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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 395

01/23/2017 Authored by Newberger The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring certificate of good standing from state
1.3 committee of a political party prior to certain appointments; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2016, section 15.0597, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 15.0597, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 6a. Partisan appointments. (a) When making an appointment to a vacant agency
1.9 position that requires the member to be associated with a particular political party, the
1.10 appointing authority shall request from the state committee of the potential member's political
1.11 party a certificate of good standing regarding the potential member's status with the political
1.12 party.

1.13 (b) No appointing authority may appoint a person to a vacant agency position that requires
1.14 the member to be associated with a particular party unless the appointing authority receives
1.15 a certificate of good standing from the state committee of the potential member's political
1.16 party regarding the potential member's status with the political party.

1.17 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, the terms defined in this paragraph have the meanings
1.18 given them.

1.19 (1) "State committee" has the meaning given in section 10A.01, subdivision 36; and

1.20 (2) "Certificate of good standing" means a document issued by the state committee of
1.21 a political party stating that a person being considered for appointment to a vacant agency
1.22 position (i) is in agreement with the principles of the party as stated in the party's constitution,

- 2.1 and (ii) intends to affiliate with the party at the next state general election or affiliated with
- 2.2 the party at the last state general election.