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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 604

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	1844	Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration

A bill for an act

relating to the secretary of state; funding legal fees imposed by the federal courts; providing for reimbursement of expenses relating to the recount in the 2010 gubernatorial election; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES.**

$280,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state in fiscal year 2011 for the payment of legal fees imposed by the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, in the case of American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. et al v. Mark Ritchie et al. (Case 08-cv-5285-MJD-AJB). If a lesser amount is ordered, the remainder of the appropriation must be returned to the general fund. This appropriation remains available until June 30, 2013.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; REIMBURSEMENT OF RECOUNT COSTS.**

$322,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state in fiscal year 2011 for the reimbursement of costs of recounts during the 2010 general election, to be paid to counties consistent with the cost survey of the counties previously conducted by the secretary of state and for reimbursement to the secretary of state costs in those recounts already paid by the secretary of state to the counties. This appropriation remains available until December 31, 2011.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.