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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2956

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections
03/19/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations
03/24/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing for free transit service on certain election
1.3 days; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 174.24,
1.4 by adding a subdivision; 473.408, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 174.24, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 8. Transit service on election day. An eligible recipient of operating
1.9 assistance under this section who contracts or has contracted to provide fixed route public
1.10 transit shall provide fixed route public transit service free of charge on a day a state
1.11 general election is held.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 473.408, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.13 to read:

1.14 Subd. 11. Transit service on election day. (a) The council shall provide regular
1.15 route transit, as defined in section 473.385, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), free of charge
1.16 on a day a state general election is held.

1.17 (b) The requirements under this subdivision apply to operators of regular route
1.18 transit (1) receiving financial assistance under section 473.388, or (2) operating under
1.19 section 473.405, subdivision 12.

1.20 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATIONS; ELECTION DAY TRANSIT SERVICE.

1.21 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.22 commissioner of transportation for allocation to public transit systems under Minnesota

2.1 Statutes, section 174.24, in amounts that reflect the respective foregone fare revenues
2.2 from transit service under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.24, subdivision 8, in calendar
2.3 year 2014.

2.4 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the Metropolitan
2.5 Council for foregone fare revenues from transit service under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.6 473.408, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2014. The Metropolitan Council shall allocate
2.7 amounts under this appropriation to transit providers receiving financial assistance under
2.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.388, based on respective foregone fare revenues.