receipt of a returned absentee ballot for a ~~state~~ primary or ~~state~~ general election,
 51.5 the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system
 51.6 that the voter has returned the ballot.

51.7 (c) Upon receipt of notice that the ballot board has accepted or rejected the absentee
 51.8 ballot for a ~~state~~ primary or ~~state~~ general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk
 51.9 shall record in the statewide voter registration system whether the ballot was accepted or
 51.10 rejected, and if rejected, the reason for rejection. If a replacement ballot is transmitted to
 51.11 the voter, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record this in the statewide voter
 51.12 registration system.

51.13 (d) The labels provided for envelopes used for transmitting an absentee ballot to and
 51.14 from an applicant for an absentee ballot for a ~~state~~ primary or ~~state~~ general election must
 51.15 contain bar codes generated by the statewide voter registration system to facilitate the
 51.16 recording required under this section. A county auditor or municipal clerk entering
 51.17 information into the statewide voter registration system under this section must include the
 51.18 information provided on the bar code label whenever information is entered into the system.

51.19 (e) A town clerk may, but is not required to, use the statewide voter registration system
 51.20 as provided in this section for a town election held in March.

51.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 1 is effective the day following final enactment.
 51.22 Subdivision 2 is effective September 1, 2027.

51.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.30, subdivision 2, is amended
 51.24 to read:

51.25 Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,
 51.26 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to
 51.27 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration
 51.28 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast
 51.29 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge
 51.30 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote must register
 51.31 and a voter whose name or address has changed must update the voter's registration in the
 51.32 manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot
 51.33 in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

52.1 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of
 52.2 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
 52.3 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,
 52.4 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The early voting
 52.5 official must maintain a printed copy of the voter certificate. The voter must immediately
 52.6 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
 52.7 The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the
 52.8 voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing
 52.9 the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and ballot box. The early
 52.10 voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner provided in
 52.11 section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

52.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 52.13 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 52.14 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

52.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.30, subdivision 3, is amended
 52.16 to read:

52.17 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Each day when early voting occurs, the early voting
 52.18 officials must:

52.19 (1) remove and secure ballots cast, noting the date, voting location, and number of ballots
 52.20 cast;

52.21 (2) without inspecting the ballots, using the procedures in section 204C.20, subdivisions
 52.22 1 to 4, ensure that the number of ballots removed from the ballot box is equal to the number
 52.23 of voter certificates that were signed by voters in subdivision 2, paragraph (b); and

52.24 (3) seal and secure all voted and unvoted ballots and signed voter certificates present in
 52.25 that location at the end of the day.

52.26 The ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed on election day following
 52.27 the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

52.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
 52.29 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after the 85th day after the
 52.30 revisor of statutes receives the certification.

53.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204B.07, subdivision 2, is amended
53.2 to read:

53.3 Subd. 2. **Petitions for presidential electors and alternates.** (a) This section does not
53.4 apply to candidates for presidential elector or alternate nominated by major political parties.
53.5 Major party candidates for presidential elector or alternate are certified under section 208.03.
53.6 Other presidential electors or alternates are nominated by petition pursuant to this section.

53.7 (b) On petitions nominating presidential electors or alternates, the names of the candidates
53.8 for president and vice-president shall be added to the political party or political principle
53.9 stated on the petition. One petition may be filed to nominate a slate of presidential electors
53.10 equal in number to the number of electors to which the state is entitled and an alternate for
53.11 each elector nominee.

53.12 (c) In addition to the petition, each nominated candidate must submit a signed, notarized
53.13 affidavit of candidacy for president or vice president that includes the following information:

53.14 (1) the candidate's name in the form as it should appear on the ballot;

53.15 (2) the candidate's campaign address, website, phone number, and email address;

53.16 (3) the name of the political party or political principle stated on the petition;

53.17 (4) the office sought by the candidate; and

53.18 (5) a declaration that the candidate satisfies all requirements of the United States
53.19 Constitution to be eligible to be elected to the office and the candidate is aware of and will
53.20 follow all applicable election laws and campaign finance laws.

53.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended
53.22 to read:

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

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

54.1 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official no later
54.2 than the 19th day before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's
54.3 write-in votes individually recorded; or

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

54.7 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized
54.8 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted and the city clerk must notify the county
54.9 auditor before the first day of filing for office. A resolution adopted under this paragraph
54.10 remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the
54.11 governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city.

54.12 (c) The governing body of a township, school district, hospital district, park district, soil
54.13 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the
54.14 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in
54.15 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in
54.16 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for
54.17 a ballot candidate. If a governing body adopts a resolution authorized by this paragraph,
54.18 the resolution must be adopted and the clerk must notify the county auditor before the first
54.19 day of filing for office. A resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a
54.20 subsequent resolution on the same subject is adopted by the governing body.

54.21 (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this
54.22 subdivision must include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States.
54.23 The candidates must certify on the request that both candidates satisfy all requirements of
54.24 the United States Constitution to be eligible to be elected to the office. The request must
54.25 also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The total number of
54.26 names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed the total number
54.27 of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

54.28 (e) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
54.29 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor. A
54.30 candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file jointly
54.31 with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

55.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.2 Subd. 2. **Election law and instructions.** The secretary of state shall prepare and publish
 55.3 a volume containing all state general laws relating to elections. The attorney general shall
 55.4 provide annotations to the secretary of state for this volume. On or before ~~August 1 of every~~
 55.5 ~~odd-numbered~~ July 15 of each year the secretary of state shall ~~furnish to the county auditors~~
 55.6 ~~and municipal clerks enough copies of this volume so that each county auditor and municipal~~
 55.7 ~~clerk will have at least one copy. On or before July 1 of every even-numbered year, the~~
 55.8 ~~secretary of state shall~~ prepare and make an electronic copy of this volume available on the
 55.9 office's website. The secretary of state may prepare and transmit to the county auditors and
 55.10 municipal clerks detailed written instructions for complying with election laws relating to
 55.11 the conduct of elections, conduct of voter registration and voting procedures.

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

55.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

55.14 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

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

55.18 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box;

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

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

55.22 (b) The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk may
 55.23 periodically administer a competition to update the "I VOTED" sticker design. An updated
 55.24 design may include graphic design elements, but it must only include the words "I VOTED,"
 55.25 and its imagery must not advocate for or against any political party, candidate, ballot question,
 55.26 or public policy issue, or include any other words or numbers. Nothing in this section
 55.27 prohibits a design competition from resulting in multiple winning designs.

55.28 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.29 Subd. 2. **Summary statements; contents.** (a) The blank summary statement forms
 55.30 furnished to each precinct shall identify the precinct, ward number if any, city, school district
 55.31 if applicable, or town, date, and kind of election and, under appropriate headings identifying

56.1 ~~each color ballot~~, shall contain spaces for the election judges to enter the information required
 56.2 by section 204C.24, subdivision 1.

56.3 (b) Each blank summary statement form shall also contain a certificate to be signed by
 56.4 the election judges stating that the national flag was displayed on a suitable staff during
 56.5 voting hours; that all of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that
 56.6 the numbers entered by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the
 56.7 number of votes cast for each candidate and for and against each question.

56.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.26, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

56.9 Subd. 4. **Envelopes for counted ballots.** Each official responsible for printing ballots
 56.10 shall also furnish envelopes to contain those ballots after they have been counted. The
 56.11 envelopes shall be made of heavy paper, printed or marked to distinguish ~~the color of the~~
 56.12 ballots to be contained in them. They shall be of convenient size to hold the ballots and
 56.13 shall be furnished at the same time and in the same manner as the ballots.

56.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.185, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

56.15 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** (a) Between
 56.16 the third and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any
 56.17 election including a special municipal election, or the governing body of a town conducting
 56.18 the general election in November shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and
 56.19 declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each
 56.20 municipal office and the results of ~~the election~~ any ballot questions. The governing body
 56.21 of a town conducting the general election in March shall act as the canvassing board, canvass
 56.22 the returns, and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes
 56.23 for each town office and the results of ~~the election~~ any ballot question within two days after
 56.24 an election.

56.25 (b) After the time for contesting elections has passed, the municipal clerk shall issue a
 56.26 certificate of election to each successful candidate. In case of a contest, the certificate shall
 56.27 not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court.

56.28 (c) In case of a tie vote, the canvassing board having jurisdiction over the municipality
 56.29 shall determine the result by lot. The clerk of the canvassing board shall certify the results
 56.30 of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots
 56.31 and the returns of the election.

56.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

57.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

57.2 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** Between the
 57.3 third and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after a school district election ~~other than a recount of a special~~
 57.4 ~~election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59~~, the school board shall
 57.5 canvass the returns and declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number
 57.6 of votes for each school district office and the results of the election any ballot question.
 57.7 The recounted results of a referendum conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or
 57.8 475.59 must be certified by the canvassing board. After the time for contesting elections
 57.9 has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful
 57.10 candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued
 57.11 until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie
 57.12 vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate
 57.13 of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful
 57.14 candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days
 57.15 of the date of mailing or personal service. A person who fails to qualify prior to the time
 57.16 specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but that filing may be made at any time
 57.17 before action to fill the vacancy has been taken. The school district clerk shall certify the
 57.18 results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the
 57.19 ballots and the returns of the election.

57.20 A school district canvassing board shall perform the duties of the school board according
 57.21 to the requirements of this subdivision for a recount of a special election conducted under
 57.22 section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59.

57.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

57.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 208.03, is amended to read:

57.25 **208.03 NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND ALTERNATES.**

57.26 Presidential electors and alternates for the major political parties of this state shall be
 57.27 nominated by delegate conventions called and held under the supervision of the respective
 57.28 state central committees of the parties of this state. At least 71 days before the general
 57.29 election day the chair of the major political party shall certify to the secretary of state the
 57.30 names of the persons nominated as presidential electors, the names of persons nominated
 57.31 as alternate presidential electors, and the names of the party candidates for president and
 57.32 vice president. The chair shall also certify that the party candidates for president and vice
 57.33 president satisfy all requirements of the United States Constitution to be eligible to be elected

58.1 to the office and have no affidavit on file as a candidate for any office in this state at the
 58.2 ensuing general election.

58.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 375.20, is amended to read:

58.4 **375.20 BALLOT QUESTIONS.**

58.5 If the county board may do an act, incur a debt, appropriate money for a purpose, or
 58.6 exercise any other power or authority, only if authorized by a vote of the people, the question
 58.7 may be submitted at a special or general election, by a resolution specifying the matter or
 58.8 question to be voted upon. If the question is to authorize the appropriation of money, creation
 58.9 of a debt, or levy of a tax, it shall state the amount. Notice of the election shall be given as
 58.10 in the case of special elections. If the question submitted is adopted, the board shall pass an
 58.11 appropriate resolution to carry it into effect. In the election the form of the ballot shall be:
 58.12 "Shall (here state the substance of the resolution to be submitted)?, Yes No.....,". The
 58.13 county board may call a special county election upon a question to be held ~~within~~ at least
 58.14 84 days after a resolution to that effect is adopted by the county board. The special election
 58.15 must be held on a uniform election date established in section 205.10, subdivision 3a. Upon
 58.16 the adoption of the resolution the county auditor shall post and publish notices of the election,
 58.17 as required by section 204D.22, subdivisions 2 and 3. The election shall be conducted and
 58.18 the returns canvassed in the manner prescribed by sections 204D.20 to 204D.27, so far as
 58.19 practicable.

58.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 58.21 applies to elections held on or after September 1, 2026.

58.22 Sec. 16. Laws 1969, chapter 193, section 3, as amended by Laws 1974, chapter 235,
 58.23 section 1, and Laws 1980, chapter 371, section 1, is amended to read:

58.24 **Sec. 3. INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 535; ELECTIONS.**

58.25 ~~Election districts may at any time be established in the manner provided by this act or~~
 58.26 ~~the board of education of the district may by resolution at any time provide that the board~~
 58.27 ~~members be elected at large. If the members are elected at large the notice of election should~~
 58.28 ~~include substantially the following form:~~

58.29 ~~"Position number 3 and Position number 5 are to be filled by election. Candidates may~~
 58.30 ~~not file for more than one position."~~

58.31 ~~If the members are elected at large the ballots shall read as follows:~~

59.1 ~~"For school board position number 3 of Independent School District Number 535" or~~
 59.2 ~~"For school board position number 5 of Independent School District Number 535."~~

59.3 ~~The names of the candidates for each seat shall be rotated on the ballots to avoid any~~
 59.4 ~~appearance of preference for incumbents, and incumbency shall not be indicated on the~~
 59.5 ~~ballot.~~

59.6 ~~Newly elected school board members shall take office at the next regularly scheduled~~
 59.7 ~~meeting of the board following receipt of their certificates of election and notwithstanding~~
 59.8 ~~section 123.34, subdivision 1, the board may organize at that meeting rather than at the time~~
 59.9 ~~required by section 123.34, subdivision 1. If the school district changes from election by~~
 59.10 ~~district to election at large or from election at large to election by district incumbents shall~~
 59.11 ~~serve the entire terms to which they were elected under the prior system. If the school district~~
 59.12 ~~changes from election by district to election at large incumbents shall be assigned by lot to~~
 59.13 ~~the numbered positions.~~

59.14 School board elections for Independent School District No. 535, Rochester, shall be
 59.15 conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 205A. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 59.16 Statutes, section 205A.12, the district may alter its organization into separate election districts
 59.17 for the purpose of election of board members using the procedures provided in that section.
 59.18 School board membership shall be governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.09.

59.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the governing body
 59.20 of Independent School District No. 535 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section
 59.21 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3, for school district elections held after completion of local
 59.22 approval. The local approval process must be completed by June 30, 2026, to apply to 2026
 59.23 school district elections.

59.24 Sec. 17. **NOTIFICATION TO ADMINISTER VOTING.**

59.25 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.05, for a municipality already
 59.26 designated to or that has already given notice of the intent to administer absentee voting,
 59.27 the municipality and county must come to an agreement by June 12, 2026, and notify the
 59.28 secretary of state whether the municipality will administer absentee voting for the 46 days
 59.29 or 18 days before election day in the 2026 state primary.

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

60.1 Sec. 18. **SPECIAL LAW.**

60.2 Section 16 is a special law enacted pursuant to the Minnesota Constitution, article XII,
60.3 section 2, and applies to Independent School District No. 535, Rochester.

60.4 Sec. 19. **REPEALER.**

60.5 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 5.31, is repealed.

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5.31 STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

The secretary of state may sell intellectual property rights associated with the statewide voter registration system to other states or to units of local government in other states. Receipts from the sale must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Help America Vote Act account.

10A.09 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST.

Subd. 9. **Waivers.** Upon written request and for good cause shown, the board may waive the requirement that an official disclose the address of real property that constitutes a secondary residence of the official.

4501.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 2. **Address.** "Address" means the complete mailing address, including the zip code. An individual may use either the person's business address or home address. An association's address is the address from which the association conducts its business.

4503.2000 DISCLAIMERS.

Subpart 1. **Additional definitions.** The following definitions apply to this part and Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04:

A. "broadcast media" means a television station, radio station, cable television system, or satellite system; and

B. "social media platform" means a website or application that allows multiple users to create, share, and view user-generated content, excluding a website controlled primarily by the association or individual that caused the communication to be prepared or disseminated.

Subp. 2. **Material linked to a disclaimer.** Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04, does not apply to the following communications that link directly to an online page that includes a disclaimer in the form required by that section if the communication is made by or on behalf of a candidate, principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, political party unit, or person who has made an electioneering communication, as those terms are defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A:

A. text, images, video, or audio disseminated via a social media platform;

B. a text or multimedia message disseminated only to telephone numbers;

C. text, images, video, or audio disseminated using an application accessed primarily via mobile phone, excluding email messages, telephone calls, and voicemail messages; and

D. paid electronic advertisements disseminated via the internet by a third party, including but not limited to online banner advertisements and advertisements appearing within the electronic version of a newspaper, periodical, or magazine.

The link must be conspicuous and when selected must result in the display of an online page that prominently includes the required disclaimer.