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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4132

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring certain municipalities to use a .gov domain;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 5.305, subdivision 5;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 5.305, subdivision 5, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. Use of funds. A local unit of government may use the funds allocated pursuant
1.9 to this section for the following purposes, provided the expenditures are directly related to
1.10 election administration:

- 1.11 (1) equipment;
1.12 (2) hardware or software;
1.13 (3) cybersecurity;
1.14 (4) security-related infrastructure;
1.15 (5) capital improvements to government-owned property to improve access to polling
1.16 places for individuals with disabilities;
1.17 (6) staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials;
1.18 (7) printing and publication;
1.19 (8) postage;
1.20 (9) programming;

- 2.1 (10) transitioning to a .gov domain;
- 2.2 (11) local match for state or federal funds; and
- 2.3 ~~(11)~~ (12) any other purpose directly related to election administration.

2.4 Sec. 2. **[471.3422] WEBSITE DOMAIN REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN**
2.5 **COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS.**

2.6 By June 1, 2026, every county and each municipality that administers absentee voting
2.7 as authorized by section 203B.05 shall use a .gov domain for the website address used by
2.8 the county or municipality.