

created under this act for no consideration. All obligations incurred prior to the transfer in connection with the construction or operation of the hospital and nursing home shall remain as the exclusive obligation of the city of Cook.

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective for the city of Cook the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the governing body of the city of Cook.

This act is effective for the city of Orr the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the governing body of the city of Orr.

This act is effective for St. Louis county the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the governing body of St. Louis county.

This act is effective for Koochiching county the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the governing body of Koochiching county.

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CHAPTER 646—H.F.No. 2536

An act relating to elections; providing that statewide computerized voter registration system satisfy requirements for duplicate registration file; establishing voter registration account and appropriating money; changing certain procedures related to registration cards, files, and records; changing certain procedures for voting, arranging names on ballots, and completing summary statements; permitting cities or counties to use their present voting systems for general elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 201.091, subdivisions 2 and 5; 204D.08, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, sections 201.022, subdivision 1; 201.071, subdivision 4; 204C.24, subdivision 1; 204D.08, subdivision 4; and 206.80; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 201.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** The secretary of state shall develop and implement a statewide computerized voter registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central data base containing voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the county auditor of each county in the state. The system must satisfy the requirements for a duplicate registration file. County requirements for a duplicate registration file are met when the secretary of state determines that a county's

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voter registration records have been completely converted to the statewide system.

Sec. 2. [201.023] VOTER REGISTRATION ACCOUNT.

The voter registration account is established as an account in the state treasury. Amounts received by the secretary of state to pay the cost of producing lists of registered voters under section 201.091, subdivision 5, by the statewide computerized registration system must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the voter registration account. Money in the voter registration account is continually appropriated to the secretary of state to produce lists of registered voters under section 201.091, subdivision 5.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 201.071, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **CHANGE OF REGISTRATION.** Any county auditor who receives a registration card indicating that an individual was previously registered in a different county in Minnesota shall notify the county auditor of that county ~~on~~ a form in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. A county auditor receiving a registration card indicating that a voter was previously registered in a different precinct in the same county or receiving a notification ~~form~~ as provided in this subdivision shall ~~delete that individual's name from the registration lists,~~ remove ~~the that individual's~~ duplicate voter registration card, if any, and the original voter registration ~~cards~~ card from the files, and ~~change the registration information in the data base of the central registration system~~ make any other necessary changes in the voter registration records. Any county auditor who receives a registration card or notification requiring a change of registration records under this subdivision shall also check the duplicate registration card or file from the precinct of prior residence to determine whether the individual voted in that precinct in the most recent election.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 201.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CORRECTED LIST.** On February 15 of each year, the county auditor shall prepare and on request make available current precinct lists for the county. Each precinct list shall be periodically corrected and updated by the county auditor. A final corrected precinct list for each precinct shall be available 15 days before each primary. A corrected precinct list may be either in the form of a complete corrected list or a separate list of additions and deletions to the preceding list. If it is available, the auditor and the secretary of state shall also provide the information at cost in the form of accessible computer data.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 201.091, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **COPY OF LIST TO REGISTERED VOTER.** The county ~~auditor~~ auditors and the secretary of state shall provide paper copies of the current

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precinct lists and may provide lists in some other form to any voter registered in the ~~county~~ Minnesota within ten days of receiving a written request accompanied by payment of the cost of reproduction. The county ~~auditor~~ auditors and the secretary of state shall make a copy of the list available for public inspection without cost. No individual who inspects or acquires a copy of a precinct list may use any information contained in it for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement. No list made available for public inspection or purchase may include the date of birth of a registered voter.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.** Precinct summary statements shall be submitted by the election judges in every precinct. The election judges shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall contain the following information for each kind of ballot:

(a) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on each question, the number of undervotes or partially blank ballots, and the number of overvotes or partially defective ballots with respect to each office or question;

(b) the number of totally blank ballots, the number of totally defective ballots, the number of spoiled ballots, and the number of unused ballots;

(c) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct;

(d) ~~in counties with permanent registration, the number of voters registered before the polling place opened and the number of voters registering on election day in that precinct; and~~

(e) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast for each candidate and for and against each question.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 204D.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **STATE PARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT; PARTY COLUMNS.** The state partisan primary ballot shall be headed by the words "State Partisan Primary Ballot." The ballot shall be printed on white paper. ~~The ballot must be designed to include a form of party indicator by which the voter may choose the party in whose primary the voter intends to vote. There must be at least three vertical columns on the ballot and each major political party shall have a separate column on the ballot, which column shall be headed by the words "..... Party," giving the party name. Below~~ Above the party ~~name~~ names, the following statement shall be printed.

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“Minnesota election law permits you to vote for the candidates of only one political party in a state partisan primary election.”

If there are only two major political parties to be listed on the ballot, one party must occupy the left-hand column, the other party must occupy the right-hand column, and the center column must contain the following statement:

“Do not vote for candidates of more than one party.”

The names of the candidates seeking the nomination of each major political party shall be listed in that party's column. If only one individual files an affidavit of candidacy seeking the nomination of a major political party for an office, the name of that individual shall be placed on the state partisan primary ballot at the appropriate location in that party's column.

In each column, the candidates for senator in congress shall be listed first, candidates for representative in congress second, candidates for state senator third, candidates for state representative fourth and then candidates for state office in the order specified by the secretary of state.

The party columns shall be substantially the same in width, type and appearance. The columns shall be separated by a 12 point solid line.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 204D.08, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **PARTY COLUMNS; ARRANGEMENT.** The names of candidates for nomination of the major political party that received the highest average vote at the last state general election ~~in the county shall~~ must be placed in the first column on the left side of the ballot. The names of candidates for nomination of the major political party that received the next highest average vote at the last state general election ~~in the county shall~~ must be placed in the second column, and so on. ~~For the purpose of this subdivision, The average vote shall be computed by dividing the total number of votes counted in the county for all of the candidates of that major political party appearing on the white ballot at the last state general election by the number of candidates of that party whose names appeared on the white ballot in the manner provided in section 204D.13, subdivision 2.~~

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 206.80, is amended to read:

206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.

(a) An electronic voting system may not be employed unless it

(1) permits every voter to vote in secret;

(2) permits every voter to vote for all candidates and questions for whom or upon which the voter is legally entitled to vote;

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(3) provides for write-in voting when authorized;

(4) rejects by means of the automatic tabulating equipment, except as provided in section 206.84 with respect to write-in votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the number which the voter is entitled to cast;

(5) permits a voter at a primary election to select secretly the party for which the voter wishes to vote; and

(6) rejects, by means of the automatic tabulating equipment, all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter votes for candidates of more than one party, except as provided in paragraph (b).

(b) A punch card electronic voting system ~~must permit~~ may not be employed at a partisan primary election unless it permits a voter at a partisan primary election to select the party for which the voter wishes to vote by punching out an indicator for one of the parties only, and must reject, by means of the automatic tabulating equipment, all votes cast in a partisan primary election by a voter for candidates of a party other than the one chosen by the voter from the party indicators.

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CHAPTER 647—S.F.No. 63

An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for registration of motor vehicles by long-term lessees; providing that passenger automobile license plates be issued for a seven-year period; providing for license plate replacement and late ownership transfer fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 168.011, by adding a subdivision; 168.013, subdivision 7; 168.041, subdivision 7; 168.10, subdivision 1; 168.11, subdivision 1; 168.12, subdivisions 1, 2a, and 5; 168.13; and 168.33, subdivision 3; 168A.10, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 168.30.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 168.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5a. REGISTERED OWNER. “Registered owner” means any person, firm, association, or corporation, other than a secured party, having title to a motor vehicle. If a passenger automobile, as defined in subdivision 7, is under lease for a term of 180 days or more, the lessee is deemed to be the registered owner, for purposes of registration only, provided that the application for renewal of the registration of a passenger automobile described in this subdivision shall be sent to the lessor.

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