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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; modifying requirements related to the certification of the

1.3 names of candidates for president and vice president of the United States; amending

1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 207A.13,

1.5 subdivision 2; 208.03.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 9. **Presidential candidates; income tax returns.** Income tax returns of presidential

1.10 candidates are governed by sections 207A.13, subdivision 2, and 208.03.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 207A.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 2. **Candidates on the ballot.** (a) Each party must determine which candidates are

1.13 to be placed on the presidential nomination primary ballot for that party. The chair of each

1.14 party must submit to the secretary of state the names of the candidates to appear on the

1.15 ballot for that party no later than 63 days before the presidential nomination primary. The

1.16 names of the candidates submitted by the chair must be accompanied by, for each candidate,

1.17 a complete copy of the candidate's most recently completed federal income tax return and,

1.18 as applicable, complete copies of the candidate's most recently completed income tax returns

1.19 filed in any state, provided that for each return the candidate's Social Security number and

1.20 any personal tax identification numbers may be redacted from the copy.

1.21 Once submitted, changes must not be made to the candidates that will appear on the ballot.

1.22 The secretary of state must not accept a candidate's name for placement on the presidential

2.1 nomination primary ballot unless the chair of the party has complied with all requirements
2.2 of this paragraph in submitting the candidate's name.

2.3 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, and except as provided in this
2.4 paragraph, a presidential candidate's tax return submitted to the secretary of state under
2.5 paragraph (a) is public data. If practicable, the secretary of state must post a copy of each
2.6 return on the secretary's Web site. Social Security numbers submitted to the secretary of
2.7 state under paragraph (a) are classified as provided in section 13.355, subdivision 1. Tax
2.8 identification numbers submitted to the secretary of state are private data on individuals, as
2.9 defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

2.10 ~~(b)~~ (c) No later than the seventh day before the presidential nomination primary, the
2.11 chair of each party must submit to the secretary of state the names of write-in candidates,
2.12 if any, to be counted for that party.

2.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 208.03, is amended to read:

2.14 **208.03 NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND ALTERNATES.**

2.15 (a) Presidential electors and alternates for the major political parties of this state shall
2.16 be nominated by delegate conventions called and held under the supervision of the respective
2.17 state central committees of the parties of this state. At least 71 days before the general
2.18 election day the chair of the major political party shall certify to the secretary of state the
2.19 names of the persons nominated as presidential electors, the names of persons nominated
2.20 as alternate presidential electors, and the names of the party candidates for president and
2.21 vice president. The chair shall also certify that the party candidates for president and vice
2.22 president have no affidavit on file as a candidate for any office in this state at the ensuing
2.23 general election.

2.24 (b) The party chair's certification of the names of the party's candidates for president
2.25 and vice president under paragraph (a) must be accompanied by, for each candidate, a
2.26 complete copy of the candidate's most recently completed federal income tax return and,
2.27 as applicable, complete copies of the candidate's most recently completed income tax returns
2.28 filed in any state, provided that for each return the candidate's Social Security number and
2.29 any personal tax identification numbers may be redacted from the copy.

2.30 (c) The secretary of state must not accept the party chair's certification of the names of
2.31 presidential electors and alternates, or the names of the party's candidates for president and
2.32 vice president, unless the party chair has complied with all requirements of this section in
2.33 certifying the names.

3.1 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, and except as provided in this
3.2 paragraph, a presidential candidate's tax return submitted to the secretary of state under
3.3 paragraph (b) is public data. If practicable, the secretary of state must post a copy of each
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