

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 4771

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/07/2024	12061	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans
03/21/2024	12536	Motion did not prevail to withdraw and be placed on General Orders

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; requiring the secretary of state to place questions on

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the 2024 state general election ballot related to approval of the state flag and state

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seal designs adopted by the State Emblems Redesign Commission; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivisions 3a, 6; Laws

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2023, chapter 62, article 2, sections 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 133, subdivision 1.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 3a, is amended

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to read:

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Subd. 3a. **Official seal; May 11, 2024 2025, and thereafter.** The Great Seal of the State

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of Minnesota is the design as certified in the report of the State Emblems Redesign

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Commission, as established by Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 118.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 6, is amended to

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read:

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Subd. 6. **State's duties.** State agencies and departments using the seal, its impression,

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or its likeness shall make every effort to bring any seal, impression, or likeness currently

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fixed to a permanent object into accordance with this section and section 4.04. Expendable

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material to which the seal in effect prior to May 11, 2024 2025, or any impression, scene,

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or likeness of that seal is currently affixed may be used until the supply is exhausted or until

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January 1, 2025 2026, whichever occurs first. All unused dies and engravings of the Great

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Seal shall be given to the Minnesota Historical Society, along with all historical information

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available about the seal, to be retained in the society's permanent collection.

2.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 1, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question
2.3 related to adoption of the state seal, as required by this act, is approved.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

2.5 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 2, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question
2.7 related to adoption of the state seal, as required by this act, is approved.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

2.9 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 3, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question
2.11 related to adoption of the state seal, as required by this act, is approved.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

2.13 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 4, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question
2.15 related to adoption of the state seal, as required by this act, is approved.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

2.17 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 5, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question
2.19 related to adoption of the state flag, as required by this act, is approved.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

2.21 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 133, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.22 Subdivision 1. **State emblems redesign.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135,
2.23 subdivisions 3 and 5; ~~and 1.141, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6~~, are repealed, effective May 11,
2.24 ~~2024~~ 2025, if the ballot question related to adoption of the state seal, as required by this act,
2.25 is approved; and Minnesota Statutes, sections 1.141, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, are repealed
2.26 effective May 11, 2025, if the ballot question related to adoption of the state flag, as required
2.27 by this act, is approved.

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

