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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to elections; specifying additional reimbursable local expenses for the
- 1.3 presidential nomination primary; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement,
- 1.4 section 207A.15, subdivision 2.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 207A.15, subdivision 2, is
- 1.7 amended to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 2. **Reimbursable local expenses.** (a) The secretary of state shall reimburse the
- 1.9 counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of the presidential
- 1.10 nomination primary from money contained in the presidential nomination primary elections
- 1.11 account. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement:
- 1.12 (1) preparation and printing of ballots; ~~postage for absentee ballots;~~
- 1.13 (2) publication of the sample ballot;
- 1.14 (3) preparation of polling places, including election day and absentee voting polling
- 1.15 places, in an amount not to exceed \$150 per polling place;
- 1.16 (4) preparation of electronic voting systems for use on election day and for absentee
- 1.17 voting in an amount not to exceed \$100 per precinct;
- 1.18 (5) compensation for temporary staff or overtime payments;
- 1.19 (6) salaries of election judges;
- 1.20 (7) compensation of county canvassing board members; and

- 2.1 (8) costs, including envelopes, printing, postage, and associated courier fees related to  
2.2 the distribution and processing of military and overseas voter ballots and ballot materials;
- 2.3 (9) costs, including envelopes, printing, postage, and associated courier fees related to  
2.4 the distribution and processing of mail ballots and ballot materials;
- 2.5 (10) costs, including envelopes, printing, postage, and associated courier fees related to  
2.6 the distribution and processing of absentee ballot materials;
- 2.7 (11) costs, including envelopes, printing, and postage, for distribution of absentee ballot  
2.8 applications for voters on the permanent absentee list, as described in section 203B.04,  
2.9 subdivision 5;
- 2.10 (12) costs for distribution and publication of statutorily mandated public notices;
- 2.11 (13) mileage for travel associated with delivering materials and traveling between polling  
2.12 places and government buildings on election day;
- 2.13 (14) costs for purchase of materials for any additional election judge training specific  
2.14 to the presidential nomination primary;
- 2.15 (15) compensation for election judges completing required election judge training for  
2.16 preparation for the presidential nomination primary, not to exceed three hours;
- 2.17 (16) compensation for election judges completing required health care facility training,  
2.18 not to exceed one hour;
- 2.19 (17) parking reimbursement for election judges on election day;
- 2.20 (18) costs associated with car or truck rental fees related to the transportation of election  
2.21 equipment or polling place materials;
- 2.22 (19) costs, including envelopes, printing, and postage, for the distribution of election  
2.23 judge materials;
- 2.24 (20) costs associated with ensuring the security and safety of the public at the polling  
2.25 place;
- 2.26 (21) costs, including storage rental fees, associated with the physical storage of  
2.27 presidential nomination primary records for at least 22 months from the date of the election,  
2.28 as prescribed in section 204B.40;
- 2.29 (22) costs associated with supplies purchased for the assembly and support of the polling  
2.30 place;

3.1 (23) costs, including secured Internet and phone connections, associated with securing  
3.2 communications at the polling place; and

3.3 (24) other expenses as approved by the secretary of state.

3.4 (b) Within 60 days after the results of a presidential nomination primary are certified  
3.5 by the State Canvassing Board, the county auditor must submit a request for payment of  
3.6 the costs incurred by the county for conducting the presidential nomination primary, and  
3.7 the municipal clerk must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the  
3.8 municipality for conducting the presidential nomination primary. The request for payment  
3.9 must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by an itemized  
3.10 description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of invoices. In  
3.11 addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for reimbursement  
3.12 is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the presidential nomination  
3.13 primary.

3.14 (c) The secretary of state shall provide each county and municipality with the appropriate  
3.15 forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision. The secretary  
3.16 of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment and certification of  
3.17 costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary of state must not  
3.18 reimburse a county or municipality for an amount exceeding the actual cost of an item listed  
3.19 in paragraph (a). The secretary of state must complete the issuance of reimbursements to  
3.20 the counties and municipalities no later than 90 days after the results of the presidential  
3.21 nomination primary have been certified by the State Canvassing Board.

3.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.