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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **2702**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring the names of partisan candidates to be rotated on
1.3 the state general election ballot; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
1.4 204D.13, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
1.5 204D.13, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2a. **Rotation of names.** The names of candidates for partisan offices on the state
1.10 general election ballot shall be rotated in the manner provided for rotation of names on state
1.11 partisan primary ballots by section 204D.08, subdivision 3.

1.12 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

1.13 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13, subdivision 2, is repealed.

204D.13 BALLOT; PARTISAN OFFICES.

Subd. 2. **Order of political parties.** The first name printed for each partisan office on the state general election ballot shall be that of the candidate of the major political party that received the smallest average number of votes at the last state general election. The succeeding names shall be those of the candidates of the other major political parties that received a succeeding higher average number of votes respectively. For the purposes of this subdivision, the average number of votes of a major political party shall be computed by dividing the total number of votes counted for all of the party's candidates for statewide office at the state general election by the number of those candidates at the election.