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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money to the secretary of state for the
1.3 purpose of reimbursing local units of government for costs associated with
1.4 implementation of the new state flag and state seal.

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

1.6 Section 1. STATE FLAG AND SEAL; REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL
1.7 GOVERNMENT COSTS; APPROPRIATION.

1.8 \$...... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state
1.9 for the purpose of reimbursing local units of government for documented costs associated
1.10 with implementing the redesigned official state flag and state seal. Costs that are eligible
1.11 for reimbursement may include but are not limited to purchasing and installing new state
1.12 flags and state seal emblems in spaces where the current state flag and state seal are on
1.13 display; professional services to redesign documents, badges, and other objects or materials
1.14 that incorporate the current state flag or state seal design to reflect the updated flag and seal
1.15 designs; the purchase and distribution of new supplies of these objects or materials for use;
1.16 and other costs approved by the secretary of state to ensure the transition to the new state
1.17 flag and state seal is not unduly burdensome or costly for local governments. The secretary
1.18 of state must establish a procedure for submitting reimbursement requests and for ensuring
1.19 that funds are distributed equitably, including to local units of government located outside
1.20 of the seven-county metropolitan area. As used in this appropriation, "local units of
1.21 government" include statutory and home rule counties and cities, school districts, and towns.
1.22 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until spent.