

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **1196**

2.1 secretary of state must use the remaining funds for grants to counties and municipalities
2.2 seeking reimbursement for electronic roster systems already purchased.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Application for grant; certification of costs.** (a) To receive a grant, a county
2.4 or municipality must submit an application to the secretary of state. The secretary of state
2.5 shall prescribe a form for this purpose. At a minimum, the application must describe:

2.6 (1) the expected total cost of the equipment and sources of funding that will be used for
2.7 the purchase or lease in addition to the grant funding provided by this section;

2.8 (2) the county's or municipality's plan to address the long-term maintenance, repair, and
2.9 eventual replacement costs for the equipment without using any funds from the grant for
2.10 these purposes; and

2.11 (3) any other information required by the secretary of state.

2.12 (b) The secretary of state must establish:

2.13 (1) a deadline for receipt of grant applications;

2.14 (2) a procedure for awarding and distributing grants;

2.15 (3) criteria for the fair, proportional distribution of grants if the funds do not completely
2.16 cover the requests for a particular type of equipment; and

2.17 (4) a process for verifying the proper use of the grants after distribution.

2.18 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** No later than January 15, 2018, and annually thereafter
2.19 until the appropriations provided for grants under this section have been exhausted, the
2.20 secretary of state must submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
2.21 elections policy on grants awarded by this section. The report must detail each grant awarded,
2.22 including the jurisdiction, the amount of the grant, and the type of equipment purchased.

2.23 Sec. 2. **VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary
2.25 of state for the voting equipment grant established by section 1. This is a onetime
2.26 appropriation.