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

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A bill for an act
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relating to elections; requiring any Web site established for elections or voting
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purposes be accessible to persons with disabilities; proposing coding for new
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law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 200.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **[200.40] ACCESSIBLE WEB SITES REQUIRED.**
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Any publicly accessible Web site created and maintained by the secretary of state
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for voting or elections purposes must conform to the requirements of section 508 of
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the Rehabilitation Act, United States Code, title 29, section 794d, and Title II of the
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Americans with Disabilities Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 12131 to 12165,
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to ensure equal access to voters with disabilities. Access experts shall be included in the
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development of any new Web site prior to its establishment and the accessibility of all
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existing Web sites must be verified and certified accessible by an independent body with
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expertise in accessibility issues no later than January 1, 2015.
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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.