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ARTICLE 5

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. [2.012] TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Subdivision 1. **Senate district.** Notwithstanding the order of the Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel in Wattson v. Simon, Nos. A21-0243, A21-0546 (February 15, 2022), Senate District 12 consists of the district as described in that order, with the modification contained in file L12B-1, on file with the Geographic Information Systems Office of the Legislative Coordinating Commission and published on its website on April 27, 2022.

Subd. 2. **House of representatives districts.** Notwithstanding the order of the Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel in Wattson v. Simon, Nos. A21-0243, A21-0546 (February 15, 2022), Senate District 12 is divided into two house of representatives districts as follows:

(a) House of Representatives District 12A consists of the district as described in that order.

(b) House of Representatives District 12B consists of all territory of Senate District 12, as modified by subdivision 1, that is not included in House of Representatives District 12A.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the state primary and state general elections conducted in 2024 for terms of office beginning on the first Monday in January of 2025, and for all elections held thereafter.

Sec. 2. [2.109] NINTH DISTRICT.

Subdivision 1. **Senate district.** Notwithstanding the order of the Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel in Wattson v. Simon, Nos. A21-0243, A21-0546 (February 15, 2022), Senate District 9 consists of the district as described in that order, with the modification contained in file L12B-1, on file with the Geographic Information Systems Office of the Legislative Coordinating Commission and published on its website on April 27, 2022.

Subd. 2. **House of representatives districts.** Notwithstanding the order of the Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel in Wattson v. Simon, Nos. A21-0243, A21-0546 (February 15, 2022), Senate District 9 is divided into two house of representatives districts as follows:

(a) House of Representatives District 9A consists of the district as described in that order.

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68.9 (b) House of Representatives District 9B consists of all territory of Senate District 9, as
68.10 modified by subdivision 1, that is not included in House of Representatives District 9A.

68.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the state primary and state general
68.12 elections conducted in 2024 for terms of office beginning on the first Monday in January
68.13 of 2025, and for all elections held thereafter.

68.14 Sec. 3. **[2.92] ACCESS TO MULTIUNIT FACILITIES BY UNITED STATES**
68.15 **CENSUS EMPLOYEES.**

68.16 Subdivision 1. **Access required.** It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
68.17 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
68.18 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or area in which two or more single-family
68.19 dwellings are located on private roadways, to an employee of the United States Census
68.20 Bureau who displays a current, valid census credential and who is engaged in official census
68.21 business. An employee granted access under this section must be permitted to knock on the
68.22 doors of individual units to speak with residents and to leave census materials for residents
68.23 at their doors, except that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the materials be
68.24 left at a central location within the facility. The materials must be left in an orderly manner.

68.25 Subd. 2. **Limitations.** This section does not prohibit:

68.26 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or
68.27 personal residential unit;

68.28 (2) in the case of a nursing home or an assisted living facility licensed under chapter
68.29 144G, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

68.30 (3) limiting visits to a reasonable number of census employees or reasonable hours;

68.31 (4) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or

69.1 (5) denial of admittance to or expulsion of an individual employee from a multiple unit
69.2 dwelling for good cause.

69.3 Subd. 3. **Compliance with federal law.** A person in compliance with United States
69.4 Code, title 13, section 223, and any guidance or rules adopted by the United States
69.5 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, governing access to a facility described
69.6 in subdivision 1 is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of this section.

69.7 Subd. 4. **Applicability.** This section applies from January 1 to July 1 in any year during
69.8 which a decennial census is conducted under the authority of the United States Constitution,
69.9 article 1, section 2.

69.10 Sec. 4. **[5.305] VOTING OPERATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND ELECTION**
69.11 **RESOURCES ACCOUNT.**

69.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
69.13 meanings given:

69.14 (1) "account" means the voting operations, technology, and election resources account;

69.15 (2) "city" means a statutory or home rule charter city; and

69.16 (3) "local unit of government" means a county, city, or town.

69.17 Subd. 2. **Account established; appropriation.** The voting operations, technology, and
69.18 election resources account is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account
69.19 is appropriated annually to the secretary of state for distribution as provided in this section.

69.20 Subd. 3. **Distribution amount; payment.** (a) The secretary of state must distribute the
69.21 balance in the account annually as follows:

69.22 (1) 20 percent of the total balance is for allocation to each county in equal amounts; and

69.23 (2) 80 percent of the total balance is for allocation to each county in proportion to its
69.24 share of registered voters on May 1 for the most recent statewide general election, as
69.25 determined by the secretary of state.

69.26 (b) The secretary of state must distribute funds under this section no later than July 20
69.27 of each year.

69.28 Subd. 4. **Allocation of funds among local units of government.** (a) Upon receipt of
69.29 funds, each county must segregate the funds in a county election funding account. The
69.30 money in the account remains in the account until spent for any of the authorized purposes
69.31 set forth in this section. The county and the local units of government located within the
70.1 county must agree on a distribution plan for allocating funds from the account. If the county
70.2 and a local unit of government do not agree on a distribution plan, the county must allocate
70.3 the funds to that unit of local government as follows:

70.4 (1) 50 percent is retained by the county;

70.5 (2) 25 percent is allocated to each local unit of government responsible for administering
70.6 absentee voting or mail voting in proportion to that unit of government's share of the county's
70.7 registered voters on May 1 for the most recent statewide general election; and

70.8 (3) 25 percent is allocated to cities and townships in proportion to each city and township's
70.9 share of registered voters in the county on May 1 for the most recent statewide general
70.10 election.

70.11 The county must make distributions to cities and towns by December 31 each year.

70.12 (b) A city or township that is allocated funds under this subdivision must segregate the
70.13 funds in an election funding account. The money in the account remains in the account until
70.14 spent for any of the authorized purposes set forth in this section.

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

70.18 (1) equipment;

70.19 (2) hardware or software;

70.20 (3) cybersecurity;

70.21 (4) security-related infrastructure;

70.22 (5) capital improvements to improve access to polling places for individuals with
70.23 disabilities;

70.24 (6) staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials;

70.25 (7) printing and publication;

70.26 (8) postage;

70.27 (9) programming;

70.28 (10) local match for state or federal funds; and

70.29 (11) any other purpose directly related to election administration.

71.1 Subd. 6. **Reports.** (a) Annually by December 31, each county auditor must report to the
71.2 secretary of state with an explanation of how the funds received pursuant to this section
71.3 during the previous fiscal year were spent and a certification that they were spent in
71.4 accordance with subdivisions 4 and 5. The county auditor's report must include the following:
71.5 an itemized description of each actual expenditure listed by the general categories of
71.6 expenditures identified in subdivision 5, the local unit of government making the expenditure,
71.7 the balance in the county's election funding account, and the balance of any city's or town's
71.8 election funding account. The county auditor's report must also include any other information
71.9 required by the secretary of state.

71.10 (b) Each city and town receiving an allocation of funds under this section must provide
71.11 the county auditor with the data necessary to submit this report no later than December 15
71.12 of each year.

71.13 (c) No later than January 31 of each year, the secretary of state must compile the reports
71.14 received from each county auditor and submit a summary report on the expenditure of funds
71.15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction

71.16 over elections policy and finance. At a minimum, the summary report must identify
71.17 expenditures by county, city, and town and the purposes of each expenditure.

71.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5B.06, is amended to read:

71.19 **5B.06 VOTING BY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT; ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

71.20 A program participant who is otherwise eligible to vote may register with the secretary
71.21 of state as a permanent absentee voter. Notwithstanding section 203B.04, subdivision 5,
71.22 the secretary of state is not required to send an absentee ballot application prior to each
71.23 election to a program participant registered as a permanent absentee voter under this section.
71.24 As soon as practicable before each election, the secretary of state shall determine the precinct
71.25 in which the residential address of ~~the~~ a program participant is located ~~and~~. Upon making
71.26 a precinct determination, the secretary of state shall either (1) request from and receive from
71.27 the county auditor or other election official the ballot for that precinct and shall forward
71.28 mail the absentee ballot to the program participant with the other, or (2) using the Minnesota
71.29 statewide voter registration system, prepare the program participant's ballot for that precinct
71.30 and mail the absentee ballot to the program participant. The secretary of state shall include
71.31 with each mailed absentee ballot all corresponding materials for absentee balloting as
71.32 required by Minnesota law. The program participant shall complete the ballot and return it
71.33 to the secretary of state, who shall review the ballot in the manner provided by section
71.34 203B.121, subdivision 2. If the ballot and ballot materials comply with the requirements of
72.1 that section, the ballot must be certified by the secretary of state as the ballot of a program
72.2 participant, and must be forwarded to the appropriate electoral jurisdiction for tabulation
72.3 along with all other ballots. The name and address of a program participant must not be
72.4 listed in the statewide voter registration system.

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29.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5B.06, is amended to read:

29.29 **5B.06 VOTING BY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT; ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

29.30 A program participant who is otherwise eligible to vote may register with the secretary
29.31 of state as a permanent absentee voter. Notwithstanding section 203B.04, subdivision 5,
30.1 the secretary of state is not required to send an absentee ballot application prior to each
30.2 election to a program participant registered as a permanent absentee voter under this section.
30.3 As soon as practicable before each election, the secretary of state shall determine the precinct
30.4 in which the residential address of ~~the~~ a program participant is located ~~and~~. Upon making
30.5 a precinct determination, the secretary of state shall either (1) request from and receive from
30.6 the county auditor or other election official the ballot for that precinct and shall forward
30.7 mail the absentee ballot to the program participant with the other, or (2) using the Minnesota
30.8 statewide voter registration system, prepare the program participant's ballot for that precinct
30.9 and mail the absentee ballot to the program participant. The secretary of state shall include
30.10 with each mailed absentee ballot all corresponding materials for absentee balloting as
30.11 required by Minnesota law. The program participant shall complete the ballot and return it
30.12 to the secretary of state, who shall review the ballot in the manner provided by section
30.13 203B.121, subdivision 2. If the ballot and ballot materials comply with the requirements of
30.14 that section, the ballot must be certified by the secretary of state as the ballot of a program
30.15 participant, and must be forwarded to the appropriate electoral jurisdiction for tabulation
30.16 along with all other ballots. The name and address of a program participant must not be
30.17 listed in the statewide voter registration system.

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98.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 8.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

98.4 Subdivision 1. **Investigate offenses against provisions of certain designated sections;**
98.5 **assist in enforcement.** The attorney general shall investigate violations and assist in the
98.6 enforcement of the following laws as provided in this section:

98.7 (1) the law of this state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices
98.8 in business, commerce, or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Nonprofit
98.9 Corporation Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination
98.10 and Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections
98.11 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67
98.12 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained
98.13 in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the
98.14 act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer

72.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.6 Subd. 2. **Residential housing list.** All postsecondary institutions that enroll students
72.7 accepting ~~state or~~ federal financial aid may prepare a current list of students enrolled in the
72.8 institution and residing in the institution's housing or within ten miles of the institution's
72.9 campus. All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state financial aid
72.10 must, to the extent the information may be disclosed pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations,
72.11 title 34, part 99, prepare a current list of students enrolled in the institution and residing in
72.12 the institution's housing or in the city or cities in which the campus is situated, if available.
72.13 The list shall include each student's current address, unless the student is enrolled in the
72.14 Safe at Home address confidentiality program as provided in chapter 5B. The list shall be
72.15 certified and sent to the appropriate county auditor or auditors for use in election day
72.16 registration as provided under section 201.061, subdivision 3. A residential housing list
72.17 provided under this subdivision may not be used or disseminated by a county auditor or the
72.18 secretary of state for any other purpose.

72.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 200.02, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

72.20 Subd. 7. **Major political party.** (a) "Major political party" means a political party that
72.21 maintains a party organization in the state, political division or precinct in question and that
72.22 has presented at least one candidate for election to the office of:

72.23 (1) governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, or attorney general
72.24 at the last preceding state general election for those offices; or

72.25 (2) presidential elector or U.S. senator at the last preceding state general election for
72.26 presidential electors; and

72.27 whose candidate received votes in each county in that election and received votes from not
72.28 less than ~~five~~ ten percent of the total number of individuals who voted in that election.

72.29 (b) "Major political party" also means a political party that maintains a party organization
72.30 in the state, political subdivision, or precinct in question and that has presented at least 45
72.31 candidates for election to the office of state representative, 23 candidates for election to the
72.32 office of state senator, four candidates for election to the office of representative in Congress,
73.1 and one candidate for election to each of the following offices: governor and lieutenant
73.2 governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor, at the last preceding state
73.3 general election for those offices.

98.15 Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges
98.16 and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided.; and

98.17 (2) section 211B.076, regulating intimidation and interference related to the performance
98.18 of duties by an election official.

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

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30.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.19 Subd. 2. **Residential housing list.** All postsecondary institutions that enroll students
30.20 accepting ~~state or~~ federal financial aid may prepare a current list of students enrolled in the
30.21 institution and residing in the institution's housing or within ten miles of the institution's
30.22 campus. All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state financial aid
30.23 must, to the extent the information may be disclosed pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations,
30.24 title 34, part 99, prepare a current list of students enrolled in the institution and residing in
30.25 the institution's housing or in the city or cities in which the campus is situated, if available.
30.26 The list shall include each student's current address, unless the student is enrolled in the
30.27 Safe at Home address confidentiality program as provided in chapter 5B. The list shall be
30.28 certified and sent to the appropriate county auditor or auditors for use in election day
30.29 registration as provided under section 201.061, subdivision 3. A residential housing list
30.30 provided under this subdivision may not be used or disseminated by a county auditor or the
30.31 secretary of state for any other purpose.

73.4 (c) "Major political party" also means a political party that maintains a party organization
73.5 in the state, political subdivision, or precinct in question and whose members present to the
73.6 secretary of state at any time before the close of filing for the state partisan primary ballot
73.7 a petition for a place on the state partisan primary ballot, which petition contains valid
73.8 signatures of a number of the party members equal to at least five percent of the total number
73.9 of individuals who voted in the preceding state general election. A signature is valid only
73.10 if signed no more than one year prior to the date the petition was filed.

73.11 (d) A political party whose candidate receives a sufficient number of votes at a state
73.12 general election described in paragraph (a) or a political party that presents candidates at
73.13 an election as required by paragraph (b) becomes a major political party as of January 1
73.14 following that election and retains its major party status for at least two state general elections
73.15 even if the party fails to present a candidate who receives the number and percentage of
73.16 votes required under paragraph (a) or fails to present candidates as required by paragraph
73.17 (b) at subsequent state general elections.

73.18 (e) A major political party whose candidates fail to receive the number and percentage
73.19 of votes required under paragraph (a) and that fails to present candidates as required by
73.20 paragraph (b) at each of two consecutive state general elections described by paragraph (a)
73.21 or (b), respectively, loses major party status as of December 31 following the later of the
73.22 two consecutive state general elections.

73.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
73.24 applies to a party's status at the state primary and general election held in 2024 and thereafter.
73.25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beginning on the effective date of this section, the
73.26 secretary of state, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, and any other office
73.27 of the state or of a local unit of government with duties related to the administration or
73.28 financing of elections may only recognize a political party as a major political party for
73.29 purposes of those elections if the party has met the qualifying thresholds as amended by
73.30 this section.

73.31 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.32 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter
73.33 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing
74.1 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the
74.2 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

74.3 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,
74.4 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

74.5 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for
74.6 all voter registration information;

74.7 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;

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104.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

104.2 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter
104.3 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing
104.4 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the
104.5 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

104.6 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,
104.7 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

104.8 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for
104.9 all voter registration information;

104.10 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;

74.8 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the
74.9 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;

74.10 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;

74.11 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state
74.12 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter
74.13 record;

74.14 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;

74.15 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the
74.16 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

74.17 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state
74.18 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search
74.19 capabilities;

74.20 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration
74.21 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

74.22 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;

74.23 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should
74.24 be assigned for voting purposes;

74.25 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,
74.26 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on
74.27 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;
74.28 ~~and~~

74.29 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and
74.30 cast by voters under section 203B.16; and

74.31 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

75.1 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent
75.2 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

75.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
75.4 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
75.5 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

75.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.7 Subdivision 1. **Prior to election day.** (a) At any time except during the 20 days
75.8 immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election, an eligible voter or any individual

104.11 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the
104.12 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;

104.13 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;

104.14 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state
104.15 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter
104.16 record;

104.17 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;

104.18 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the
104.19 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

104.20 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state
104.21 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search
104.22 capabilities;

104.23 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration
104.24 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

104.25 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;

104.26 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should
104.27 be assigned for voting purposes;

104.28 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,
104.29 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on
104.30 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;
104.31 ~~and~~

105.1 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and
105.2 cast by voters under section 203B.16; and

105.3 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

105.4 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent
105.5 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

105.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
105.7 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
105.8 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
105.9 later.

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30.32 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

30.33 Subdivision 1. **Prior to election day.** (a) At any time except during the 20 days
30.34 immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election, an eligible voter or any individual

75.9 who will be an eligible voter at the time of the next election may register to vote in the
75.10 precinct in which the voter maintains residence by completing a voter registration application
75.11 as described in section 201.071, subdivision 1. A completed application may be submitted:

75.12 (1) in person or by mail to the county auditor of that county or to the Secretary of State's
75.13 Office; or

75.14 (2) electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of
75.15 state for this purpose, if the applicant has an email address and provides the applicant's
75.16 verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number,
75.17 or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

75.18 (b) A registration that is received in person or by mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on the
75.19 21st day preceding any election, or a registration received electronically through the secretary
75.20 of state's secure website no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day preceding any election,
75.21 shall be accepted. An improperly addressed or delivered registration application shall be
75.22 forwarded within two working days after receipt to the county auditor of the county where
75.23 the voter maintains residence. A state or local agency or an individual that accepts completed
75.24 voter registration applications from a voter must submit the completed applications to the
75.25 secretary of state or the appropriate county auditor within ten calendar days after the
75.26 applications are dated by the voter.

75.27 ~~(b)~~ (c) An application submitted electronically under paragraph (a), clause (2), may only
75.28 be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
75.29 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
75.30 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
75.31 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable voter registration applications
75.32 submitted electronically for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such
75.33 application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

76.1 (d) An individual may not electronically submit a voter registration application on behalf
76.2 of any other individual, except that the secretary of state may provide features on the secure
76.3 website established under paragraph (a), clause (2), that allow third parties to connect
76.4 application programming interfaces that facilitate an individual's submission of voter
76.5 registration information while interacting with the third party.

76.6 ~~(c)~~ (e) For purposes of this section, mail registration is defined as a voter registration
76.7 application delivered to the secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk by the
76.8 United States Postal Service or a commercial carrier.

76.9 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

76.10 Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register
76.11 on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the
76.12 individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application, making an oath in
76.13 the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence. An individual
76.14 may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

31.1 who will be an eligible voter at the time of the next election may register to vote in the
31.2 precinct in which the voter maintains residence by completing a voter registration application
31.3 as described in section 201.071, subdivision 1. A completed application may be submitted:

31.4 (1) in person or by mail to the county auditor of that county or to the Secretary of State's
31.5 Office; or

31.6 (2) electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of
31.7 state for this purpose, if the applicant has an email address and provides the applicant's
31.8 verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number,
31.9 or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

31.10 (b) A registration that is received in person or by mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on the
31.11 21st day preceding any election, or a registration received electronically through the secretary
31.12 of state's secure website no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day preceding any election,
31.13 shall be accepted. An improperly addressed or delivered registration application shall be
31.14 forwarded within two working days after receipt to the county auditor of the county where
31.15 the voter maintains residence. A state or local agency or an individual that accepts completed
31.16 voter registration applications from a voter must submit the completed applications to the
31.17 secretary of state or the appropriate county auditor within ten calendar days after the
31.18 applications are dated by the voter.

31.19 ~~(b)~~ (c) An application submitted electronically under paragraph (a), clause (2), may only
31.20 be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
31.21 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
31.22 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
31.23 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable voter registration applications
31.24 submitted electronically for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such
31.25 application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

31.26 (d) An individual may not electronically submit a voter registration application on behalf
31.27 of any other individual, except that the secretary of state may provide features on the secure
31.28 website established under paragraph (a), clause (2), that allow third parties to connect
31.29 application programming interfaces that facilitate an individual's submission of voter
31.30 registration information while interacting with the third party.

31.31 ~~(c)~~ (e) For purposes of this section, mail registration is defined as a voter registration
31.32 application delivered to the secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk by the
31.33 United States Postal Service or a commercial carrier.

32.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

32.2 Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register
32.3 on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the
32.4 individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application, making an oath in
32.5 the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence. An individual
32.6 may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

76.15 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to
76.16 section 171.07;

76.17 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;

76.18 (3) presenting one of the following:

76.19 (i) a current valid student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution
76.20 in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section
76.21 135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary
76.22 of state; or

76.23 (ii) a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct
76.24 together with a picture identification card; or

76.25 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee employed
76.26 by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the
76.27 facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee
76.28 personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been
76.29 vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other
76.30 individual on that election day. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign
76.31 up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to
76.32 an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall
76.33 provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom
77.1 a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the
77.2 maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For
77.3 each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is
77.4 registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct,
77.5 (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the
77.6 statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature,
77.7 telephone number, and address.

77.8 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must be
77.9 attached to the voter registration application.

77.10 (b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees
77.11 currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The
77.12 operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than
77.13 20 days before each election for use in election day registration.

77.14 (c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256E.33,
77.15 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under
77.16 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision
77.17 5; ~~a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services~~
77.18 ~~establishment as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 4~~ an assisted living facility licensed
77.19 by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a veterans home operated by the board
77.20 of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence licensed by

32.7 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant to
32.8 section 171.07;

32.9 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification;

32.10 (3) presenting one of the following:

32.11 (i) a current valid student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution
32.12 in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section
32.13 135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary
32.14 of state; or

32.15 (ii) a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct
32.16 together with a picture identification card; or

32.17 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee employed
32.18 by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the
32.19 facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee
32.20 personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been
32.21 vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other
32.22 individual on that election day. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign
32.23 up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to
32.24 an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall
32.25 provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom
32.26 a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the
32.27 maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For
32.28 each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is
32.29 registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct,
32.30 (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the
32.31 statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature,
32.32 telephone number, and address.

33.1 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must be
33.2 attached to the voter registration application.

33.3 (b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees
33.4 currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The
33.5 operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than
33.6 20 days before each election for use in election day registration.

33.7 (c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256E.33,
33.8 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under
33.9 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision
33.10 5; ~~a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services~~
33.11 ~~establishment as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 4~~ an assisted living facility licensed
33.12 by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a veterans home operated by the board
33.13 of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence licensed by

77.21 the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in section
77.22 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability
77.23 licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; setting authorized
77.24 to provide housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter for battered
77.25 women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; ~~or~~ a supervised publicly or privately
77.26 operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the
77.27 homeless; a facility where a provider operates a residential treatment program as defined
77.28 in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or a facility where a provider operates an adult foster
77.29 care program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

77.30 (d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of
77.31 registering by:

77.32 (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
77.33 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
77.34 name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or

78.1 (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
78.2 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
78.3 name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the documents
78.4 listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

78.5 (e) A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge
78.6 responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration application.

78.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, is amended by adding a subdivision
78.8 to read:

78.9 Subd. 3a. **Additional proofs of residence permitted for students.** (a) An eligible voter
78.10 may prove residence by presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a
78.11 postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota if the voter's name; student identification
78.12 number, if available; and address within the precinct appear on a current residential housing
78.13 list under section 135A.17, certified to the county auditor by the postsecondary educational
78.14 institution.

78.15 (b) This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the
78.16 postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days
78.17 prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will
78.18 certify for use at the election accurate updated residential housing lists under section 135A.17.
78.19 A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that
78.20 calendar year, including the November general election.

78.21 (c) The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for
78.22 voters who reside in housing meeting the requirements of section 135A.17, if the residential
78.23 housing lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements
78.24 of this subdivision.

33.14 the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in section
33.15 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability
33.16 licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; setting authorized
33.17 to provide housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter for battered
33.18 women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; ~~or~~ a supervised publicly or privately
33.19 operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the
33.20 homeless; a facility where a provider operates a residential treatment program as defined
33.21 in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or a facility where a provider operates an adult foster
33.22 care program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 6c.

33.23 (d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of
33.24 registering by:

33.25 (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
33.26 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
33.27 name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or

33.28 (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
33.29 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the
33.30 name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the documents
33.31 listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

33.32 (e) A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge
33.33 responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration application.

34.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, is amended by adding a subdivision to
34.2 read:

34.3 Subd. 3a. **Additional proofs of residence permitted for students.** (a) An eligible voter
34.4 may prove residence by presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a
34.5 postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota if the voter's name; student identification
34.6 number, if available; and address within the precinct appear on a current residential housing
34.7 list under section 135A.17, certified to the county auditor by the postsecondary educational
34.8 institution.

34.9 (b) This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the
34.10 postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days
34.11 prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will
34.12 certify for use at the election accurate updated residential housing lists under section 135A.17.
34.13 A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that
34.14 calendar year, including the November general election.

34.15 (c) The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for
34.16 voters who reside in housing meeting the requirements of section 135A.17, if the residential
34.17 housing lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements
34.18 of this subdivision.

78.25 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no earlier
78.26 than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief
78.27 officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list
78.28 is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing as of the date of the
78.29 certification.

78.30 (e) The county auditor shall instruct the election judges of the precinct in procedures for
78.31 use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The auditor shall supply a list to the
78.32 election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

79.1 (f) The county auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county
79.2 of the provisions of this subdivision.

79.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
79.4 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

79.5 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
79.6 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
79.7 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
79.8 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
79.9 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
79.10 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
79.11 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
79.12 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
79.13 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper
79.14 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The
79.15 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The
79.16 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if
79.17 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter
79.18 eligibility:

79.19 "I certify that I:

79.20 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

79.21 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

79.22 (3) will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately
79.23 preceding election day;

79.24 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

79.25 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
79.26 to vote;

79.27 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

34.19 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no earlier
34.20 than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief
34.21 officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list
34.22 is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing as of the date of the
34.23 certification.

34.24 (e) The county auditor shall instruct the election judges of the precinct in procedures for
34.25 use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The auditor shall supply a list to the
34.26 election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

34.27 (f) The county auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county
34.28 of the provisions of this subdivision.

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105.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
105.11 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

105.12 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
105.13 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
105.14 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
105.15 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
105.16 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
105.17 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
105.18 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter
105.19 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the
105.20 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper
105.21 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The
105.22 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The
105.23 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if
105.24 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter
105.25 eligibility:

105.26 "I certify that I:

105.27 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

105.28 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

105.29 (3) will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately
105.30 preceding election day;

105.31 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

106.1 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
106.2 to vote;

106.3 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

79.28 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and
79.29 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
79.30 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
79.31 \$10,000, or both."

79.32 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:
80.1 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and
80.2 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"
80.3 And the instruction:
80.4 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."
80.5 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
80.6 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
80.7 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
80.8 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
80.9 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

80.10 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
80.11 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.
80.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

80.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
80.14 Subd. 8. **School district assistance.** School districts shall assist county auditors in
80.15 determining the school district in which a voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

80.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
80.17 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** The secretary of state must maintain
80.18 a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party
80.19 each voter selected. Information maintained on the list is private data on individuals as
80.20 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide
80.21 ~~the list~~ to the chair of each major political party the list of voters who selected that party.

80.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
80.23 Subd. 2. **Moved within state.** If any nonforwardable mailing from an election official
80.24 is returned as undeliverable but with a permanent forwarding address in this state, the county
80.25 auditor may change the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide registration system and

106.4 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and
106.5 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
106.6 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
106.7 \$10,000, or both."

106.8 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:
106.9 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and
106.10 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"
106.11 And the instruction:
106.12 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."
106.13 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
106.14 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
106.15 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
106.16 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
106.17 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

106.18 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
106.19 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.
106.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

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34.29 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
34.30 Subd. 8. **School district assistance.** School districts shall assist county auditors in
34.31 determining the school district in which a voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

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106.21 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
106.22 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** The secretary of state must maintain
106.23 a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party
106.24 each voter selected. Information maintained on the list is private data on individuals as
106.25 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide
106.26 ~~the list~~ to the chair of each major political party the list of voters who selected that party.

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35.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
35.2 Subd. 2. **Moved within state.** If any nonforwardable mailing from an election official
35.3 is returned as undeliverable but with a permanent forwarding address in this state, the county
35.4 auditor may change the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide registration system and

80.26 shall transmit a copy of the mailing to the auditor of the county in which the new address
80.27 is located. If an election is scheduled to occur in the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~
80.28 maintains residence in the next 47 days, the county auditor shall promptly update the voter's
80.29 address in the statewide voter registration system. If there is not an election scheduled, the
80.30 auditor may wait to update the voter's address until after the next list of address changes is
80.31 received from the secretary of state. Once updated, the county auditor shall mail to the voter
81.1 a notice stating the voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place, except that if the
81.2 voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change,
81.3 incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship,
81.4 the auditor must not mail the notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting
81.5 address has been changed and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days
81.6 if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must
81.7 be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named address.

81.8 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.9 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
81.10 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
81.11 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall enter the information contained on it into the
81.12 statewide registration system. Voter registration applications completed before election day
81.13 must be entered into the statewide registration system within ten days after they have been
81.14 submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed on election day
81.15 must be entered into the statewide registration system within 42 days after the election,
81.16 unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the deadline has expired that
81.17 the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this paragraph, the secretary
81.18 of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an additional 28 days. The
81.19 secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this paragraph if, on good cause
81.20 shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to comply.

81.21 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
81.22 the secretary of state's website including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
81.23 or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.

81.24 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state may
81.25 electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county auditor
81.26 as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into the statewide
81.27 registration system. The secretary of state may mail the voter registration application to the
81.28 county auditor.

81.29 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered information from a voter
81.30 registration application into the statewide registration system, the secretary of state shall
81.31 compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state identification
81.32 number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number with the same information
81.33 contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

35.5 shall transmit a copy of the mailing to the auditor of the county in which the new address
35.6 is located. If an election is scheduled to occur in the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~
35.7 maintains residence in the next 47 days, the county auditor shall promptly update the voter's
35.8 address in the statewide voter registration system. If there is not an election scheduled, the
35.9 auditor may wait to update the voter's address until after the next list of address changes is
35.10 received from the secretary of state. Once updated, the county auditor shall mail to the voter
35.11 a notice stating the voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place, except that if the
35.12 voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change,
35.13 incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship,
35.14 the auditor must not mail the notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting
35.15 address has been changed and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days
35.16 if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must
35.17 be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named address.

35.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.19 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
35.20 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
35.21 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall enter the information contained on it into the
35.22 statewide registration system. Voter registration applications completed before election day
35.23 must be entered into the statewide registration system within ten days after they have been
35.24 submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed on election day
35.25 must be entered into the statewide registration system within 42 days after the election,
35.26 unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the deadline has expired that
35.27 the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this paragraph, the secretary
35.28 of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an additional 28 days. The
35.29 secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this paragraph if, on good cause
35.30 shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to comply.

35.31 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
35.32 the secretary of state's website including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
35.33 or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.

36.1 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state may
36.2 electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county auditor
36.3 as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into the statewide
36.4 registration system. The secretary of state may mail the voter registration application to the
36.5 county auditor.

36.6 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered information from a voter
36.7 registration application into the statewide registration system, the secretary of state shall
36.8 compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state identification
36.9 number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number with the same information
36.10 contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

82.1 (d) The secretary of state shall provide a report to the county auditor on a weekly basis
82.2 that includes a list of voters whose name, date of birth, or identification number have been
82.3 compared with the same information in the Department of Public Safety database and cannot
82.4 be verified as provided in this subdivision. The report must list separately those voters who
82.5 have submitted a voter registration application by mail and have not voted in a federal
82.6 election in this state.

82.7 (e) The county auditor shall compile a list of voters for whom the county auditor and
82.8 the secretary of state are unable to conclude that information on the voter registration
82.9 application and the corresponding information in the Department of Public Safety database
82.10 relate to the same person.

82.11 (f) The county auditor shall send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter whose
82.12 name appears on the list and change the voter's status to ~~"incomplete."~~ "challenged." A voter
82.13 who receives a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide
82.14 the information required to ~~complete the registration~~ clear the challenge at least 21 days
82.15 before the next election or at the polling place on election day.

82.16 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

82.17 Subd. 3. **Use of change of address system.** (a) At least once each month the secretary
82.18 of state shall obtain a list of individuals registered to vote in this state who have filed with
82.19 the United States Postal Service a change of their permanent address. The secretary of state
82.20 may also periodically obtain a list of individuals with driver's licenses or state identification
82.21 cards to identify those who are registered to vote who have applied to the Department of
82.22 Public Safety for a replacement driver's license or state identification card with a different
82.23 address, and a list of individuals for whom the Department of Public Safety received
82.24 notification of a driver's license or state identification card cancellation due to a change of
82.25 residency out of state. However, the secretary of state shall not load data derived from these
82.26 lists into the statewide voter registration system within the 47 days before the state primary
82.27 or 47 days before a November general election.

82.28 (b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state shall
82.29 locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, if possible. If the secretary
82.30 of state is able to locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, the
82.31 secretary must transmit the information about the changed address by electronic means to
82.32 the county auditor of the county in which the new address is located. For addresses for
82.33 which the secretary of state is unable to determine the precinct, the secretary may forward
82.34 information to the appropriate county auditors for individual review. If the voter has not
83.1 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, upon receipt
83.2 of the information, the county auditor shall update the voter's address in the statewide voter
83.3 registration system. The county auditor shall mail to the voter a notice stating the voter's
83.4 name, address, precinct, and polling place, unless the voter's record is challenged due to a
83.5 felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of
83.6 voting rights of individuals under guardianship, in which case the auditor must not mail the
83.7 notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting address has been changed

36.11 (d) The secretary of state shall provide a report to the county auditor on a weekly basis
36.12 that includes a list of voters whose name, date of birth, or identification number have been
36.13 compared with the same information in the Department of Public Safety database and cannot
36.14 be verified as provided in this subdivision. The report must list separately those voters who
36.15 have submitted a voter registration application by mail and have not voted in a federal
36.16 election in this state.

36.17 (e) The county auditor shall compile a list of voters for whom the county auditor and
36.18 the secretary of state are unable to conclude that information on the voter registration
36.19 application and the corresponding information in the Department of Public Safety database
36.20 relate to the same person.

36.21 (f) The county auditor shall send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter whose
36.22 name appears on the list and change the voter's status to ~~"incomplete."~~ "challenged." A voter
36.23 who receives a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide
36.24 the information required to ~~complete the registration~~ clear the challenge at least 21 days
36.25 before the next election or at the polling place on election day.

36.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

36.27 Subd. 3. **Use of change of address system.** (a) At least once each month the secretary
36.28 of state shall obtain a list of individuals registered to vote in this state who have filed with
36.29 the United States Postal Service a change of their permanent address. The secretary of state
36.30 may also periodically obtain a list of individuals with driver's licenses or state identification
36.31 cards to identify those who are registered to vote who have applied to the Department of
36.32 Public Safety for a replacement driver's license or state identification card with a different
36.33 address, and a list of individuals for whom the Department of Public Safety received
36.34 notification of a driver's license or state identification card cancellation due to a change of
37.1 residency out of state. However, the secretary of state shall not load data derived from these
37.2 lists into the statewide voter registration system within the 47 days before the state primary
37.3 or 47 days before a November general election.

37.4 (b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state shall
37.5 locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, if possible. If the secretary
37.6 of state is able to locate the precinct in which the voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence, the
37.7 secretary must transmit the information about the changed address by electronic means to
37.8 the county auditor of the county in which the new address is located. For addresses for
37.9 which the secretary of state is unable to determine the precinct, the secretary may forward
37.10 information to the appropriate county auditors for individual review. If the voter has not
37.11 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, upon receipt
37.12 of the information, the county auditor shall update the voter's address in the statewide voter
37.13 registration system. The county auditor shall mail to the voter a notice stating the voter's
37.14 name, address, precinct, and polling place, unless the voter's record is challenged due to a
37.15 felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of
37.16 voting rights of individuals under guardianship, in which case the auditor must not mail the
37.17 notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting address has been changed

83.8 and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days if the new address is not
83.9 the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must be returned if it is not
83.10 deliverable to the voter at the named address.

83.11 (c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary
83.12 of state shall notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter formerly
83.13 ~~resided~~ maintained residence that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has not
83.14 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, the county
83.15 auditor shall promptly mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising the voter
83.16 that the voter's status in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to "inactive"
83.17 unless the voter notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining the
83.18 former address as the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is
83.19 challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a
83.20 court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not
83.21 mail the notice. If the notice is not received by the deadline, the county auditor shall change
83.22 the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

83.23 (d) If, in order to maintain voter registration records, the secretary of state enters an
83.24 agreement to share information or data with an organization governed exclusively by a
83.25 group of states, the secretary must first determine that the data security protocols are sufficient
83.26 to safeguard the information or data shared. If required by such an agreement, the secretary
83.27 of state may share the following data from the statewide voter registration system and data
83.28 released to the secretary of state under section 171.12, subdivision 7a:

83.29 (1) name;
83.30 (2) date of birth;
83.31 (3) address;
83.32 (4) driver's license or state identification card number;
83.33 (5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and
84.1 (6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.

84.2 If the secretary of state enters into such an agreement, the secretary and county auditors
84.3 must process changes to voter records based upon that data in accordance with this section.
84.4 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, when data is shared with the secretary of
84.5 state by another state, the secretary of state must maintain the same data classification that
84.6 the data had while it was in the possession of the state providing the data.

37.18 and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days if the new address is not
37.19 the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must be returned if it is not
37.20 deliverable to the voter at the named address.

37.21 (c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary
37.22 of state shall notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter formerly
37.23 ~~resided~~ maintained residence that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has not
37.24 voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, the county
37.25 auditor shall promptly mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising the voter
37.26 that the voter's status in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to "inactive"
37.27 unless the voter notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining the
37.28 former address as the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is
37.29 challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a
37.30 court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not
37.31 mail the notice. If the notice is not received by the deadline, the county auditor shall change
37.32 the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

37.33 (d) If, in order to maintain voter registration records, the secretary of state enters an
37.34 agreement to share information or data with an organization governed exclusively by a
37.35 group of states, the secretary must first determine that the data security protocols are sufficient
38.1 to safeguard the information or data shared. If required by such an agreement, the secretary
38.2 of state may share the following data from the statewide voter registration system and data
38.3 released to the secretary of state under section 171.12, subdivision 7a:

38.4 (1) name;
38.5 (2) date of birth;
38.6 (3) address;
38.7 (4) driver's license or state identification card number;
38.8 (5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and
38.9 (6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.

38.10 If the secretary of state enters into such an agreement, the secretary and county auditors
38.11 must process changes to voter records based upon that data in accordance with this section.
38.12 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, when data is shared with the secretary of
38.13 state by another state, the secretary of state must maintain the same data classification that
38.14 the data had while it was in the possession of the state providing the data.

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106.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

106.28 Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections report; state court administrator report.** (a)
106.29 ~~The state court administrator must report on individuals 17 years of age or older who have~~
106.30 ~~been convicted of a felony.~~

107.1 ~~(b)~~ (b) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals ~~17~~ 16 years of age or
107.2 older who are currently:

107.3 ~~(1) serving~~ incarcerated for felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction; ~~or~~
107.4 ~~(2) on probation for felony offenses that resulted in the loss of civil rights, as indicated~~
107.5 ~~by the statewide supervision system established under section 241.065.~~

107.6 ~~(c)~~ (b) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for
107.7 each individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional
107.8 facility, and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's:
107.9 corrections' state identification number, last four digits of the Social Security number,
107.10 driver's license or state identification card number, ~~date of sentence, effective date of the~~
107.11 ~~sentence, county in which the conviction occurred, and date of discharge and most recent~~
107.12 ~~date of incarceration.~~

107.13 ~~(d)~~ (c) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,
107.14 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered
107.15 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven
107.16 calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must
107.17 ~~determine~~ if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a) is
107.18 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later
107.19 than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor
107.20 must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each
107.21 individual named in the list.

107.22 ~~(e)~~ (d) The county auditor must identify an individual who ~~registered to vote or voted~~
107.23 ~~while serving~~ incarcerated for a felony sentence ~~under the commissioner's jurisdiction or~~
107.24 ~~while on probation for a felony offense that resulted in the loss of civil rights during a period~~
107.25 ~~when the individual's civil rights were revoked.~~ The county auditor must immediately send
107.26 notice to the county attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any
107.27 other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual ~~registered~~
107.28 ~~to vote or~~ voted during the period ~~when the individual's civil rights were revoked of~~
107.29 ~~incarceration.~~

107.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

84.7 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.1611, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.8 Subdivision 1. **Forms.** (a) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting

84.9 state or federal financial aid ~~shall~~ must provide voter registration forms to each student ~~as~~

84.10 ~~early as possible in the fall quarter~~ during the fall and spring of each year. In state election

84.11 years, it must be provided 15 days in advance of the deadline for registering to vote for the

107.31 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

107.32 Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must

107.33 report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to

108.1 vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317

108.2 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph

108.3 (a).

108.4 (b) ~~The state court administrator must report on individuals previously convicted of a~~

108.5 ~~felony whose civil rights have been restored.~~

108.6 ~~(c)~~ (c) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were ~~serving~~

108.7 ~~incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or who were on~~

108.8 ~~probation for a felony offense under the commissioner's jurisdiction that resulted in the loss~~

108.9 ~~of civil rights but who have been discharged from the sentence~~ and have been released from

108.10 incarceration.

108.11 ~~(d)~~ (c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for

108.12 each individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the

108.13 Social Security number. For ~~reports~~ the report required by ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (b) ~~and~~

108.14 ~~(c), each~~ the report must also include the individual's, if available: corrections' state

108.15 identification number, driver's license or state identification card number, date of ~~sentence,~~

108.16 ~~effective date of the sentence~~ incarceration, county in which the conviction occurred, and

108.17 date of discharge.

108.18 ~~(e)~~ (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,

108.19 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) ~~or (b)~~ is

108.20 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later

108.21 than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of

108.22 state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph

108.23 ~~(e)~~ (b) is registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor.

108.24 No later than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the

108.25 county auditor must remove the challenge status on the record in the statewide voter

108.26 registration system of each individual named in the list.

108.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

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38.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.1611, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

38.16 Subdivision 1. **Forms.** (a) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting

38.17 state or federal financial aid ~~shall~~ must provide voter registration forms to each student ~~as~~

38.18 ~~early as possible in the fall quarter~~ during the fall and spring of each year. In state election

38.19 years, it must be provided 15 days in advance of the deadline for registering to vote for the

84.12 state general election. If the voter registration forms are provided electronically, the electronic
84.13 message must be devoted exclusively to voter registration.

84.14 (b) All school districts ~~shall~~ must make available voter registration applications each
84.15 May and September to all students registered as students of the school district who will be
84.16 eligible to vote at the next election after those months. A school district has no obligation
84.17 to provide voter registration applications to students who participate in a postsecondary
84.18 education option program or who otherwise ~~reside~~ maintain residence in the district but do
84.19 not attend a school operated by the district. A school district fulfills its obligation to a student
84.20 under this section if it provides a voter registration application to the student one time.

84.21 (c) The voter registration forms must contain spaces for the information required in
84.22 section 201.071, subdivision 1, and applicable rules of the secretary of state. The institutions
84.23 and school districts may request these forms from the secretary of state. Institutions ~~shall~~
84.24 must consult with their campus student government in determining the most effective means
84.25 of distributing the forms and in seeking to facilitate election day registration of students
84.26 under section 201.061, subdivision 3. School districts must advise students that completion
84.27 of the voter registration application is not a school district requirement.

84.28 (d) The institutions and school districts must report to the secretary of state by November
84.29 30 of each year on their implementation of this section. At a minimum, the report must
84.30 include how and when the forms were distributed and the voter engagement plan under
84.31 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2). Institutions and school districts may include
84.32 information about methods that were effective in increasing student registrations.

85.1 (e) By February 1 of each year, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking
85.2 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on the
85.3 information received from institutions and school districts. The secretary must highlight
85.4 best practices and innovative methods that were most effective in registering students to
85.5 vote.

85.6 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.1611, is amended by adding a subdivision
85.7 to read:

85.8 Subd. 3. **Voter information.** (a) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students
85.9 accepting state or federal financial aid must maintain a webpage to share resources to help
85.10 students determine where and how they are eligible to vote. The webpage must include the
85.11 following:

85.12 (1) resources from state and local election officials on voter registration and voting
85.13 requirements including voter registration deadlines; residency requirements; acceptable
85.14 methods of proving residency for same day registration, as applicable; and absentee voting
85.15 options;

38.20 state general election. If the voter registration forms are provided electronically, the electronic
38.21 message must be devoted exclusively to voter registration.

38.22 (b) All school districts ~~shall~~ must make available voter registration applications each
38.23 May and September to all students registered as students of the school district who will be
38.24 eligible to vote at the next election after those months. A school district has no obligation
38.25 to provide voter registration applications to students who participate in a postsecondary
38.26 education option program or who otherwise ~~reside~~ maintains residence in the district but
38.27 do not attend a school operated by the district. A school district fulfills its obligation to a
38.28 student under this section if it provides a voter registration application to the student one
38.29 time.

38.30 (c) The voter registration forms must contain spaces for the information required in
38.31 section 201.071, subdivision 1, and applicable rules of the secretary of state. The institutions
38.32 and school districts may request these forms from the secretary of state. Institutions ~~shall~~
39.1 must consult with their campus student government in determining the most effective means
39.2 of distributing the forms and in seeking to facilitate election day registration of students
39.3 under section 201.061, subdivision 3. School districts must advise students that completion
39.4 of the voter registration application is not a school district requirement.

39.5 (d) The institutions must report to the secretary of state by November 30 of each year
39.6 on their implementation of this section. At a minimum, the report must include how and
39.7 when the forms were distributed and the voter engagement plan under subdivision 3,
39.8 paragraph (b), clause (2). Institutions may include information about methods that were
39.9 effective in increasing student registrations.

39.10 (e) By February 1 of each year, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking
39.11 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on the
39.12 information under paragraph (d). The secretary must highlight best practices and innovative
39.13 methods that were most effective in registering students to vote.

39.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.1611, is amended by adding a subdivision
39.15 to read:

39.16 Subd. 3. **Voter information.** (a) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students
39.17 accepting state or federal financial aid must maintain a webpage to share resources to help
39.18 students determine where and how they are eligible to vote. The webpage must include the
39.19 following:

39.20 (1) resources from state and local election officials on voter registration and voting
39.21 requirements including voter registration deadlines; residency requirements; acceptable
39.22 methods of proving residency for same day registration, as applicable; and absentee voting
39.23 options;

85.16 (2) applicable deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot, as well as
85.17 additional options for early and in-person voting, and voting on election day;

85.18 (3) resources to help students who are registered in another state to apply for absentee
85.19 ballots in that state, and may include resources from state and local election officials from
85.20 that state;

85.21 (4) the campus vote coordinator's name and contact information; and

85.22 (5) the voter engagement plan required by paragraph (b), clause (3).

85.23 (b) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state or federal financial
85.24 aid must designate a staff person as the campus vote coordinator. The campus vote
85.25 coordinator must:

85.26 (1) ensure the institution complies with this section;

85.27 (2) report the number of physical and electronic voter registrations collected on an annual
85.28 basis on the institution's voting website; and

85.29 (3) consult with the campus student association to develop a voter engagement plan that
85.30 identifies goals and activities, resources to accomplish the identified goals and activities,
85.31 and individual or key departments responsible for executing the identified goals and activities.

86.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.195, is amended to read:

86.2 **201.195 CHALLENGES.**

86.3 Subdivision 1. **Petition; hearing timing.** (a) Upon petition filed with the county auditor,
86.4 any voter registered within a county may challenge the eligibility or residence of any other
86.5 voter registered within that county. A petition filed pursuant to this section must not include
86.6 the name of more than one person whose right to vote is challenged. The county auditor
86.7 must not accept a filing which challenges the eligibility of more than one voter. Petitions
86.8 must be filed at least 45 days before the election, unless the voter registered or updated the
86.9 voter's registration within 60 days before the election, in which case the petition must be
86.10 filed at least ten days before the election, or within ten days after the voter's new or updated
86.11 registration appeared on the public information list, whichever is later.

86.12 (b) The petition ~~shall~~ must state the grounds for challenge ~~and~~, provide facts and
86.13 circumstances supporting the challenge, and may include supporting documents, affidavits,
86.14 or other evidence. The petition must be accompanied by an affidavit stating that the challenge
86.15 is based on the challenger's personal knowledge, and that the filer exercised due diligence
86.16 to personally verify the facts and circumstances establishing the basis for the challenge.
86.17 The filer has the burden to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the basis for
86.18 challenging the individual's eligibility to vote is valid.

39.24 (2) applicable deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot, as well as
39.25 additional options for early and in-person voting, and voting on election day;

39.26 (3) resources to help students who are registered in another state to apply for absentee
39.27 ballots in that state, and may include resources from state and local election officials from
39.28 that state;

39.29 (4) the campus vote coordinator's name and contact information; and

39.30 (5) the voter engagement plan required by paragraph (b), clause (2).

40.1 (b) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state or federal financial
40.2 aid must designate a staff person as the campus vote coordinator. The campus vote
40.3 coordinator must:

40.4 (1) ensure the institution complies with this section; and

40.5 (2) consult with the campus student association to develop a voter engagement plan that
40.6 identifies goals and activities, resources to accomplish the identified goals and activities,
40.7 and individual or key departments responsible for executing the identified goals and activities.

40.8 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.195, is amended to read:

40.9 **201.195 CHALLENGES.**

40.10 Subdivision 1. **Petition; hearing timing.** (a) Upon petition filed with the county auditor,
40.11 any voter registered within a county may challenge the eligibility or residence of any other
40.12 voter registered within that county. A petition filed pursuant to this section must not include
40.13 the name of more than one person whose right to vote is challenged. The county auditor
40.14 must not accept a filing which challenges the eligibility of more than one voter. Petitions
40.15 must be filed at least 45 days before the election, unless the voter registered or updated the
40.16 voter's registration within 60 days before the election, in which case the petition must be
40.17 filed at least ten days before the election, or within ten days after the voter's new or updated
40.18 registration appeared on the public information list, whichever is later.

40.19 (b) The petition ~~shall~~ must state the grounds for challenge ~~and~~, provide facts and
40.20 circumstances supporting the challenge, and may include supporting documents, affidavits,
40.21 or other evidence. The petition must be accompanied by an affidavit stating that the challenge
40.22 is based on the challenger's personal knowledge, and that the filer exercised due diligence
40.23 to personally verify the facts and circumstances establishing the basis for the challenge.
40.24 The filer has the burden to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the basis for
40.25 challenging the individual's eligibility to vote is valid.

86.19 (c) The following reasons, standing alone, do not constitute adequate grounds for a
86.20 challenge:

86.21 (1) a piece of mail sent to the voter by someone other than the county auditor that was
86.22 returned as undeliverable;

86.23 (2) enrollment in an educational institution; or

86.24 (3) registration to vote at an address that is housing provided for students by an
86.25 educational institution.

86.26 Subd. 1a. **Reasons for dismissal.** If the petition is incomplete, or if the basis for the
86.27 challenge does not meet the requirements of this section, the county auditor must dismiss
86.28 the petition and notify the filer in writing of the reasons for the dismissal.

86.29 Subd. 1b. **Notice to voter.** Within five days after receipt of ~~the~~ a petition that meets the
86.30 requirements of this section, the county auditor shall must set a date for a hearing on the
86.31 challenge and notify the challenger by mail. A copy of the petition and notice of the hearing
86.32 shall must be served on the challenged voter by the county auditor in the same manner as
86.33 in a civil action. The county auditor must inform the challenged individual that:

87.1 (1) a petition has been filed as to whether the individual is eligible to vote as well as the
87.2 basis of the challenge;

87.3 (2) if the individual votes by mail, the individual's ballot will not be counted unless the
87.4 challenge is resolved; and

87.5 (3) the individual may submit information prior to the hearing or present information at
87.6 the hearing. This information may include a sworn statement, supporting documents,
87.7 affidavits, witnesses, or other evidence supporting the challenged individual's eligibility to
87.8 vote in the election.

87.9 Subd. 1c. **Hearing.** The hearing ~~shall~~ must be held before the county auditor or the
87.10 auditor's designee who shall must then make findings and affirm or dismiss the challenge.
87.11 The hearing must be recorded by either video or audio recording. The recording must be
87.12 retained for 22 months.

87.13 Subd. 2. **Appeal.** If a challenge is affirmed, the voter whose registration has been
87.14 challenged may appeal the ruling to the secretary of state. The voter must immediately
87.15 notify the county auditor of the appeal, and upon receipt of this notice, the county auditor
87.16 must submit the entire record of the hearing, including all documents and a recording of
87.17 the hearing, to the secretary of state. The appeal shall must be heard within five days but in
87.18 any case before election day. Upon hearing the appeal the secretary of state shall must affirm
87.19 or reverse the ruling and shall must give appropriate instructions to the county auditor.

87.20 Subd. 3. **Hearing procedures.** A hearing before the secretary of state ~~shall~~ must be
87.21 conducted as a contested case and determined in accordance with chapter 14.

40.26 (c) The following reasons, standing alone, do not constitute adequate grounds for a
40.27 challenge:

40.28 (1) a piece of mail sent to the voter by someone other than the county auditor that was
40.29 returned as undeliverable;

40.30 (2) enrollment in an educational institution; or

40.31 (3) registration to vote at an address that is housing provided for students by an
40.32 educational institution.

41.1 Subd. 1a. **Reasons for dismissal.** If the petition is incomplete, or if the basis for the
41.2 challenge does not meet the requirements of this section, the county auditor must dismiss
41.3 the petition and notify the filer in writing of the reasons for the dismissal.

41.4 Subd. 1b. **Notice to voter.** Within five days after receipt of ~~the~~ a petition that meets the
41.5 requirements of this section, the county auditor shall must set a date for a hearing on the
41.6 challenge and notify the challenger by mail. A copy of the petition and notice of the hearing
41.7 shall must be served on the challenged voter by the county auditor in the same manner as
41.8 in a civil action. The county auditor must inform the challenged individual that:

41.9 (1) a petition has been filed as to whether the individual is eligible to vote as well as the
41.10 basis of the challenge;

41.11 (2) if the individual votes by mail, the individual's ballot will not be counted unless the
41.12 challenge is resolved; and

41.13 (3) the individual may submit information prior to the hearing or present information at
41.14 the hearing. This information may include a sworn statement, supporting documents,
41.15 affidavits, witnesses, or other evidence supporting the challenged individual's eligibility to
41.16 vote in the election.

41.17 Subd. 1c. **Hearing.** The hearing ~~shall~~ must be held before the county auditor or the
41.18 auditor's designee who shall must then make findings and affirm or dismiss the challenge.
41.19 The hearing must be recorded by either video or audio recording. The recording must be
41.20 retained for 22 months.

41.21 Subd. 2. **Appeal.** If a challenge is affirmed, the voter whose registration has been
41.22 challenged may appeal the ruling to the secretary of state. The voter must immediately
41.23 notify the county auditor of the appeal, and upon receipt of this notice, the county auditor
41.24 must submit the entire record of the hearing, including all documents and a recording of
41.25 the hearing, to the secretary of state. The appeal shall must be heard within five days but in
41.26 any case before election day. Upon hearing the appeal the secretary of state shall must affirm
41.27 or reverse the ruling and shall must give appropriate instructions to the county auditor.

41.28 Subd. 3. **Hearing procedures.** A hearing before the secretary of state ~~shall~~ must be
41.29 conducted as a contested case and determined in accordance with chapter 14.

87.22 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

87.23 Subd. 2. **Technology requirements.** An electronic roster must:

87.24 (1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file

87.25 format prescribed by the secretary of state;

87.26 (2) allow for data to be exported in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

87.27 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license or

87.28 identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that

87.29 would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application

87.30 can be ~~either~~ a printed form, ~~labels~~ a label printed with voter information to be affixed to a

87.31 preprinted form, ~~or~~ a combination of ~~both~~ a form and label, or an electronic record that the

87.32 voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

88.1 (4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's

88.2 license or identification card;

88.3 (5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned

88.4 driver's license or identification card that is otherwise required to be collected from the voter

88.5 or an election judge;

88.6 (6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates

88.7 that the voter is not eligible to vote;

88.8 (7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has

88.9 already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the

88.10 voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence in a different precinct;

88.11 (8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when

88.12 a voter's record is challenged;

88.13 (9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address

88.14 of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10,

88.15 and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be

88.16 ~~either~~ a printed form ~~or~~, a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath,

88.17 or an electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its

88.18 completion at the polling place;

88.19 (10) contain only preregistered voters within the precinct, and not contain preregistered

88.20 voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct, unless being utilized for absentee or

88.21 early voting under chapter 203B or for mail balloting on election day pursuant to section

88.22 204B.45, subdivision 2a;

88.23 (11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose

88.24 of updating absentee ballot records;

41.30 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

41.31 Subd. 2. **Technology requirements.** An electronic roster must:

42.1 (1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file

42.2 format prescribed by the secretary of state;

42.3 (2) allow for data to be exported in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

42.4 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license or

42.5 identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that

42.6 would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application

42.7 can be ~~either~~ a printed form, ~~labels~~ a label printed with voter information to be affixed to a

42.8 preprinted form, ~~or~~ a combination of ~~both~~ a form and label, or an electronic record that the

42.9 voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

42.10 (4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's

42.11 license or identification card;

42.12 (5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned

42.13 driver's license or identification card that is otherwise required to be collected from the voter

42.14 or an election judge;

42.15 (6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates

42.16 that the voter is not eligible to vote;

42.17 (7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has

42.18 already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the

42.19 voter ~~resides~~ maintains residence in a different precinct;

42.20 (8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when

42.21 a voter's record is challenged;

42.22 (9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address

42.23 of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10,

42.24 and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be

42.25 ~~either~~ a printed form ~~or~~, a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath,

42.26 or an electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its

42.27 completion at the polling place;

42.28 (10) contain only preregistered voters within the precinct, and not contain preregistered

42.29 voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct;

42.30 (11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose

42.31 of updating absentee ballot records;

88.25 (12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the
88.26 Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information
88.27 Technology Services;

88.28 (13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and

88.29 (14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration
88.30 of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.

89.1 Electronic rosters used only for election day registration do not need to comply with clauses
89.2 (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for preregistered voter processing do not need
89.3 to comply with clauses (4) and (5).

89.4 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 202A.18, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

89.5 Subd. 2a. **Preference ballot for governor.** In a year when the office of governor appears
89.6 on the state general election ballot, prior to the opening of nominations for the election of
89.7 permanent offices and delegates, a ballot must be distributed to permit caucus participants
89.8 to indicate their preference for the office of the governor. The results of preference voting
89.9 must be reported to the secretary of state immediately upon conclusion of the voting, in the
89.10 manner provided by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall provide the appropriate
89.11 forms to the party for reporting the results.

89.12 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

89.13 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

89.14 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting
89.15 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

89.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
89.17 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
89.18 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

89.19 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
89.20 to read:

89.21 Subd. 5. **Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day as
89.22 provided in section 203B.30.

89.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
89.24 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
89.25 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

43.1 (12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the
43.2 Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information
43.3 Technology Services;

43.4 (13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and

43.5 (14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration
43.6 of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.

43.7 Electronic rosters used only for election day registration do not need to comply with clauses
43.8 (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for preregistered voter processing do not need
43.9 to comply with clauses (4) and (5).

43.10 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 202A.18, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

43.11 Subd. 2a. **Preference ballot for governor.** In a year when the office of governor appears
43.12 on the state general election ballot, prior to the opening of nominations for the election of
43.13 permanent offices and delegates, a ballot must be distributed to permit caucus participants
43.14 to indicate their preference for the office of the governor. The results of preference voting
43.15 must be reported to the secretary of state immediately upon conclusion of the voting, in the
43.16 manner provided by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall provide the appropriate
43.17 forms to the party for reporting the results.

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108.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.001, is amended to read:

108.29 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

108.30 The Minnesota Election Law is applicable to voting by absentee ballot and early voting
108.31 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

108.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
108.33 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
109.1 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
109.2 later.

109.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
109.4 to read:

109.5 Subd. 5. **Early voting.** "Early voting" means voting in person before election day as
109.6 provided in section 203B.30.

109.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
109.8 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
109.9 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
109.10 later.

89.26 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
89.27 to read:

89.28 Subd. 6. **Utility worker.** "Utility worker" means an employee of a public utility as
89.29 defined by section 216B.02, subdivision 4.

90.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

90.2 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

90.3 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

90.4 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;

90.5 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an
90.6 illegal ballot;

90.7 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;

90.8 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an
90.9 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;

90.10 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes
90.11 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;

90.12 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by
90.13 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;

90.14 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee voter while in the immediate presence of the voter
90.15 during the time the individual knows the absentee voter is voting; or

90.16 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by
90.17 an election official for administrative purposes.

90.18 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or
90.19 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of
90.20 the material or information.

90.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
90.22 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
90.23 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

90.24 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
90.25 to read:

90.26 Subd. 1a. **Prohibited methods of compensation.** (a) No individual may be compensated
90.27 for the solicitation, collection, or acceptance of absentee ballot applications from voters for
90.28 submission to the county auditor or other local election official in a manner in which payment

109.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

109.12 Subdivision 1. **Violation.** (a) No individual shall intentionally:

109.13 (1) make or sign any false certificate required by this chapter;

109.14 (2) make any false or untrue statement in any application for absentee ballots;

109.15 (3) apply for absentee ballots more than once in any election with the intent to cast an
109.16 illegal ballot;

109.17 (4) exhibit a ballot marked by that individual to any other individual;

109.18 (5) do any act in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of casting an
109.19 illegal vote in any precinct or for the purpose of aiding another to cast an illegal vote;

109.20 (6) use information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or records for purposes
109.21 unrelated to elections, political activities, or law enforcement;

109.22 (7) provide assistance to an absentee or early voter except in the manner provided by
109.23 section 204C.15, subdivision 1;

109.24 (8) solicit the vote of an absentee voter while in the immediate presence of the voter
109.25 during the time the individual knows the absentee voter is voting; or

109.26 (9) alter an absentee ballot application after it has been signed by the voter, except by
109.27 an election official for administrative purposes.

109.28 (b) Before inspecting information from absentee ballot or early voting materials or
109.29 records, an individual shall provide identification to the public official having custody of
109.30 the material or information.

110.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
110.2 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
110.3 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
110.4 later.

90.29 is calculated by multiplying (1) either a set or variable payment rate, by (2) the number of
90.30 applications solicited, collected, or accepted.

91.1 (b) No individual may be deprived of compensation or have compensation automatically
91.2 reduced exclusively for failure to solicit, collect, or accept a minimum number of absentee
91.3 ballot applications.

91.4 (c) No individual may receive additional compensation for collecting a certain number
91.5 of absentee ballot applications.

91.6 (d) Violation of this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor.

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

91.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

91.9 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
91.10 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:

91.11 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

91.12 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
91.13 them.

91.14 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
91.15 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

91.16 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
91.17 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
91.18 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
91.19 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections
91.20 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide
91.21 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
91.22 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites
91.23 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter
91.24 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the
91.25 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may
91.26 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required
91.27 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who
91.28 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will
91.29 administer.

91.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
91.31 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
91.32 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

110.5 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

110.6 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The full-time clerk of any city or town shall administer the
110.7 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if:

110.8 (1) the county auditor of that county has designated the clerk to administer them; or

110.9 (2) the clerk has given the county auditor of that county notice of intention to administer
110.10 them.

110.11 The designation or notice must specify whether the clerk will be responsible for the
110.12 administration of a ballot board as provided in section 203B.121.

110.13 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the
110.14 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated
110.15 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the
110.16 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections
110.17 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide
110.18 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The
110.19 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites
110.20 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter
110.21 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the
110.22 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may
110.23 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required
110.24 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who
110.25 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will
110.26 administer.

110.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
110.28 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
110.29 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
110.30 later.

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43.18 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

43.19 Subd. 3. **Delivery of ballots.** (a) The commissioner of corrections must provide the
43.20 secretary of state with a list of the names and mailing addresses of state adult correctional
43.21 facilities. An application for an absentee ballot that provides an address included on the list
43.22 provided by the commissioner of corrections must not be accepted and an absentee ballot
43.23 must not be provided to the applicant. The county auditor or municipal clerk must promptly
43.24 transmit a copy of the application to the county attorney. The Department of Corrections
43.25 must implement procedures to ensure that absentee ballots issued under this chapter are not
43.26 received or mailed by offenders incarcerated at state adult correctional facilities.

43.27 (b) If an application for absentee ballots is accepted at a time when absentee ballots are
43.28 not yet available for distribution, the county auditor, or municipal clerk accepting the
43.29 application shall file it and as soon as absentee ballots are available for distribution shall
43.30 mail them to the address specified in the application. If an application for absentee ballots
43.31 is accepted when absentee ballots are available for distribution, the county auditor or
43.32 municipal clerk accepting the application shall promptly:

44.1 (1) mail the ballots to the voter whose signature appears on the application if the
44.2 application is submitted by mail and does not request commercial shipping under clause
44.3 (2);

44.4 (2) ship the ballots to the voter using a commercial shipper requested by the voter at the
44.5 voter's expense;

44.6 (3) deliver the absentee ballots directly to the voter if the application is submitted in
44.7 person; or

44.8 (4) deliver the absentee ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope to an agent who has been
44.9 designated to bring the ballots, as provided in section 203B.11, subdivision 4, to a voter
44.10 who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or
44.11 who is disabled, or who is a patient in a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing
44.12 an assisted living services governed by facility licensed under chapter 144G, a participant
44.13 in a residential program for adults licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a
44.14 resident of a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.

44.15 (c) If an application does not indicate the election for which absentee ballots are sought,
44.16 the county auditor or municipal clerk shall mail or deliver only the ballots for the next
44.17 election occurring after receipt of the application. Only one set of ballots may be mailed,
44.18 shipped, or delivered to an applicant for any election, except as provided in section 203B.121,
44.19 subdivision 2, or when a replacement ballot has been requested by the voter for a ballot that
44.20 has been spoiled or lost in transit.

44.21 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.22 Subdivision 1. **Delivery of envelopes, directions.** The county auditor or the municipal
44.23 clerk shall prepare, print, and transmit a return envelope, a signature envelope, a ballot
44.24 envelope, and a copy of the directions for casting an absentee ballot to each applicant whose
44.25 application for absentee ballots is accepted pursuant to section 203B.04. The county auditor
44.26 or municipal clerk shall provide first class postage for the return envelope. The directions
44.27 for casting an absentee ballot shall be printed in at least 14-point bold type with heavy
44.28 leading and may be printed on the ballot envelope. When a person requests the directions
44.29 in Braille or on audio file, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall provide them in the
44.30 form requested. The secretary of state shall prepare Braille and audio file copies and make
44.31 them available.

45.1 When a voter registration application is sent to the applicant as provided in section
45.2 203B.06, subdivision 4, the directions or registration application shall include instructions
45.3 for registering to vote.

45.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.5 Subd. 2. **Design of envelopes.** (a) The ~~return~~ signature envelope shall be of sufficient
45.6 size to conveniently enclose and contain the ballot envelope and a folded voter registration
45.7 application. The ~~return~~ signature envelope shall be designed to open on the left-hand end.

45.8 (b) The return envelope must be designed in one of the following ways:

45.9 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain ~~an additional~~ a signature envelope ~~that when~~
45.10 ~~and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other~~
45.11 ~~information; or~~

45.12 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
45.13 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

45.14 (c) Election officials may open the flap or the ~~additional~~ return envelope at any time
45.15 after receiving the returned ballot to inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to
45.16 ascertain other information.

45.17 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

45.18 Subd. 3. **Eligibility certificate.** A certificate of eligibility to vote by absentee ballot
45.19 shall be printed on the back of the ~~return~~ signature envelope. The certificate shall contain
45.20 space for the voter's Minnesota driver's license number, state identification number, or the
45.21 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, or to indicate that the voter does not
45.22 have one of these numbers. The space must be designed to ensure that the voter provides
45.23 the same type of identification as provided on the voter's absentee ballot application for
45.24 purposes of comparison. The certificate must also contain a statement to be signed and
45.25 sworn by the voter indicating that the voter meets all of the requirements established by law
45.26 for voting by absentee ballot and space for a statement signed by a person who is registered

92.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.2 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
92.3 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
92.4 for casting the absentee ballots. The return envelope containing marked ballots may be
92.5 mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left with the
92.6 county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may
92.7 be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the return
92.8 envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by ~~3:00~~ 8:00 p.m. on
92.9 election day.

92.10 (b) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed absentee ballot
92.11 return envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the return envelope
92.12 in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the return envelopes of not more than three voters
92.13 in any election. Any person designated as an agent who tampers with either the return
92.14 envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail or deliver the return envelope
92.15 to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty of a misdemeanor.

92.16 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.17 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
92.18 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the return
92.19 envelope and place it in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked space with
92.20 other return envelopes received by that office. Within five days after receipt, the county
92.21 auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ballots received, except that
92.22 during the 14 days immediately preceding an election, the county auditor or municipal clerk
92.23 shall deliver all ballots received to the ballot board within three days. Ballots received on
92.24 election day ~~either (1) after 3:00 p.m., if delivered in person; or (2) after 8:00 p.m., if~~
92.25 ~~delivered by mail or a package delivery service,~~ shall be marked as received late by the
92.26 county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

45.27 to vote in Minnesota or by a notary public or other individual authorized to administer oaths
45.28 stating that:

45.29 (1) the ballots were displayed to that individual unmarked;

45.30 (2) the voter marked the ballots in that individual's presence without showing how they
45.31 were marked, or, if the voter was physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed
45.32 another individual to mark them; and

46.1 (3) if the voter was not previously registered, the voter has provided proof of residence
46.2 as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3.

46.3 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

46.4 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
46.5 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
46.6 for casting the absentee ballots. The return envelope containing marked ballots may be
46.7 mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left with the
46.8 county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may
46.9 be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the return
46.10 envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by ~~3:00~~ 8:00 p.m. on
46.11 election day.

46.12 (b) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed absentee ballot
46.13 return envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the return envelope
46.14 in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the return envelopes of not more than three voters
46.15 in any election. Any person designated as an agent who tampers with either the return
46.16 envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail or deliver the return envelope
46.17 to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty of a misdemeanor.

46.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

46.19 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
46.20 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the return
46.21 envelope and place it in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked space with
46.22 other return envelopes received by that office. Within five days after receipt, the county
46.23 auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ballots received, except that
46.24 during the 14 days immediately preceding an election, the county auditor or municipal clerk
46.25 shall deliver all ballots received to the ballot board within three days. Ballots received on
46.26 election day ~~either (1) after 3:00 p.m., if delivered in person; or (2) after 8:00 p.m., if~~
46.27 ~~delivered by mail or a package delivery service,~~ shall be marked as received late by the
46.28 county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

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92.27 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.28 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing for absentee voting.** (a) An eligible voter may vote

92.29 by absentee ballot in the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated

92.30 by the county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this

92.31 section.

92.32 (b) At the request of a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a reservation in the county,

92.33 the county auditor must establish an additional polling place for at least one day on the

93.1 Indian reservation on a site agreed upon by the Tribe and the county auditor that is accessible

93.2 to the county auditor by a public road.

93.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

93.4 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision

93.5 to read:

93.6 Subd. 1a. **Location; timing for early voting.** An eligible voter may vote using early

93.7 voting during the 18 days before a federal, state, or county election, and during the 18 days

93.8 before a municipal election if authorized under section 203B.05, in the office of the county

93.9 auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor. In elections in which

93.10 early voting is provided, the alternative voting procedure authorized by subdivision 3 must

93.11 not be provided.

93.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of

93.13 the ~~early voting~~ certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or

93.14 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

93.15 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

93.16 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot

93.17 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election.

93.18 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to

93.19 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the

93.20 manner provided in this subdivision.

93.21 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must

93.22 state the voter's name; and address; and, upon request of the election official, the voter's

93.23 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,

93.24 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required

93.25 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate

111.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.2 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing for absentee voting.** An eligible voter may vote by

111.3 absentee ballot in the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated

111.4 by the county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this

111.5 section.

111.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of

111.7 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,

111.8 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is

111.9 later.

111.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision

111.11 to read:

111.12 Subd. 1a. **Location; timing for early voting.** An eligible voter may vote using early

111.13 voting during the 18 days before a federal, state, or county election, and during the 18 days

111.14 before a municipal election if authorized under section 203B.05, in the office of the county

111.15 auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor. In elections in which

111.16 early voting is provided, the alternative voting procedure authorized by subdivision 3 must

111.17 not be provided.

111.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of

111.19 the ~~certification~~ described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,

111.20 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is

111.21 later.

111.22 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

111.23 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot

111.24 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election.

111.25 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to

111.26 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the

111.27 manner provided in this subdivision.

111.28 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must

111.29 state the voter's name; and address; and, upon request of the election official, the voter's

111.30 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,

111.31 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required

111.32 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate

93.26 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to
93.27 vote at that election.

93.28 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately
93.29 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
93.30 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter
93.31 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the
93.32 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

94.1 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner
94.2 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

94.3 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election
94.4 judge, the county auditor, a municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

94.5 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023.

94.6 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

94.7 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) In elections not eligible to use early voting under
94.8 subdivision 1a, the county auditor may make available a ballot counter and ballot box for
94.9 use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election. If a ballot counter and ballot
94.10 box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to vote using the process provided
94.11 in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision.

94.12 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must
94.13 state the voter's name, address, and date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk.
94.14 The voter shall sign a voter's certificate, which must include the voter's name, identification
94.15 number, and the certification required by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of
94.16 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
94.17 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election.

94.18 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately
94.19 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
94.20 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter
94.21 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the
94.22 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

94.23 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner
94.24 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

94.25 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by the county
94.26 auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

112.1 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to
112.2 vote at that election.

112.3 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately
112.4 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
112.5 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter
112.6 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the
112.7 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

112.8 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner
112.9 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

112.10 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election
112.11 judge, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

112.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023.

112.13 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

112.14 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) In elections not eligible to use early voting under
112.15 subdivision 1a, the county auditor may make available a ballot counter and ballot box for
112.16 use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election. If a ballot counter and ballot
112.17 box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to vote using the process provided
112.18 in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision.

112.19 (b) If a voter chooses to vote in the manner provided in this subdivision, the voter must
112.20 state the voter's name, and address; and, upon the request of the election official, the voter's
112.21 date of birth to the county auditor or municipal clerk. The voter shall sign a voter's certificate,
112.22 which must include the voter's name, identification number, and the certification required
112.23 by section 201.071, subdivision 1. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate
112.24 and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to
112.25 vote at that election.

112.26 (c) After signing the voter's certificate, the voter shall be issued a ballot and immediately
112.27 retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot.
112.28 The ballot must not be taken from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter
112.29 may return it to the election official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the
112.30 ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot into the ballot box.

112.31 (d) The election official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner
112.32 provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

113.1 (e) The election duties required by this subdivision must be performed by an election
113.2 judge, the county auditor, municipal clerk, or a deputy of the auditor or clerk.

94.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
94.28 the **early voting certification** and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
94.29 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

95.1 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.2 to read:

95.3 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under
95.4 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling
95.5 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085. **A designation**
95.6 **authorized by this subdivision must be made at least 47 days before the election. The county**
95.7 **auditor or municipal clerk must provide notice to the secretary of state at the time that the**
95.8 **designations are made.**

95.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

95.10 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.11 to read:

95.12 Subd. 5. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election
95.13 held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election.

95.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

95.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.16 to read:

95.17 Subd. 6. **Designation of locations.** The county auditor must make polling place
95.18 designations at least 14 weeks before the election and must provide the notice to the secretary
95.19 of state at the time the designations are made.

95.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

95.21 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.22 to read:

95.23 Subd. 7. **Notice to voters.** The county auditor must prepare a notice to the voters of the
95.24 days, times, and locations for voting before election day as authorized by this section. This
95.25 notice must be posted on the secretary of state's website, the county's website, and the
95.26 website for each municipality in which a voting location under this section is located at
95.27 least 14 days before the first day of the absentee voting period. If a county or municipality
95.28 does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk must publish the notice at
95.29 least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven days and not more than 14
95.30 days before the first day of the absentee voting period.

95.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

113.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
113.4 the **certification described in section 49** and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
113.5 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
113.6 later.

113.7 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
113.8 to read:

113.9 Subd. 4. **Temporary locations.** A county auditor or municipal clerk authorized under
113.10 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day may designate additional polling
113.11 places with days and hours that differ from those required by section 203B.085.

113.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

113.13 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
113.14 to read:

113.15 Subd. 5. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election
113.16 held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election.

113.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

113.18 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
113.19 to read:

113.20 Subd. 6. **Designation of locations.** The county auditor must make polling place
113.21 designations at least 14 weeks before the election and must provide the notice to the secretary
113.22 of state at the time the designations are made.

113.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

113.24 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
113.25 to read:

113.26 Subd. 7. **Notice to voters.** The county auditor must prepare a notice to the voters of the
113.27 days, times, and locations for voting before election day as authorized by this section. This
113.28 notice must be posted on the secretary of state's website, the county's website, and the
113.29 website for each municipality in which a voting location under this section is located at
113.30 least 14 days before the first day of the absentee voting period. If a county or municipality
114.1 does not have a website, the county auditor or municipal clerk must publish the notice at
114.2 least once in the jurisdiction's official newspaper at least seven days and not more than 14
114.3 days before the first day of the absentee voting period.

114.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

96.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
96.2 to read:

96.3 Subd. 8. **Equipment.** The county auditor must provide each polling place with at least
96.4 one voting booth; a ballot box; an electronic ballot counter, unless it has not adopted use
96.5 of one; and at least one electronic ballot marker for individuals with disabilities pursuant
96.6 to section 206.57, subdivision 5.

96.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

96.8 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

96.9 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**
96.10 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

96.11 Subdivision 1. **State general elections.** Prior to a state general election, the county
96.12 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under
96.13 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open:

96.14 (1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election;

96.15 (2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election;

96.16 (3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and

96.17 (4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

96.18 A polling place designated under 203B.081, subdivision 4, may be open alternate days and
96.19 hours.

96.20 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county
96.21 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under
96.22 section 203B.05 to administer ~~absentee balloting~~ voting before election day must be open
96.23 for ~~acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots~~ voting as
96.24 authorized under section 203B.081 from ~~10:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until
96.25 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless
96.26 that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if
96.27 the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the ~~town~~, must be open
96.28 for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town general
96.29 election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county auditor's
96.30 election duties, need not comply with this section.

97.1 Subd. 3. **Voters in line.** All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to
97.2 close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision
97.3 2.

97.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

114.5 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision
114.6 to read:

114.7 Subd. 8. **Equipment.** The county auditor must provide each polling place with at least
114.8 one voting booth; a ballot box; an electronic ballot counter, unless it has not adopted use
114.9 of one; and at least one electronic ballot marker for individuals with disabilities pursuant
114.10 to section 206.57, subdivision 5.

114.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

114.12 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.085, is amended to read:

114.13 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**
114.14 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

114.15 Subdivision 1. **State general elections.** Prior to a state general election, the county
114.16 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under
114.17 section 203B.05 to administer voting before election day must be open:

114.18 (1) until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election;

114.19 (2) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election;

114.20 (3) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and

114.21 (4) until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

114.22 A polling place designated under ~~section~~ 203B.081, subdivision 4, may be open alternate
114.23 days and hours.

114.24 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county
114.25 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under
114.26 section 203B.05 to administer ~~absentee balloting~~ voting before election day must be open
114.27 for ~~acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots~~ voting as
114.28 authorized under section 203B.081 from ~~10:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until
114.29 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless
114.30 that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if
114.31 the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the ~~township~~, must be
115.1 open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town
115.2 general election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county
115.3 auditor's election duties, need not comply with this section.

115.4 Subd. 3. **Voters in line.** All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to
115.5 close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision
115.6 2.

115.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

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46.29 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

46.30 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) Each full-time municipal clerk or school district clerk
46.31 who has authority under section 203B.05 to administer absentee voting laws ~~shall~~ must
46.32 designate election judges to deliver absentee ballots in accordance with this section. The
47.1 county auditor must also designate election judges to perform the duties in this section. A
47.2 ballot may be delivered only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident
47.3 or patient in one of the following facilities located in the municipality in which the voter
47.4 maintains residence: a health care facility ~~or, hospital located in the municipality in which~~
47.5 ~~the voter maintains residence,~~ or veterans home operated by the board of directors of the
47.6 Minnesota veterans homes under chapter 198. The ballots ~~shall~~ must be delivered by two
47.7 election judges, each of whom is affiliated with a different major political party. When the
47.8 election judges deliver or return ballots as provided in this section, they ~~shall~~ must travel
47.9 together in the same vehicle. Both election judges ~~shall~~ must be present when an applicant
47.10 completes the certificate of eligibility and marks the absentee ballots, and may assist an
47.11 applicant as provided in section 204C.15. The election judges ~~shall~~ must deposit the return
47.12 envelopes containing the marked absentee ballots in a sealed container and return them to
47.13 the clerk on the same day that they are delivered and marked.

47.14 (b) At the discretion of a full-time municipal clerk, school district clerk, or county auditor,
47.15 absentee ballots may be delivered in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph (a) to a
47.16 shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4, or to an assisted
47.17 living facility licensed under chapter 144G.

47.18 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.19 Subd. 2. ~~Twenty~~ **Thirty** days before an election. During the ~~20~~ **30** days preceding an
47.20 election, the election judges ~~shall~~ must deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter
47.21 who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk under section
47.22 203B.04, subdivision 1.

47.23 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.11, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

47.24 Subd. 4. **Agent delivery of ballots.** During the seven days preceding an election and
47.25 until ~~2:00~~ **8:00** p.m. on election day, an eligible voter who would have difficulty getting to
47.26 the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient
47.27 of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing an assisted living services governed
47.28 by facility licensed under chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program for adults
47.29 licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for battered women
47.30 as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4, may designate an agent to deliver the ballots
47.31 to the voter from the county auditor or municipal clerk. An agent must have a preexisting
47.32 relationship with the voter. A candidate at the election may not be designated as an agent.
47.33 The voted ballots must be returned to the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than
48.1 ~~3:00~~ **8:00** p.m. on election day. The voter must complete an affidavit requesting the auditor

97.5 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

97.6 Subd. 2. ~~Twenty~~ **Forty-five** days before an election. During the ~~20~~ **45** days preceding
97.7 an election, the election judges ~~shall~~ must deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter
97.8 who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk under section
97.9 203B.04, subdivision 1.

97.10 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.11, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

97.11 Subd. 4. **Agent delivery of ballots.** During the seven days preceding an election and
97.12 until ~~2:00~~ **8:00** p.m. on election day, an eligible voter who would have difficulty getting to
97.13 the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient
97.14 of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing an assisted living services governed
97.15 by facility licensed under chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program for adults
97.16 licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for battered women
97.17 as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4, may designate an agent to deliver the ballots
97.18 to the voter from the county auditor or municipal clerk. An agent must have a preexisting
97.19 relationship with the voter. A candidate at the election may not be designated as an agent.
97.20 The voted ballots must be returned to the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than
97.21 ~~3:00~~ **8:00** p.m. on election day. The voter must complete an affidavit requesting the auditor

97.22 or clerk to provide the agent with the ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope. The affidavit
97.23 must include a statement from the voter stating that the ballots were delivered to the voter
97.24 by the agent in the sealed transmittal envelope. An agent may deliver ballots to no more
97.25 than three persons in any election. The secretary of state shall provide samples of the affidavit
97.26 and transmission envelope for use by the county auditors.

97.27 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

97.28 Subd. 7. **Names of persons; rejected absentee ballots.** ~~(a)~~ The names of voters who
97.29 have submitted an absentee ballot to the county auditor or municipal clerk that has not been
97.30 accepted ~~may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting on election~~
97.31 ~~day.~~

98.1 ~~(b) After the close of voting on election day, the lists~~ must be available to the public in
98.2 the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

98.3 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
98.4 to read:

98.5 Subd. 9. **Names of persons; early voting.** The secretary of state must maintain a list of
98.6 voters who cast a ballot using the early voting procedures established in section 203B.30
98.7 for all elections at which those procedures are used. The list must be available to the public
98.8 in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

98.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
98.10 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
98.11 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

98.12 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

98.13 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
98.14 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or
98.15 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The
98.16 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections
98.17 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks
98.18 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member
98.19 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of
98.20 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee
98.21 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,
98.22 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,
98.23 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

48.2 or clerk to provide the agent with the ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope. The affidavit
48.3 must include a statement from the voter stating that the ballots were delivered to the voter
48.4 by the agent in the sealed transmittal envelope. An agent may deliver ballots to no more
48.5 than three persons in any election. The secretary of state shall provide samples of the affidavit
48.6 and transmission envelope for use by the county auditors.

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115.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

115.9 Subd. 7. **Names of persons; rejected absentee ballots.** ~~(a)~~ The names of voters who
115.10 have submitted an absentee ballot to the county auditor or municipal clerk that has not been
115.11 accepted ~~may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting on election~~
115.12 ~~day.~~

115.13 ~~(b) After the close of voting on election day, the lists~~ must be available to the public in
115.14 the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

115.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

115.16 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.12, is amended by adding a subdivision
115.17 to read:

115.18 Subd. 9. **Names of persons; early voting.** The secretary of state must maintain a list of
115.19 voters who cast a ballot using the early voting procedures established in section 203B.30
115.20 for all elections at which those procedures are used. The list must be available to the public
115.21 in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

115.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
115.23 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
115.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
115.25 later.

115.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

115.27 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
115.28 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or
115.29 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The
115.30 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections
115.31 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks
116.1 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member
116.2 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of
116.3 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee
116.4 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,
116.5 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,
116.6 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

98.24 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
98.25 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

98.26 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
98.27 Law apply to a ballot board.

98.28 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
98.29 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
98.30 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

99.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

99.2 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
99.3 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
99.4 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
99.5 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall
99.6 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges
99.7 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they
99.8 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,
99.9 subdivision 2.

99.10 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and
99.11 initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members
99.12 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

99.13 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information
99.14 provided on the absentee ballot application;

99.15 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

99.16 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four
99.17 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee
99.18 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must
99.19 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were
99.20 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

99.21 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly
99.22 completed voter registration application in the signature envelope;

99.23 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an
99.24 absentee ballot; and

99.25 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the
99.26 close of business on the seventh 19th day before the election, by absentee ballot as provided
99.27 by section 203B.081.

116.7 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
116.8 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

116.9 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
116.10 Law apply to a ballot board.

116.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
116.12 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
116.13 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
116.14 later.

116.15 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

116.16 Subd. 2. **Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
116.17 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
116.18 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
116.19 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall
116.20 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges
116.21 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they
116.22 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,
116.23 subdivision 2.

116.24 (b) The members of the ballot board shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and
116.25 initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if a majority of the members
116.26 of the ballot board examining the envelope are satisfied that:

116.27 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope are the same as the information
116.28 provided on the absentee ballot application;

116.29 (2) the voter signed the certification on the envelope;

116.30 (3) the voter's Minnesota driver's license, state identification number, or the last four
116.31 digits of the voter's Social Security number are the same as a number on the voter's absentee
116.32 ballot application or voter record. If the number does not match, the election judges must
117.1 compare the signature provided by the applicant to determine whether the ballots were
117.2 returned by the same person to whom they were transmitted;

117.3 (4) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly
117.4 completed voter registration application in the signature envelope;

117.5 (5) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an
117.6 absentee ballot; and

117.7 (6) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the
117.8 close of business on the seventh 19th day before the election, by absentee ballot as provided
117.9 by section 203B.081.

99.28 The signature envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the
99.29 county auditor.

99.30 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a signature envelope
99.31 find that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph
99.32 (b), they shall mark the signature envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word
99.33 "Rejected," list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county
100.1 auditor. There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by
100.2 this section. Failure to place the ballot within the secrecy envelope before placing it in the
100.3 outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

100.4 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope
100.5 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with
100.6 a replacement absentee ballot and signature envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

100.7 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
100.8 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by
100.9 telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official
100.10 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

100.11 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice
100.12 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official
100.13 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.
100.14 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the
100.15 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of
100.16 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

100.17 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after
100.18 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

100.19 (2) the reason for rejection; and

100.20 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further
100.21 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

100.22 (e) An absentee ballot signature envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or
100.23 subject to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

100.24 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

100.25 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
100.26 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter
100.27 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. After the
100.28 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates
100.29 that an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that
100.30 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal ~~or~~ state, or county

117.10 The signature envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the
117.11 county auditor.

117.12 (c)(1) If a majority of the members of the ballot board examining a signature envelope
117.13 find that an absentee voter has failed to meet one of the requirements provided in paragraph
117.14 (b), they shall mark the signature envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word
117.15 "Rejected," list the reason for the rejection on the envelope, and return it to the county
117.16 auditor. There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot beyond those permitted by
117.17 this section. Failure to place the ballot within the secrecy ballot envelope before placing it
117.18 in the outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

117.19 (2) If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the envelope
117.20 must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board shall provide the voter with
117.21 a replacement absentee ballot and signature envelope in place of the rejected ballot.

117.22 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
117.23 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by
117.24 telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official
117.25 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

117.26 (d) The official in charge of the absentee ballot board must mail the voter a written notice
117.27 of absentee ballot rejection between six and ten weeks following the election. If the official
117.28 determines that the voter has otherwise cast a ballot in the election, no notice is required.
117.29 If an absentee ballot arrives after the deadline for submission provided by this chapter, the
117.30 notice must be provided between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of
117.31 absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

117.32 (1) the date on which the absentee ballot was rejected or, if the ballot was received after
117.33 the required deadline for submission, the date on which the ballot was received;

118.1 (2) the reason for rejection; and

118.2 (3) the name of the appropriate election official to whom the voter may direct further
118.3 questions, along with appropriate contact information.

118.4 (e) An absentee ballot signature envelope marked "Rejected" may not be opened or
118.5 subject to further review except in an election contest filed pursuant to chapter 209.

118.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

118.27 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

118.28 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
118.29 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter
118.30 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. After the
118.31 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates
119.1 that an absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter has cast an early ballot must not
119.2 be permitted to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special

100.31 office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration
100.32 system.

101.1 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters
101.2 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later
101.3 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot
101.4 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

101.5 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

101.6 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

101.7 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

101.8 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~
101.9 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~
101.10 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

101.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
101.12 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
101.13 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

101.14 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

101.15 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
101.16 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted. After the close
101.17 of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that
101.18 an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that
101.19 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal or state office, the
101.20 auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration system.

101.21 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee voters who
101.22 submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later than the
101.23 start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot at the
101.24 election. The roster may be marked either:

101.25 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

101.26 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

101.27 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

101.28 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~
101.29 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~
101.30 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

119.3 election for federal ~~or~~ state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this
119.4 information in the statewide voter registration system.

119.5 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee and early voters
119.6 who submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later
119.7 than the start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot
119.8 at the election. The roster may be marked either:

119.9 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

119.10 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

119.11 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

119.12 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~
119.13 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~
119.14 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

119.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
119.16 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
119.17 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
119.18 later.

118.7 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

118.8 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk
118.9 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted. After the close
118.10 of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates that
118.11 an absentee ballot has been accepted must not be permitted to cast another ballot at that
118.12 election. In a state primary, general, or state special election for federal ~~or~~ state, or county
118.13 office, the auditor or clerk must also record this information in the statewide voter registration
118.14 system.

118.15 (b) The roster must be marked, and a supplemental report of absentee voters who
118.16 submitted a voter registration application with their ballot must be created, no later than the
118.17 start of voting on election day to indicate the voters that have already cast a ballot at the
118.18 election. The roster may be marked either:

118.19 (1) by the county auditor or municipal clerk before election day;

118.20 (2) by the ballot board before election day; or

118.21 (3) by the election judges at the polling place on election day.

118.22 ~~The record of a voter whose absentee ballot was received after the close of business on~~
118.23 ~~the seventh day before the election is not required to be marked on the roster or contained~~
118.24 ~~in a supplemental report as required by this paragraph.~~

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

102.1 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

102.2 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day
102.3 before the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
102.4 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
102.5 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
102.6 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must
102.7 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and
102.8 may not be counted.

102.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
102.10 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
102.11 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

102.12 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

102.13 Subd. 2. **Indefinite residence outside United States.** Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27
102.14 provide the exclusive voting procedure for United States citizens who are living indefinitely
102.15 outside the territorial limits of the United States who meet all the qualifications of an eligible
102.16 voter except residence in Minnesota, but who are authorized by federal law to vote in
102.17 Minnesota because they or, if they have never ~~resided~~ maintained residence in the United
102.18 States, a parent maintained residence in Minnesota for at least 20 days immediately prior
102.19 to their departure from the United States. Individuals described in this subdivision shall be
102.20 permitted to vote only for the offices of president, vice-president, senator in Congress, and
102.21 representative in Congress.

118.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendment to paragraph (a) is effective June 1, 2023. The
118.26 amendment to paragraph (b) is effective the day following final enactment.

119.19 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

119.20 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day
119.21 before the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
119.22 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
119.23 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
119.24 ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must
119.25 be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and
119.26 may not be counted.

119.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

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48.7 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.8 Subd. 2. **Indefinite residence outside United States.** Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27
48.9 provide the exclusive voting procedure for United States citizens who are living indefinitely
48.10 outside the territorial limits of the United States who meet all the qualifications of an eligible
48.11 voter except residence in Minnesota, but who are authorized by federal law to vote in
48.12 Minnesota because they or, if they have never ~~resided~~ maintained residence in the United
48.13 States, a parent maintained residence in Minnesota for at least 20 days immediately prior
48.14 to their departure from the United States. Individuals described in this subdivision shall be
48.15 permitted to vote only for the offices of president, vice-president, senator in Congress, and
48.16 representative in Congress.

48.17 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

48.18 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Absentee ballots under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 shall conform
48.19 to the requirements of the Minnesota Election Law, except that modifications in the size or
48.20 form of ballots or envelopes may be made if necessary to satisfy the requirements of the
48.21 United States postal service. The return envelope must be designed in one of the following
48.22 ways:

48.23 (1) it must be of sufficient size to contain an additional signature envelope that when
48.24 and when the return envelope is sealed, it conceals the signature, identification, and other
48.25 information; or

48.26 (2) it must be the signature envelope and provide an additional flap that when sealed,
48.27 conceals the signature, identification, and other information.

48.28 The flap or the ~~additional~~ return envelope must be perforated to permit election officials to
48.29 inspect the returned certificate for completeness or to ascertain other information at any
48.30 time after receiving the returned ballot without opening the ~~return~~ signature envelope.

49.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.2 Subd. 3. **Back of ~~return~~ signature envelope.** On the back of the ~~return~~ signature envelope
49.3 a certificate shall appear with space for:

49.4 (1) the voter's address of present or former residence in Minnesota;

49.5 (2) the voter's current email address, if the voter has one;

49.6 (3) a statement indicating the category described in section 203B.16 to which the voter
49.7 belongs;

49.8 (4) a statement that the voter has not cast and will not cast another absentee ballot in the
49.9 same election or elections;

49.10 (5) a statement that the voter personally marked the ballots without showing them to
49.11 anyone, or if physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed another individual to
49.12 mark them; and

49.13 (6) the same voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
49.14 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided on the
49.15 absentee ballot application; if the voter does not have access to any of these documents, the
49.16 voter may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the certificate under penalty of perjury.

49.17 The certificate shall also contain a signed oath in the form required by section 705 of
49.18 the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252, which must read:

49.19 "I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

49.20 I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible
49.21 spouse or dependent of such a member; a United States citizen temporarily residing outside
49.22 the United States; or other United States citizen residing outside the United States; and I
49.23 am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election),
49.24 and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony,
49.25 or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting
49.26 rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any
49.27 other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form. In
49.28 voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to
49.29 observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or
49.30 federal law. I have not been influenced.

50.1 The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
50.2 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may
50.3 constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury."

50.4 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

50.5 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The absentee ballot board must examine all returned absentee ballot
50.6 envelopes for ballots issued under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 and accept or reject the
50.7 absentee ballots in the manner provided in section 203B.24. If the certificate of voter
50.8 eligibility is not printed on the ~~return or administrative~~ signature envelope, the certificate
50.9 must be attached to the ballot ~~secrecy~~ envelope.

50.10 (b) The absentee ballot board must immediately examine the ~~return~~ signature envelopes
50.11 or certificates of voter eligibility that are attached to the ballot envelopes and mark them
50.12 "accepted" or "rejected" during the 45 days before the election. If an envelope has been
50.13 rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered
50.14 spoiled ballots and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter
50.15 with a replacement absentee ballot and ~~return envelope~~ envelopes in place of the spoiled
50.16 ballot.

50.17 (c) If a county has delegated the responsibility for administering absentee balloting to
50.18 a municipality under section 203B.05, accepted absentee ballots must be delivered to the
50.19 appropriate municipality's absentee ballot board. The absentee ballot board with the authority
50.20 to open and count the ballots must do so in accordance with section 203B.121, subdivisions
50.21 4 and 5.

50.22 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

50.23 Subdivision 1. **Check of voter eligibility; proper execution of certificate.** Upon receipt
50.24 of an absentee ballot returned as provided in sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, the election
50.25 judges shall compare the voter's name with the names recorded under section 203B.19 in
50.26 the statewide registration system to insure that the ballot is from a voter eligible to cast an
50.27 absentee ballot under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. The election judges shall mark the
50.28 signature envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the signature envelope below the word
50.29 "Accepted" if the election judges are satisfied that:

50.30 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope appears in substantially the
50.31 same form as on the application records provided to the election judges by the county auditor;

51.1 (2) the voter has signed the federal oath prescribed pursuant to section 705(b)(2) of the
51.2 Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252;

51.3 (3) the voter has set forth the same voter's passport number, or Minnesota driver's license
51.4 or state identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security
51.5 number as submitted on the application, if the voter has one of these documents;

51.6 (4) the voter is not known to have died; and

51.7 (5) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or by absentee ballot.

51.8 If the identification number described in clause (3) does not match the number as
51.9 submitted on the application, the election judges must make a reasonable effort to satisfy

102.22 Sec. 51. **[203B.29] TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS UNDER CERTAIN**
102.23 **CIRCUMSTANCES.**

102.24 Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is
102.25 a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed during
102.26 the time period authorized by law for absentee voting, on election day, or during any state
102.27 of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any governor of any state
102.28 within the United States may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter
102.29 eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a properly completed
102.30 application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor shall electronically transmit
102.31 the requested materials to the voter. The county auditor is not required to provide return
102.32 postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted electronically.

103.1 Subd. 2. **Reasonable accommodation for voter with disability.** Any eligible Minnesota
103.2 voter with a print disability, including any voter with disabilities that interfere with the
103.3 effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials, may request that ballots, instructions,
103.4 and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically in an accessible
103.5 format that meets Election Assistance Commission minimum accessibility requirements.
103.6 Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the
103.7 county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The county
103.8 auditor must also mail the voter materials required under section 203B.07.

103.9 Subd. 3. **Returning voted ballots.** A voter receiving a ballot electronically under
103.10 subdivision 1 or 2 must print and return the voter's voted ballot and the certificate of voter
103.11 eligibility to the county auditor in a sealed envelope. A voter must not return the ballot or
103.12 certificate of voter eligibility electronically. A ballot that is returned electronically must not
103.13 be accepted and must not be counted.

51.10 themselves through other information provided by the applicant, or by an individual
51.11 authorized to apply on behalf of the voter, that the ballots were returned by the same person
51.12 to whom the ballots were transmitted.

51.13 An absentee ballot cast pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 may only be rejected
51.14 for the lack of one of clauses (1) to (5). In particular, failure to place the ballot within the
51.15 ~~secrecy~~ ballot envelope before placing it in the ~~outer white~~ signature envelope is not a reason
51.16 to reject an absentee ballot.

51.17 Election judges must note the reason for rejection on the back of the envelope in the
51.18 space provided for that purpose.

51.19 Failure to return unused ballots shall not invalidate a marked ballot, but a ballot shall
51.20 not be counted if the certificate on the ~~return~~ signature envelope is not properly executed.
51.21 In all other respects the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and
51.22 counting of ballots shall apply. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the counting
51.23 of the absentee ballot of a deceased voter does not invalidate the election.

51.24 Sec. 29. **[203B.29] TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS UNDER CERTAIN**
51.25 **CIRCUMSTANCES.**

51.26 Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is
51.27 a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed in
51.28 response to any state of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any
51.29 governor of any state within the United States that occurs during the time period authorized
51.30 by law for absentee voting or on election day may request that ballots, instructions, and a
51.31 certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a
51.32 properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor shall
52.1 electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The county auditor is not required
52.2 to provide return postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted electronically.

52.3 Subd. 2. **Reasonable accommodation for voter with disability.** Any eligible Minnesota
52.4 voter with a print disability, including any voter with disabilities that interfere with the
52.5 effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials, may request that ballots, instructions,
52.6 and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically in an accessible
52.7 format that meets Election Assistance Commission minimum accessibility requirements.
52.8 Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the
52.9 county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The county
52.10 auditor must also mail the voter materials required under section 203B.07.

52.11 Subd. 3. **Returning voted ballots.** A voter receiving a ballot electronically under
52.12 subdivision 1 or 2 must print and return the voter's voted ballot and the certificate of voter
52.13 eligibility to the county auditor in a sealed envelope. A voter must not return the ballot or
52.14 certificate of voter eligibility electronically. A ballot that is returned electronically must be
52.15 rejected and must not be counted.

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103.14 Sec. 52. [203B.30] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.
103.15 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "early voting official" means
103.16 the county auditor, the city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge.
103.17 Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,
103.18 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to
103.19 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration
103.20 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast
103.21 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge
103.22 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name
103.23 or address has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision
103.24 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.
103.25 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of
103.26 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
103.27 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,
103.28 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must
103.29 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to
103.30 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils
103.31 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.
103.32 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and
103.33 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the
103.34 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.
104.1 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** The early voting official must remove and secure ballots
104.2 cast during the early voting period following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision
104.3 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed
104.4 on election day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).
104.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
104.6 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
104.7 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

104.8 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
104.9 Subdivision 1. **Form of affidavit.** An affidavit of candidacy shall state the name of the
104.10 office sought and, except as provided in subdivision 4, shall state that the candidate:
104.11 (1) is an eligible voter;
104.12 (2) has no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office at the same primary or
104.13 next ensuing general election, except that a candidate for soil and water conservation district

119.28 Sec. 35. [203B.30] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.
119.29 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "early voting official" means
119.30 the county auditor, city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge.
120.1 Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,
120.2 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to
120.3 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration
120.4 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast
120.5 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge
120.6 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name
120.7 or address has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision
120.8 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.
120.9 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of
120.10 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
120.11 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,
120.12 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must
120.13 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to
120.14 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils
120.15 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.
120.16 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and
120.17 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the
120.18 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.
120.19 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Early voting officials must remove and secure ballots
120.20 cast during the early voting period following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision
120.21 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed
120.22 on election day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).
120.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
120.24 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
120.25 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
120.26 later.

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52.16 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
52.17 Subdivision 1. **Form of affidavit.** An affidavit of candidacy shall state the name of the
52.18 office sought and, except as provided in subdivision 4, shall state that the candidate:
52.19 (1) is an eligible voter;
52.20 (2) has no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office at the same primary or
52.21 next ensuing general election, except that a candidate for soil and water conservation district

104.14 ~~supervisor in a district not located in whole or in part in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, or~~
104.15 ~~Washington County, may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy for mayor or council~~
104.16 ~~member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than 2,500 population contained~~
104.17 ~~in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district or for town supervisor in a~~
104.18 ~~town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water~~
104.19 ~~conservation district as authorized by subdivision 9; and~~

104.20 (3) is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more, and will have maintained
104.21 residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the
104.22 general election.

104.23 An affidavit of candidacy must include a statement that the candidate's name as written
104.24 on the affidavit for ballot designation is the candidate's true name or the name by which the
104.25 candidate is commonly and generally known in the community.

104.26 An affidavit of candidacy for partisan office shall also state the name of the candidate's
104.27 political party or political principle, stated in three words or less.

104.28 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

104.29 Subd. 1b. **Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.** (a) An affidavit
104.30 of candidacy must state a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted. An
104.31 affidavit must also state the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment issued electronic
104.32 mail address or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess
105.1 an electronic mail address. An affidavit must also state the candidate's address of residence
105.2 as determined under section 200.031, or at the candidate's request in accordance with
105.3 paragraph (c), the candidate's campaign contact address. The form for the affidavit of
105.4 candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of
105.5 residence be classified as private data, and to provide the certification required under
105.6 paragraph (c) for classification of that address.

105.7 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
105.8 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
105.9 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
105.10 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
105.11 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
105.12 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that
105.13 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
105.14 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the
105.15 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
105.16 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
105.17 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
105.18 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the
105.19 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
105.20 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

52.22 ~~supervisor in a district not located in whole or in part in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, or~~
52.23 ~~Washington County, may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy for mayor or council~~
52.24 ~~member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than 2,500 population contained~~
52.25 ~~in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district or for town supervisor in a~~
52.26 ~~town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water~~
52.27 ~~conservation district as authorized by subdivision 9; and~~

52.28 (3) is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more, and will have maintained
52.29 residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the
52.30 general election.

52.31 An affidavit of candidacy must include a statement that the candidate's name as written
52.32 on the affidavit for ballot designation is the candidate's true name or the name by which the
52.33 candidate is commonly and generally known in the community.

53.1 An affidavit of candidacy for partisan office shall also state the name of the candidate's
53.2 political party or political principle, stated in three words or less.

53.3 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

53.4 Subd. 1b. **Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.** (a) An affidavit
53.5 of candidacy must state a telephone number where the candidate can be contacted. An
53.6 affidavit must also state the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment issued electronic
53.7 mail address or an attestation that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess
53.8 an electronic mail address. An affidavit must also state the candidate's address of residence
53.9 as determined under section 200.031, or at the candidate's request in accordance with
53.10 paragraph (c), the candidate's campaign contact address. The form for the affidavit of
53.11 candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of
53.12 residence be classified as private data, and to provide the certification required under
53.13 paragraph (c) for classification of that address.

53.14 (b) If an affidavit for an office where a residency requirement must be satisfied by the
53.15 close of the filing period is filed as provided by paragraph (c), the filing officer must, within
53.16 one business day of receiving the filing, determine whether the address provided in the
53.17 affidavit of candidacy is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.
53.18 For all other candidates who filed for an office whose residency requirement must be satisfied
53.19 by the close of the filing period, a registered voter in this state may request in writing that
53.20 the filing officer receiving the affidavit of candidacy review the address as provided in this
53.21 paragraph, at any time up to one day after the last day for filing for office. If requested, the
53.22 filing officer must determine whether the address provided in the affidavit of candidacy is
53.23 within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking. If the filing officer
53.24 determines that the address is not within the area represented by the office, the filing officer
53.25 must immediately notify the candidate and the candidate's name must be removed from the
53.26 ballot for that office. A determination made by a filing officer under this paragraph is subject
53.27 to judicial review under section 204B.44.

105.21 (c) If the candidate requests that the candidate's address of residence be classified as
105.22 private data, the candidate must list the candidate's address of residence on a separate form
105.23 to be attached to the affidavit. The candidate must also certify on the affidavit that either:
105.24 (1) a police report has been submitted ~~or~~, an order for protection has been issued, or the
105.25 candidate has a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's
105.26 family; or
105.27 (2) ~~that~~ the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law.
105.28 The address of residence provided by a candidate who makes a request for classification
105.29 on the candidate's affidavit of candidacy and provides the certification required by this
105.30 paragraph is classified as private data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may
105.31 be reviewed by the filing officer as provided in this subdivision.
105.32 (d) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply to affidavits of candidacy for a
105.33 candidate for: (1) judicial office; (2) the office of county attorney; or (3) county sheriff.
106.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
106.2 Subd. 4a. **State and local offices.** Candidates who seek nomination for the following
106.3 offices shall state the following additional information on the affidavit:
106.4 (1) for governor or lieutenant governor, that on the first Monday of the next January the
106.5 candidate will be 25 years of age or older and, on the day of the state general election, a
106.6 resident of Minnesota for not less than one year;
106.7 (2) for supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, or district court judge, that the
106.8 candidate is learned in the law and will not turn 70 years of age before the first Monday in
106.9 January of the following year;
106.10 (3) for county, municipal, school district, or special district office, that the candidate
106.11 meets any other qualifications for that office prescribed by law;
106.12 (4) for senator or representative in the legislature, that on the day of the general or special
106.13 election to fill the office the candidate will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence not less than
106.14 one year in the state and not less than six months in the legislative district from which the
106.15 candidate seeks election.
106.16 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, is amended by adding a subdivision
106.17 to read:
106.18 Subd. 9. **Multiple affidavits of candidacy.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, clause (2):
106.19 (1) a candidate for soil and water conservation district supervisor in a district not located
106.20 in whole or in part in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, or Washington County may also have on
106.21 file an affidavit of candidacy for:

53.28 (c) If the candidate requests that the candidate's address of residence be classified as
53.29 private data, the candidate must list the candidate's address of residence on a separate form
53.30 to be attached to the affidavit. The candidate must also certify on the affidavit that either:
53.31 (1) a police report has been submitted ~~or~~, an order for protection has been issued, or the
53.32 candidate has a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's
53.33 family; or that (2) the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law.
53.34 The address of residence provided by a candidate who makes a request for classification
54.1 on the candidate's affidavit of candidacy and provides the certification required by this
54.2 paragraph is classified as private data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but may
54.3 be reviewed by the filing officer as provided in this subdivision.
54.4 (d) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply to affidavits of candidacy for a
54.5 candidate for: (1) judicial office; (2) the office of county attorney; or (3) county sheriff.
54.6 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
54.7 Subd. 4a. **State and local offices.** Candidates who seek nomination for the following
54.8 offices shall state the following additional information on the affidavit:
54.9 (1) for governor or lieutenant governor, that on the first Monday of the next January the
54.10 candidate will be 25 years of age or older and, on the day of the state general election, a
54.11 resident of Minnesota for not less than one year;
54.12 (2) for supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, or district court judge, that the
54.13 candidate is learned in the law and will not turn 70 years of age before the first Monday in
54.14 January of the following year;
54.15 (3) for county, municipal, school district, or special district office, that the candidate
54.16 meets any other qualifications for that office prescribed by law;
54.17 (4) for senator or representative in the legislature, that on the day of the general or special
54.18 election to fill the office the candidate will have ~~resided~~ maintained residence not less than
54.19 one year in the state and not less than six months in the legislative district from which the
54.20 candidate seeks election.
54.21 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.06, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.22 to read:
54.23 Subd. 9. **Multiple affidavits of candidacy.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, clause (2):
54.24 (1) a candidate for soil and water conservation district supervisor in a district not located
54.25 in whole or in part in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, or Washington County may also have on
54.26 file an affidavit of candidacy for:

106.22 (i) mayor or council member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than
106.23 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district;
106.24 or
106.25 (ii) town supervisor in a town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or
106.26 in part in the soil and water conservation district; and
106.27 (2) a candidate for school board member may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy
106.28 for town board supervisor, unless that town board is exercising the powers of a statutory
106.29 city under section 368.01 or an applicable special law.
107.1 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
107.2 Subdivision 1. **Candidates in state and county general elections.** (a) Except as
107.3 otherwise provided by this subdivision, affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions
107.4 for county, state, and federal offices filled at the state general election shall be filed not
107.5 more than 84 days nor less than 70 days before the state primary. The affidavit may be
107.6 prepared and signed at any time between 60 days before the filing period opens and the last
107.7 day of the filing period.
107.8 (b) Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, the affidavit of candidacy must be signed
107.9 in the presence of a notarial officer or an individual authorized to administer oaths under
107.10 section 358.10.
107.11 (c) This provision does not apply to candidates for presidential elector nominated by
107.12 major political parties. Major party candidates for presidential elector are certified under
107.13 section 208.03. Other candidates for presidential electors may file petitions at least 77 days
107.14 before the general election day pursuant to section 204B.07. Nominating petitions to fill
107.15 vacancies in nominations shall be filed as provided in section 204B.13. No affidavit or
107.16 petition shall be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
107.17 (d) Affidavits and petitions for county offices must be filed with the county auditor of
107.18 that county. Affidavits and petitions for federal offices must be filed with the secretary of
107.19 state. Affidavits and petitions for state offices must be filed with the secretary of state or
107.20 with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence.
107.21 (e) Affidavits other than those filed pursuant to subdivision 1a must be submitted by
107.22 mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L, or any other law to the contrary and must
107.23 be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
107.24 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
107.25 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who
107.26 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the
107.27 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later
107.28 than the seventh day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies of

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54.27 (i) mayor or council member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than
54.28 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district;
54.29 or
54.30 (ii) town supervisor in a town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or
54.31 in part in the soil and water conservation district; and
55.1 (2) a candidate for school board member may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy
55.2 for town board supervisor, unless that town board is exercising the powers of a statutory
55.3 city under section 368.01 or an applicable special law.
55.4 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
55.5 Subdivision 1. **Candidates in state and county general elections.** (a) Except as
55.6 otherwise provided by this subdivision, affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions
55.7 for county, state, and federal offices filled at the state general election shall be filed not
55.8 more than 84 days nor less than 70 days before the state primary. The affidavit may be
55.9 prepared and signed at any time between 60 days before the filing period opens and the last
55.10 day of the filing period.
55.11 (b) Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, the affidavit of candidacy must be signed
55.12 in the presence of a notarial officer or an individual authorized to administer oaths under
55.13 section 358.10.
55.14 (c) This provision does not apply to candidates for presidential elector nominated by
55.15 major political parties. Major party candidates for presidential elector are certified under
55.16 section 208.03. Other candidates for presidential electors may file petitions at least 77 days
55.17 before the general election day pursuant to section 204B.07. Nominating petitions to fill
55.18 vacancies in nominations shall be filed as provided in section 204B.13. No affidavit or
55.19 petition shall be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
55.20 (d) Affidavits and petitions for county offices must be filed with the county auditor of
55.21 that county. Affidavits and petitions for federal offices must be filed with the secretary of
55.22 state. Affidavits and petitions for state offices must be filed with the secretary of state or
55.23 with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence.
55.24 (e) Affidavits other than those filed pursuant to subdivision 1a must be submitted by
55.25 mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L, or any other law to the contrary and must
55.26 be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.
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120.27 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
120.28 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who
120.29 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the
120.30 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later
120.31 than the seventh day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies of

107.29 the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later than
107.30 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

107.31 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution
107.32 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

108.1 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official **at least**
108.2 **seven days** before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's write-in
108.3 votes individually recorded; or

108.4 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded
108.5 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest
108.6 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

108.7 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized
108.8 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted before the first day of filing for office. A
108.9 resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on
108.10 the same subject is adopted by the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter
108.11 city.

108.12 (c) The governing body of a township, school board, hospital district, park district, soil
108.13 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the
108.14 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in
108.15 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in
108.16 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for
108.17 a ballot candidate.

108.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this
108.19 subdivision must ~~file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for~~
108.20 ~~vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who~~
108.21 ~~files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking~~
108.22 ~~nomination as~~ include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States. The
108.23 request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The
108.24 total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed
108.25 the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

108.26 ~~(e)~~ (c) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file
108.27 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor.
108.28 A candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file
108.29 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

120.32 the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later than
120.33 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

121.1 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution
121.2 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

121.3 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official **no later**
121.4 **than the seventh day** before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's
121.5 write-in votes individually recorded; or

121.6 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded
121.7 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest
121.8 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

121.9 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized
121.10 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted before the first day of filing for office. A
121.11 resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on
121.12 the same subject is adopted by the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter
121.13 city.

121.14 (c) The governing body of a township, school board, hospital district, park district, soil
121.15 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the
121.16 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in
121.17 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in
121.18 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for
121.19 a ballot candidate.

121.20 ~~(b)~~ (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this
121.21 subdivision must ~~file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for~~
121.22 ~~vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who~~
121.23 ~~files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking~~
121.24 ~~nomination as~~ include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States. The
121.25 request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The
121.26 total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed
121.27 the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

121.28 ~~(e)~~ (c) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file
121.29 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor.
121.30 A candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file
121.31 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

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108.30 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
108.31 to read:

108.32 Subd. 6a. **Candidates for federal office.** This section does not apply to a vacancy in
108.33 nomination for a federal office.

109.1 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

109.2 Subd. 2. **Separate precincts; combined polling place.** (a) The following shall constitute
109.3 at least one election precinct:

109.4 (1) each city ward; and

109.5 (2) each town and each statutory city.

109.6 (b) A single, accessible, combined polling place may be established no later than
109.7 November 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the following
109.8 year or May 1 of any other year:

109.9 (1) for any city of the third or fourth class, any town, or any city having territory in more
109.10 than one county, in which all the voters of the city or town shall cast their ballots;

109.11 (2) for contiguous precincts in the same municipality;

109.12 (3) for up to four contiguous municipalities located entirely outside the metropolitan
109.13 area, as defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, that are contained in the same county;
109.14 or

109.15 (4) for noncontiguous precincts located in one or more counties.

109.16 Subject to the requirements of paragraph (c), a single, accessible, combined polling place
109.17 may be established after May 1 of any year in the event of an emergency.

109.18 A copy of the ordinance or resolution establishing a combined polling place must be
109.19 filed with the county auditor within 30 days after approval by the governing body, and the
109.20 county auditor must provide notice within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner
109.21 and including information prescribed by the secretary of state. A polling place combined
109.22 under clause (3) must be approved by the governing body of each participating municipality.
109.23 A polling place combined under clause (4) must be approved by the governing body of each
109.24 participating municipality and the secretary of state and may be located outside any of the
109.25 noncontiguous precincts. A municipality withdrawing from participation in a combined
109.26 polling place must do so by filing a resolution of withdrawal with the county auditor no
109.27 later than October 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the
109.28 following year or April 1 of any other year, and the county auditor must provide notice
109.29 within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner and including information prescribed
109.30 by the secretary of state.

55.27 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision
55.28 to read:

55.29 Subd. 6a. **Candidates for federal office.** This section does not apply to a vacancy in
55.30 nomination for a federal office.

56.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

56.2 Subd. 2. **Separate precincts; combined polling place.** (a) The following shall constitute
56.3 at least one election precinct:

56.4 (1) each city ward; and

56.5 (2) each town and each statutory city.

56.6 (b) A single, accessible, combined polling place may be established no later than
56.7 November 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the following
56.8 year or May 1 of any other year:

56.9 (1) for any city of the third or fourth class, any town, or any city having territory in more
56.10 than one county, in which all the voters of the city or town shall cast their ballots;

56.11 (2) for contiguous precincts in the same municipality;

56.12 (3) for up to four contiguous municipalities located entirely outside the metropolitan
56.13 area, as defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, that are contained in the same county;
56.14 or

56.15 (4) for noncontiguous precincts located in one or more counties.

56.16 Subject to the requirements of paragraph (c), a single, accessible, combined polling place
56.17 may be established after May 1 of any year in the event of an emergency.

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56.19 filed with the county auditor within 30 days after approval by the governing body, and the
56.20 county auditor must provide notice within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner
56.21 and including information prescribed by the secretary of state. A polling place combined
56.22 under clause (3) must be approved by the governing body of each participating municipality.
56.23 A polling place combined under clause (4) must be approved by the governing body of each
56.24 participating municipality and the secretary of state and may be located outside any of the
56.25 noncontiguous precincts. A municipality withdrawing from participation in a combined
56.26 polling place must do so by filing a resolution of withdrawal with the county auditor no
56.27 later than October 1 if a presidential nomination primary is scheduled to occur in the
56.28 following year or April 1 of any other year, and the county auditor must provide notice
56.29 within ten days to the secretary of state, in a manner and including information prescribed
56.30 by the secretary of state.

109.31 The secretary of state shall provide a separate polling place roster for each precinct
109.32 served by the combined polling place, except that in a precinct that uses electronic rosters
110.1 the secretary of state shall provide separate data files for each precinct. A single set of
110.2 election judges may be appointed to serve at a combined polling place. The number of
110.3 election judges required must be based on the total number of persons voting at the last
110.4 similar election in all precincts to be voting at the combined polling place. Separate ballot
110.5 boxes must be provided for the ballots from each precinct. The results of the election must
110.6 be reported separately for each precinct served by the combined polling place, except in a
110.7 polling place established under clause (2) where one of the precincts has fewer than ten
110.8 registered voters, in which case the results of that precinct must be reported in the manner
110.9 specified by the secretary of state.

110.10 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the
110.11 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,
110.12 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant
110.13 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the
110.14 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

110.15 (1) polling places may be combined after May 1 and until the polls close on election
110.16 day;

110.17 (2) any city or town, regardless of size or location, may establish a combined polling
110.18 place under this paragraph;

110.19 (3) the governing body is not required to adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish
110.20 the combined polling place;

110.21 (4) a polling place combined under paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), must be approved
110.22 by the local election official of each participating municipality;

110.23 (5) the local elections official must immediately notify the county auditor and the
110.24 secretary of state of the combination, including the reason for the emergency combination
110.25 and the location of the combined polling place. As soon as possible, the local elections
110.26 official must also post a notice stating the reason for the combination and the location of
110.27 the combined polling place. The notice must also be posted on the governing board's website,
110.28 if one exists. The local elections official must also notify the election judges and request
110.29 that local media outlets publicly announce the reason for the combination and the location
110.30 of the combined polling place; and

110.31 (6) on election day, the local elections official must post a notice in large print in a
110.32 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating
110.33 the location of the combined polling place. The local election official must also post the
110.34 notice, if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as
111.1 provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to
111.2 section 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph

56.31 The secretary of state shall provide a separate polling place roster for each precinct
56.32 served by the combined polling place, except that in a precinct that uses electronic rosters
57.1 the secretary of state shall provide separate data files for each precinct. A single set of
57.2 election judges may be appointed to serve at a combined polling place. The number of
57.3 election judges required must be based on the total number of persons voting at the last
57.4 similar election in all precincts to be voting at the combined polling place. Separate ballot
57.5 boxes must be provided for the ballots from each precinct. The results of the election must
57.6 be reported separately for each precinct served by the combined polling place, except in a
57.7 polling place established under clause (2) where one of the precincts has fewer than ten
57.8 registered voters, in which case the results of that precinct must be reported in the manner
57.9 specified by the secretary of state.

57.10 (c) If a local elections official determines that an emergency situation preventing the
57.11 safe, secure, and full operation of a polling place on election day has occurred or is imminent,
57.12 the local elections official may combine two or more polling places for that election pursuant
57.13 to this subdivision. To the extent possible, the polling places must be combined and the
57.14 election conducted according to the requirements of paragraph (b), except that:

57.15 (1) polling places may be combined after May 1 and until the polls close on election
57.16 day;

57.17 (2) any city or town, regardless of size or location, may establish a combined polling
57.18 place under this paragraph;

57.19 (3) the governing body is not required to adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish
57.20 the combined polling place;

57.21 (4) a polling place combined under paragraph (b), clause (3) or (4), must be approved
57.22 by the local election official of each participating municipality;

57.23 (5) the local elections official must immediately notify the county auditor and the
57.24 secretary of state of the combination, including the reason for the emergency combination
57.25 and the location of the combined polling place. As soon as possible, the local elections
57.26 official must also post a notice stating the reason for the combination and the location of
57.27 the combined polling place. The notice must also be posted on the governing board's website,
57.28 if one exists. The local elections official must also notify the election judges and request
57.29 that local media outlets publicly announce the reason for the combination and the location
57.30 of the combined polling place; and

57.31 (6) on election day, the local elections official must post a notice in large print in a
57.32 conspicuous place at the polling place where the emergency occurred, if practical, stating
57.33 the location of the combined polling place. The local election official must also post the
57.34 notice, if practical, in a location visible by voters who vote from their motor vehicles as
58.1 provided in section 204C.15, subdivision 2. If polling place hours are extended pursuant to
58.2 section 204C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the posted notices required by this paragraph

111.3 must include a statement that the polling place hours at the combined polling place will be
111.4 extended until the specified time.

111.5 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

111.6 Subdivision 1. **Authority; location.** (a) By December 31 of each year, the governing
111.7 body of each municipality and of each county with precincts in unorganized territory must
111.8 designate by ordinance or resolution ~~a polling place for each election precinct. The polling~~
111.9 ~~places designated in the ordinance or resolution are the polling places for the following~~
111.10 ~~calendar year, unless a change is made; any changes to a polling place location. A polling~~
111.11 ~~place must be maintained for the following calendar year unless changed:~~

111.12 (1) by ordinance or resolution by December 31 of the previous year;

111.13 ~~(2)~~ (2) pursuant to section 204B.175;

111.14 ~~(3)~~ (3) because a polling place has become unavailable;

111.15 ~~(4)~~ (4) because a township designates one location for all state, county, and federal
111.16 elections and one location for all township only elections; and

111.17 ~~(5)~~ (5) pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 3.

111.18 (b) Polling places must be designated and ballots must be distributed so that no one is
111.19 required to go to more than one polling place to vote in a school district and municipal
111.20 election held on the same day. The polling place for a precinct in a city or in a school district
111.21 located in whole or in part in the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision
111.22 24, shall be located within the boundaries of the precinct or within one mile of one of those
111.23 boundaries unless a single polling place is designated for a city pursuant to section 204B.14,
111.24 subdivision 2, or a school district pursuant to section 205A.11. The polling place for a
111.25 precinct in unorganized territory may be located outside the precinct at a place which is
111.26 convenient to the voters of the precinct. If no suitable place is available within a town or
111.27 within a school district located outside the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02,
111.28 subdivision 24, then the polling place for a town or school district may be located outside
111.29 the town or school district within five miles of one of the boundaries of the town or school
111.30 district.

112.1 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

112.2 Subd. 6. ~~High school students~~ **Trainee election judges.** (a) Notwithstanding any other
112.3 requirements of this section, a student enrolled in a high school in Minnesota or who is in
112.4 a home school in compliance with sections 120A.22 and 120A.24, who has attained the age
112.5 of 16 is eligible to be appointed as a without party affiliation trainee election judge in the
112.6 county in which the student ~~resides~~ maintains residence, or a county adjacent to the county
112.7 in which the student ~~resides~~ maintains residence. The student must meet qualifications for
112.8 trainee election judges specified in rules of the secretary of state. A student appointed under
112.9 this subdivision while enrolled in a high school or receiving instruction in a home school

58.3 must include a statement that the polling place hours at the combined polling place will be
58.4 extended until the specified time.

58.5 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.6 Subdivision 1. **Authority; location.** (a) By December 31 of each year, the governing
58.7 body of each municipality and of each county with precincts in unorganized territory must
58.8 designate by ordinance or resolution ~~a polling place for each election precinct. The polling~~
58.9 ~~places designated in the ordinance or resolution are the polling places for the following~~
58.10 ~~calendar year, unless a change is made; any changes to a polling place location. A polling~~
58.11 ~~place must be maintained for the following calendar year unless changed:~~

58.12 (1) by ordinance or resolution by December 31 of the previous year;

58.13 ~~(2)~~ (2) pursuant to section 204B.175;

58.14 ~~(3)~~ (3) because a polling place has become unavailable;

58.15 ~~(4)~~ (4) because a township designates one location for all state, county, and federal
58.16 elections and one location for all township only elections; and

58.17 ~~(5)~~ (5) pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 3.

58.18 (b) Polling places must be designated and ballots must be distributed so that no one is
58.19 required to go to more than one polling place to vote in a school district and municipal
58.20 election held on the same day. The polling place for a precinct in a city or in a school district
58.21 located in whole or in part in the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision
58.22 24, shall be located within the boundaries of the precinct or within one mile of one of those
58.23 boundaries unless a single polling place is designated for a city pursuant to section 204B.14,
58.24 subdivision 2, or a school district pursuant to section 205A.11. The polling place for a
58.25 precinct in unorganized territory may be located outside the precinct at a place which is
58.26 convenient to the voters of the precinct. If no suitable place is available within a town or
58.27 within a school district located outside the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02,
58.28 subdivision 24, then the polling place for a town or school district may be located outside
58.29 the town or school district within five miles of one of the boundaries of the town or school
58.30 district.

59.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

59.2 Subd. 6. ~~High school students~~ **Trainee election judges.** (a) Notwithstanding any other
59.3 requirements of this section, a student enrolled in a high school in Minnesota or who is in
59.4 a home school in compliance with sections 120A.22 and 120A.24, who has attained the age
59.5 of 16 is eligible to be appointed as a without party affiliation trainee election judge in the
59.6 county in which the student ~~resides~~ maintains residence, or a county adjacent to the county
59.7 in which the student ~~resides~~ maintains residence. The student must meet qualifications for
59.8 trainee election judges specified in rules of the secretary of state. A student appointed under
59.9 this subdivision while enrolled in a high school or receiving instruction in a home school

112.10 may continue to serve as a trainee election judge after the student graduates and until the
112.11 student reaches the age of 18.

112.12 (b) A student appointed as a trainee election judge may be excused from school attendance
112.13 during the hours that the student is serving as a trainee election judge if the student submits
112.14 a written request signed and approved by the student's parent or guardian to be absent from
112.15 school and a certificate from the appointing authority stating the hours during which the
112.16 student will serve as a trainee election judge to the principal of the school at least ten days
112.17 prior to the election. ~~Students shall not serve as~~ A trainee election judges judge shall not
112.18 serve after 10:00 p.m. Notwithstanding section 177.24 to the contrary, trainee election judges
112.19 may be paid not less than two-thirds of the minimum wage for a large employer. The principal
112.20 of the school may approve a request to be absent from school conditioned on acceptable
112.21 academic performance at the time of service as a trainee election judge.

112.22 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

112.23 Subd. 2. **Appointing authority; powers and duties.** Election judges for precincts in a
112.24 municipality shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality. Election judges
112.25 for precincts in unorganized territory and for performing election-related duties assigned
112.26 by the county auditor shall be appointed by the county board. Election judges for a precinct
112.27 composed of two or more municipalities must be appointed by the governing body of the
112.28 municipality or municipalities responsible for appointing election judges as provided in the
112.29 agreement to combine for election purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
112.30 appointments shall be made from the list of voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in each
112.31 precinct, furnished pursuant to subdivision 1, subject to the eligibility requirements and
112.32 other qualifications established or authorized under section 204B.19. At least two election
112.33 judges in each precinct must be affiliated with different major political parties. If no lists
112.34 have been furnished or if additional election judges are required after all listed names in
113.1 that municipality have been exhausted, the appointing authority may appoint other individuals
113.2 who meet the qualifications to serve as an election judge, including persons on the list
113.3 furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 who indicated a willingness to travel to the municipality,
113.4 and persons who are not affiliated with a major political party. An individual who is appointed
113.5 from a source other than the list furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 must provide to the
113.6 appointing authority the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the
113.7 individual does not affiliate with any major political party. An individual who refuses to
113.8 provide the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the individual
113.9 does not affiliate with a major political party must not be appointed as an election judge.
113.10 The appointments shall be made at least 25 days before the election at which the election
113.11 judges will serve, except that the appointing authority may pass a resolution authorizing
113.12 the appointment of additional election judges within the 25 days before the election if the
113.13 appointing authority determines that additional election judges will be required.

59.10 may continue to serve as a trainee election judge after the student graduates and until the
59.11 student reaches the age of 18.

59.12 (b) A student appointed as a trainee election judge may be excused from school attendance
59.13 during the hours that the student is serving as a trainee election judge if the student submits
59.14 a written request signed and approved by the student's parent or guardian to be absent from
59.15 school and a certificate from the appointing authority stating the hours during which the
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59.18 serve after 10:00 p.m. Notwithstanding section 177.24 to the contrary, trainee election judges
59.19 may be paid not less than two-thirds of the minimum wage for a large employer. The principal
59.20 of the school may approve a request to be absent from school conditioned on acceptable
59.21 academic performance at the time of service as a trainee election judge.

59.22 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

59.23 Subd. 2. **Appointing authority; powers and duties.** Election judges for precincts in a
59.24 municipality shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality. Election judges
59.25 for precincts in unorganized territory and for performing election-related duties assigned
59.26 by the county auditor shall be appointed by the county board. Election judges for a precinct
59.27 composed of two or more municipalities must be appointed by the governing body of the
59.28 municipality or municipalities responsible for appointing election judges as provided in the
59.29 agreement to combine for election purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
59.30 appointments shall be made from the list of voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in each
59.31 precinct, furnished pursuant to subdivision 1, subject to the eligibility requirements and
59.32 other qualifications established or authorized under section 204B.19. At least two election
59.33 judges in each precinct must be affiliated with different major political parties. If no lists
59.34 have been furnished or if additional election judges are required after all listed names in
60.1 that municipality have been exhausted, the appointing authority may appoint other individuals
60.2 who meet the qualifications to serve as an election judge, including persons on the list
60.3 furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 who indicated a willingness to travel to the municipality,
60.4 and persons who are not affiliated with a major political party. An individual who is appointed
60.5 from a source other than the list furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 must provide to the
60.6 appointing authority the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the
60.7 individual does not affiliate with any major political party. An individual who refuses to
60.8 provide the individual's major political party affiliation or a statement that the individual
60.9 does not affiliate with a major political party must not be appointed as an election judge.
60.10 The appointments shall be made at least 25 days before the election at which the election
60.11 judges will serve, except that the appointing authority may pass a resolution authorizing
60.12 the appointment of additional election judges within the 25 days before the election if the
60.13 appointing authority determines that additional election judges will be required.

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113.14 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.26, is amended to read:

113.15 **204B.26 ELECTION JUDGES; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

113.16 A county auditor or municipal clerk may remove any precinct election official at any
113.17 time if the official engages in a neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct in office, or for
113.18 other cause. Any individual who serves as an election judge in violation of any of the
113.19 provisions of sections 204B.19 to 204B.25, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

113.20 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

113.21 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as
113.22 otherwise provided for absentee ballots in this section and in section 204B.35, subdivision
113.23 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the
113.24 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.
113.25 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later
113.26 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

113.27 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

113.28 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

113.29 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

113.30 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot
113.31 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with
113.32 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election
114.1 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts
114.2 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

114.3 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early
114.4 voting to city clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 at least
114.5 one day prior to the beginning of the early voting period as provided in section 203B.081.

114.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes' receipt of
114.7 the early voting certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2024, or
114.8 the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is later.

114.9 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

114.10 Subd. 2. **Allocation of election expenses.** The secretary of state shall develop procedures
114.11 for the allocation of election expenses among counties, municipalities, and school districts
114.12 for elections that are held concurrently. The following expenses must be included in the

122.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.26, is amended to read:

122.2 **204B.26 ELECTION JUDGES; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

122.3 A county auditor or municipal clerk may remove any precinct election official at any
122.4 time if the official engages in a neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct in office, or for
122.5 other cause. Any individual who serves as an election judge in violation of any of the
122.6 provisions of sections 204B.19 to 204B.25, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

122.8 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

122.9 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as
122.10 otherwise provided in this section and for absentee ballots in section 204B.35, subdivision
122.11 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the
122.12 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.
122.13 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later
122.14 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

122.15 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

122.16 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

122.17 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

122.18 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot
122.19 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with
122.20 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election
122.21 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts
122.22 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

122.23 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early
122.24 voting to municipal clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 on
122.25 or before the 19th day before the election.

122.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of
122.27 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,
122.28 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is
122.29 later.

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60.14 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.15 Subd. 2. **Allocation of election expenses.** The secretary of state shall develop procedures
60.16 for the allocation of election expenses among counties, municipalities, and school districts
60.17 for elections that are held concurrently. The following expenses must be included in the

114.13 procedures: salaries of election judges; postage for absentee ballots and applications;
114.14 preparation of polling places; preparation and testing of electronic voting systems; ballot
114.15 preparation; publication of election notices ~~and sample ballots~~, including the notice required
114.16 by section 204D.16; transportation of ballots and election supplies; and compensation for
114.17 administrative expenses of the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk.

114.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
114.19 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
114.20 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
114.21 approval date.

114.22 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
114.23 to read:

114.24 Subd. 6. **Electronic voting systems.** Notwithstanding sections 204B.35 to 204B.44 and
114.25 chapter 204D, a jurisdiction may prepare blank paper ballots, if the jurisdiction employs an
114.26 electronic voting system and the required information is instead displayed on a touch screen
114.27 or other electronic device in a format that substantially meets the requirements of law.

114.28 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.29 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~
114.30 ~~as defined by section 473.121~~, or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1
114.31 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121~~,
114.32 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling
115.1 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor
115.2 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct
115.3 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized
115.4 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any
115.5 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county
115.6 auditor.

115.7 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor
115.8 or municipal clerk.

115.9 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

115.10 Subd. 2. **Procedure; voting prior to election day.** Notice of the election and the special
115.11 mail procedure must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days
115.12 nor later than 14 days before a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor
115.13 later than 14 days before any other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable
115.14 mail to all voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days
115.15 before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters
115.16 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.
115.17 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as

60.18 procedures: salaries of election judges; postage for absentee ballots and applications;
60.19 preparation of polling places; preparation and testing of electronic voting systems; ballot
60.20 preparation; publication of election notices ~~and sample ballots~~, including the notice required
60.21 by section 204D.16; transportation of ballots and election supplies; and compensation for
60.22 administrative expenses of the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk.

60.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
60.24 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
60.25 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
60.26 approval date.

60.27 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
60.28 to read:

60.29 Subd. 6. **Electronic voting systems.** Notwithstanding sections 204B.35 to 204B.44 and
60.30 chapter 204D, a jurisdiction may prepare blank paper ballots if the jurisdiction employs an
60.31 electronic voting system and the required information is instead displayed on a touch screen
60.32 or other electronic device in a format that substantially meets the requirements of law.

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123.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

123.2 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~
123.3 ~~as defined by section 473.121~~, or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1
123.4 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121~~,
123.5 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling
123.6 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor
123.7 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct
123.8 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized
123.9 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any
123.10 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county
123.11 auditor.

123.12 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor
123.13 or municipal clerk.

123.14 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

123.15 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given
123.16 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before
123.17 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any
123.18 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered
123.19 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the
123.20 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after
123.21 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered
123.22 at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot

115.18 provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be
 115.19 preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person
 115.20 to the office of the auditor or clerk. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to
 115.21 examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected"
 115.22 within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five
 115.23 days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist
 115.24 of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the
 115.25 processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political
 115.26 party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different major
 115.27 political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
 115.28 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
 115.29 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall
 115.30 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
 115.31 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
 115.32 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
 115.33 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
 115.34 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

116.1 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 116.2 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
 116.3 On the seventh 18th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked
 116.4 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
 116.5 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

116.6 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 116.7 and counting of ballots apply.

116.8 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 116.9 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the
 116.10 close of voting on election day.

116.11 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
 116.12 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election
 116.13 must be counted.

116.14 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, is amended by adding a subdivision
 116.15 to read:

116.16 Subd. 2a. Procedure; voting on election day. (a) The county auditor may make available
 116.17 a ballot counter and ballot box for use during voting hours on election day by the voters
 116.18 voting under this section. If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided on election day, a
 116.19 voter must be given the option to either:

116.20 (1) vote using the procedures provided in subdivision 2; or

123.23 return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk
 123.24 and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk.
 123.25 The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot
 123.26 return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if
 123.27 there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are
 123.28 more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or
 123.29 deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail
 123.30 ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing
 123.31 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt
 123.32 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an
 123.33 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope
 123.34 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot
 124.1 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days
 124.2 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board
 124.3 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's
 124.4 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

124.5 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 124.6 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
 124.7 on the seventh 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked
 124.8 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
 124.9 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

124.10 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 124.11 and counting of ballots apply.

124.12 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 124.13 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the
 124.14 close of voting on election day.

124.15 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter
 124.16 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election
 124.17 must be counted.

124.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

116.21 (2) vote in the manner provided in this subdivision.

116.22 (b) When a voter appears in the designated polling place, the voter must state the voter's
116.23 name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to the mail ballot voting official.
116.24 The mail ballot voting official must confirm that the voter's registration is current in the
116.25 statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast a ballot in the
116.26 election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge as provided
116.27 in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name or address
116.28 has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3. A voter
116.29 who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

116.30 (c) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of
116.31 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence
116.32 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After signing the voter certification,
116.33 two mail ballot voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter, and the voter
117.1 must immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place
117.2 to mark the ballot. The voter must not take the ballot from the polling place. If the voter
117.3 spoils the ballot, the voter may return it to the mail ballot voting official in exchange for a
117.4 new ballot. After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot
117.5 counter and ballot box. The mail ballot voting official must immediately record that the
117.6 voter has voted in the manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

117.7 (d) The mail ballot voting official must remove and secure the ballots following the
117.8 procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board
117.9 must count the ballots after the polls have closed on election day following the procedures
117.10 in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

117.11 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "mail ballot voting official" means the county
117.12 auditor, the city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge assigned by the
117.13 auditor or clerk.

117.14 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

117.15 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

117.16 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special
117.17 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the
117.18 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school
117.19 and municipality jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the
117.20 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the
117.21 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the
117.22 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must
117.23 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days
117.24 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all
117.25 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before
117.26 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters

124.19 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

124.20 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

124.21 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special
124.22 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the
124.23 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school
124.24 and municipal jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the
124.25 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the
124.26 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the
124.27 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must
124.28 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days
124.29 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all
124.30 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before
124.31 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters

117.27 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.
 117.28 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant
 117.29 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and
 117.30 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days
 117.31 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if
 117.32 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county
 117.33 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training
 117.34 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
 118.1 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different
 118.2 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
 118.3 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
 118.4 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must
 118.5 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
 118.6 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
 118.7 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
 118.8 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
 118.9 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

118.10 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 118.11 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. ~~After the close of business~~
 118.12 ~~On the seventh 18th~~ day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked
 118.13 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
 118.14 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

118.15 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 118.16 and counting of ballots apply.

118.17 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 118.18 one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting
 118.19 on election day.

118.20 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

118.21 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

118.22 The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or an election
 118.23 judge may provide a sticker containing the words "I VOTED," and nothing more, to an
 118.24 individual who:

118.25 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box, ~~under section 203B.081,~~
 118.26 ~~subdivision 3, or 204C.13, subdivision 5;~~

118.27 (2) is provided an absentee ballot under section 203B.07, subdivision 1, or 203B.21,
 118.28 subdivision 2; or

118.29 (3) is provided a ballot by mail under section 204B.45 or 204B.46.

124.32 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.
 124.33 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant
 125.1 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and
 125.2 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days
 125.3 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if
 125.4 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county
 125.5 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training
 125.6 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major
 125.7 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different
 125.8 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,
 125.9 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before
 125.10 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must
 125.11 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.
 125.12 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed
 125.13 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone
 125.14 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must
 125.15 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

125.16 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
 125.17 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. ~~After the close of business~~
 125.18 ~~on the seventh 19th~~ day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked
 125.19 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,
 125.20 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

125.21 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit
 125.22 and counting of ballots apply.

125.23 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as
 125.24 one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting
 125.25 on election day.

125.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023.**

125.27 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

125.28 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

125.29 The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or an election
 125.30 judge may provide a sticker containing the words "I VOTED," and nothing more, to an
 125.31 individual who:

125.32 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box, ~~under section 203B.081,~~
 125.33 ~~subdivision 3, or 204C.13, subdivision 5;~~

126.1 (2) is provided an absentee ballot under section 203B.07, subdivision 1, or 203B.21,
 126.2 subdivision 2; or

126.3 (3) is provided a ballot by mail under section 204B.45 or 204B.46.

119.1 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

119.2 Subdivision 1. **Right to be absent.** Every employee who is eligible to vote in an election

119.3 has the right to be absent from work for the time necessary to appear at the employee's

119.4 polling place, cast a ballot, and return to work on the day of that election or during the time

119.5 period allowed under section 203B.081 for voting in person before election day, without

119.6 penalty or deduction from salary or wages because of the absence. An employer or other

119.7 person may not directly or indirectly refuse, abridge, or interfere with this right or any other

119.8 election right of an employee.

119.9 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

119.10 Subd. 4. **Restrictions on conduct.** An election judge ~~may~~ must not be appointed as a

119.11 challenger. The election judges ~~shall~~ must permit challengers appointed pursuant to this

119.12 section to be present in the polling place during the hours of voting and to remain there until

119.13 the votes are counted and the results declared. ~~No A~~ challenger ~~shall~~ must not handle or

119.14 inspect registration cards, files, or lists. Challengers ~~shall~~ must not prepare in any manner

119.15 any list of individuals who have or have not voted. They ~~shall~~ must not attempt to influence

119.16 voting in any manner. ~~They shall~~ In accordance with section 204C.12, challengers must not

119.17 converse with a voter ~~except to determine, in the presence of an election judge, whether the~~

119.18 ~~voter is eligible to vote in the precinct.~~

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61.1 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.2 Subdivision 1. **Right to be absent.** Every employee who is eligible to vote in an election

61.3 has the right to be absent from work for the time necessary to appear at the employee's

61.4 polling place, cast a ballot, and return to work on the day of that election or during the time

61.5 period allowed under section 203B.081 for voting in person before election day, without

61.6 penalty or deduction from salary or wages because of the absence. An employer or other

61.7 person may not directly or indirectly refuse, abridge, or interfere with this right or any other

61.8 election right of an employee.

61.9 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.10 Subd. 4. **Restrictions on conduct.** An election judge ~~may~~ must not be appointed as a

61.11 challenger. The election judges ~~shall~~ must permit challengers appointed pursuant to this

61.12 section to be present in the polling place during the hours of voting and to remain there until

61.13 the votes are counted and the results declared. ~~No A~~ challenger ~~shall~~ must not handle or

61.14 inspect registration cards, files, or lists. Challengers ~~shall~~ must not prepare in any manner

61.15 any list of individuals who have or have not voted. They ~~shall~~ must not attempt to influence

61.16 voting in any manner. ~~They shall~~ In accordance with section 204C.12, challengers must not

61.17 converse with a voter ~~except to determine, in the presence of an election judge, whether the~~

61.18 ~~voter is eligible to vote in the precinct.~~

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126.4 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter

126.5 12, section 5, is amended to read:

126.6 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**

126.7 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

126.8 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature

126.9 certificate which states that the individual:

126.10 (1) is at least 18 years of age old;

126.11 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

126.12 (3) has resided maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding

126.13 the election;

126.14 (4) maintains residence at the address shown;

126.15 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to

126.16 vote;

126.17 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote;

119.19 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

119.20 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for

119.21 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may

119.22 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties.

119.23 The election judges shall mark the ballots as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner

119.24 as circumstances permit. A voter in need of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance

119.25 of any individual the voter chooses. Only the following persons may not provide assistance

119.26 to a voter: the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, ~~or an officer or agent of~~

119.27 ~~the voter's union, or a candidate for election.~~ The person who assists the voter shall,

119.28 unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth and mark the ballot

119.29 as directed by the voter. ~~No person who assists another voter as provided in the preceding~~

119.30 ~~sentence shall mark the ballots of more than three voters at one election.~~ Before the ballots

119.31 are deposited, the voter may show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they

119.32 are marked as the voter directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall

126.18 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the individual

126.19 is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

126.20 (8) is registered; and

126.21 (9) has not already voted in the election.

126.22 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information

126.23 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than

126.24 \$10,000, or both."

126.25 (b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I

126.26 am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to

126.27 vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a).

126.28 The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

126.29 (c) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,

126.30 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

127.1 (d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give

127.2 the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in

127.3 charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to

127.4 the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of

127.5 filing an election contest.

127.6 (e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge

127.7 must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than

127.8 the voter whose status is challenged.

127.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

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61.19 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.20 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for

61.21 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may

61.22 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties.

61.23 The election judges shall mark the ballots as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner

61.24 as circumstances permit. A voter in need of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance

61.25 of any individual the voter chooses. Only the following persons may not provide assistance

61.26 to a voter: the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, ~~or an officer or agent of~~

61.27 ~~the voter's union, or a candidate for election.~~ The person who assists the voter shall,

61.28 unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth and mark the ballot

61.29 as directed by the voter. ~~No person who assists another voter as provided in the preceding~~

61.30 ~~sentence shall mark the ballots of more than three voters at one election.~~ Before the ballots

61.31 are deposited, the voter may show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they

61.32 are marked as the voter directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall

119.33 not in any manner request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to
 120.1 vote for any particular political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals
 120.2 who assist the voter shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the
 120.3 voter has voted or anything that took place while assisting the voter.

120.4 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

120.5 Subd. 3. **Premature disclosure of count results.** No count results from any precinct
 120.6 shall be disclosed by any election judge or other individual until all count results from that
 120.7 precinct are available, nor shall the public media disclose any count results from any precinct
 120.8 before the time when voting is scheduled to end in the state. Count results from absentee
 120.9 ballots received by the county after 3:00 p.m. on election day may be added to the total
 120.10 count results after the initial results reporting of the precinct. If the precinct results do not
 120.11 include all absentee ballots, the county must report to the secretary of state and on the
 120.12 county's website the number of absentee ballots remaining to be processed.

120.13 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

120.14 Subdivision 1. **Information requirements.** Precinct summary statements shall be
 120.15 submitted by the election judges in every precinct. For all elections, the election judges
 120.16 shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall contain
 120.17 the following information for each kind of ballot:

120.18 (1) the number of ballots delivered to the precinct as adjusted by the actual count made
 120.19 by the election judges, the number of unofficial ballots made, and the number of absentee
 120.20 ballots delivered to the precinct;

120.21 (2) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on
 120.22 each question, the number of undervotes, the number of overvotes, and the number of
 120.23 defective ballots with respect to each office or question;

120.24 (3) the number of spoiled ballots, the number of duplicate ballots made, the number of
 120.25 absentee ballots rejected, and the number of unused ballots, presuming that the total count
 120.26 provided on each package of unopened prepackaged ballots is correct;

120.27 (4) the number of voted ballots indicating only a voter's choices as provided by section
 120.28 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii);

120.29 (5) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct which must equal
 120.30 the total number of ballots cast in the precinct, as required by sections 204C.20 and 206.86,
 120.31 subdivision 1;

120.32 ~~(5)~~ (6) the number of voters registering on election day in that precinct; ~~and~~

121.1 ~~(6)~~ (7) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all
 121.2 of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered

61.33 not in any manner request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to
 62.1 vote for any particular political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals
 62.2 who assist the voter shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the
 62.3 voter has voted or anything that took place while assisting the voter.

62.4 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

62.5 Subdivision 1. **Information requirements.** Precinct summary statements shall be
 62.6 submitted by the election judges in every precinct. For all elections, the election judges
 62.7 shall complete three or more copies of the summary statements, and each copy shall contain
 62.8 the following information for each kind of ballot:

62.9 (1) the number of ballots delivered to the precinct as adjusted by the actual count made
 62.10 by the election judges, the number of unofficial ballots made, and the number of absentee
 62.11 ballots delivered to the precinct;

62.12 (2) the number of votes each candidate received or the number of yes and no votes on
 62.13 each question, the number of undervotes, the number of overvotes, and the number of
 62.14 defective ballots with respect to each office or question;

62.15 (3) the number of spoiled ballots, the number of duplicate ballots made, the number of
 62.16 absentee ballots rejected, and the number of unused ballots, presuming that the total count
 62.17 provided on each package of unopened prepackaged ballots is correct;

62.18 (4) the number of voted ballots indicating only a voter's choices as provided by section
 62.19 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (ii);

62.20 (5) the number of individuals who voted at the election in the precinct which must equal
 62.21 the total number of ballots cast in the precinct, as required by sections 204C.20 and 206.86,
 62.22 subdivision 1;

62.23 ~~(5)~~ (6) the number of voters registering on election day in that precinct; ~~and~~

62.24 ~~(6)~~ (7) the signatures of the election judges who counted the ballots certifying that all
 62.25 of the ballots cast were properly piled, checked, and counted; and that the numbers entered

121.3 by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast
121.4 for each candidate and for and against each question;

121.5 (8) the number of election judges that worked in that precinct on election day; and

121.6 (9) the number of voting booths used in that precinct on election day.

121.7 At least two copies of the summary statement must be prepared for elections not held
121.8 on the same day as the state elections.

121.9 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

121.10 Subdivision 1. **County auditor.** (a) Every county auditor ~~shall~~ must remain at the
121.11 auditor's office to receive delivery of the returns, to permit public inspection of the summary
121.12 statements, and to tabulate the votes ~~until all have been tabulated and the results made~~
121.13 ~~known, or~~ until 24 hours have elapsed since the end of the hours for voting, ~~whichever~~
121.14 ~~occurs first, unless the county auditor adjourns absentee ballot counting.~~ Every county
121.15 auditor ~~shall~~ must, in the presence of the municipal clerk or the election judges who deliver
121.16 the returns, make a record of all materials delivered, the time of delivery, and the names of
121.17 the municipal clerk or election judges who made delivery. The record must include the
121.18 number of ballots delivered to the precinct, as certified by section 204B.28, and the total
121.19 number of ballots returned, as certified by the election judges under section 204C.24. A
121.20 discrepancy between the number of ballots delivered to the precinct and the number of total
121.21 ballots returned by election judges that cannot be reconciled by taking into account the
121.22 adjustments made by the election judge counts and any unofficial ballots must be noted,
121.23 but does not necessarily require disqualification of the votes from that precinct or invalidation
121.24 of the election. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must file the record and all envelopes containing
121.25 ballots in a safe and secure place with envelope seals unbroken. Access to the record and
121.26 ballots ~~shall~~ must be strictly controlled. Accountability and a record of access ~~shall~~ must
121.27 be maintained by the county auditor during the period for contesting elections or, if a contest
121.28 is filed, until the contest has been finally determined. Thereafter, the record ~~shall~~ must be
121.29 retained in the auditor's office for the same period as the ballots as provided in section
121.30 204B.40.

121.31 (b) The county auditor ~~shall~~ must file all envelopes containing ballots in a safe place
121.32 with seals unbroken. If the envelopes ~~were previously~~ are opened by proper authority for
121.33 examination or recount as specifically authorized by a court or statute, the county auditor
121.34 ~~shall~~ must have the envelopes sealed again and signed by the individuals who made the
122.1 inspection or recount. The envelopes may be opened by the county ~~canvassing board~~ auditor
122.2 if necessary to procure election returns that the election judges inadvertently may have
122.3 sealed in the envelopes with the ballots. In that case, the envelopes ~~shall~~ must be sealed
122.4 again and signed in the same manner as otherwise provided in this subdivision.

122.5 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.33, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

122.6 Subd. 3. **State canvass.** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at a public meeting
122.7 space located in the Capitol complex area on the third Tuesday following the state general

62.26 by the election judges on the summary statements correctly show the number of votes cast
62.27 for each candidate and for and against each question;

62.28 (8) the number of election judges that worked in that precinct on election day; and

62.29 (9) the number of voting booths used in that precinct on election day.

62.30 At least two copies of the summary statement must be prepared for elections not held
62.31 on the same day as the state elections.

63.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

63.2 Subdivision 1. **County auditor.** (a) Every county auditor ~~shall~~ must remain at the
63.3 auditor's office to receive delivery of the returns, to permit public inspection of the summary
63.4 statements, and to tabulate the votes ~~until all have been tabulated and the results made~~
63.5 ~~known, or~~ until 24 hours have elapsed since the end of the hours for voting, ~~whichever~~
63.6 ~~occurs first.~~ Every county auditor ~~shall~~ must, in the presence of the municipal clerk or the
63.7 election judges who deliver the returns, make a record of all materials delivered, the time
63.8 of delivery, and the names of the municipal clerk or election judges who made delivery.
63.9 The record must include the number of ballots delivered to the precinct, as certified by
63.10 section 204B.28, and the total number of ballots returned, as certified by the election judges
63.11 under section 204C.24. A discrepancy between the number of ballots delivered to the precinct
63.12 and the number of total ballots returned by election judges that cannot be reconciled by
63.13 taking into account the adjustments made by the election judge counts and any unofficial
63.14 ballots must be noted, but does not necessarily require disqualification of the votes from
63.15 that precinct or invalidation of the election. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must file the record
63.16 and all envelopes containing ballots in a safe and secure place with envelope seals unbroken.
63.17 Access to the record and ballots ~~shall~~ must be strictly controlled. Accountability and a record
63.18 of access ~~shall~~ must be maintained by the county auditor during the period for contesting
63.19 elections or, if a contest is filed, until the contest has been finally determined. Thereafter,
63.20 the record ~~shall~~ must be retained in the auditor's office for the same period as the ballots as
63.21 provided in section 204B.40.

63.22 (b) The county auditor ~~shall~~ must file all envelopes containing ballots in a safe place
63.23 with seals unbroken. If the envelopes ~~were previously~~ are opened by proper authority for
63.24 examination or recount ~~as~~ specifically authorized by a court or statute, the county auditor
63.25 ~~shall~~ must have the envelopes sealed again and signed by the individuals who made the
63.26 inspection or recount. The envelopes may be opened by the county ~~canvassing board~~ auditor
63.27 if necessary to procure election returns that the election judges inadvertently may have
63.28 sealed in the envelopes with the ballots. In that case, the envelopes ~~shall~~ must be sealed
63.29 again and signed in the same manner as otherwise provided in this subdivision.

63.30 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.33, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.31 Subd. 3. **State canvass.** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at a public meeting
63.32 space located in the Capitol complex area on the third Tuesday following the state general

122.8 election to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from
122.9 the county auditors and shall prepare a report that states:

122.10 (1) the number of individuals voting in the state and in each county;

122.11 (2) the number of votes received by each of the candidates, specifying the counties in
122.12 which they were cast; and

122.13 (3) the number of votes counted for and against each constitutional amendment, specifying
122.14 the counties in which they were cast.

122.15 Upon completion of the canvass, the State Canvassing Board shall declare the candidates
122.16 duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each federal and state office. All
122.17 members of the State Canvassing Board shall sign the report and certify its correctness. The
122.18 State Canvassing Board shall declare the result within three days after completing the
122.19 canvass.

122.20 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
122.21 to read:

122.22 Subd. 5. **Challenged ballots.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a canvassing
122.23 board may direct a recount official to make images of ballots challenged by a candidate in
122.24 a recount available to the public.

122.25 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.39, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

122.26 Subdivision 1. **Manner of correction.** A county canvassing board may determine by
122.27 majority vote that the election judges have made an obvious error in counting or recording
122.28 the votes for an office. The county canvassing board shall then promptly notify all candidates
122.29 for that office of the determination, including a description of the error. ~~A candidate who~~
122.30 ~~receives notification pursuant to this subdivision or any candidate who believes that the~~
122.31 ~~election judges in a precinct have made an obvious error in the counting or recording of the~~
123.1 ~~votes for an office may~~ The county canvassing board must also instruct the county auditor
123.2 to apply without unreasonable delay to the district court of the county containing the precinct
123.3 in which the alleged error was made for an order determining whether or not an obvious
123.4 error has been made. The ~~applicant~~ auditor shall describe the alleged error in the application
123.5 and may submit additional evidence as directed by the court. The ~~applicant~~ auditor shall
123.6 notify the county canvassing board and all candidates for the affected office in the manner
123.7 directed by the court. If the court finds that the election judges made an obvious error it
123.8 shall issue an order specifying the error and directing the county canvassing board to inspect
123.9 the ballots and returns of the precinct in order to correct the error and to proceed further in
123.10 accordance with this section or otherwise as the court may direct.

123.11 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.08, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

123.12 Subd. 5. **Party columns; arrangement.** The names of candidates for nomination of the
123.13 major political party that received the smallest average vote at the last state general election
123.14 must be placed in the first column on the left side of the ballot. The names of candidates

63.33 election to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from
63.34 the county auditors and shall prepare a report that states:

64.1 (1) the number of individuals voting in the state and in each county;

64.2 (2) the number of votes received by each of the candidates, specifying the counties in
64.3 which they were cast; and

64.4 (3) the number of votes counted for and against each constitutional amendment, specifying
64.5 the counties in which they were cast.

64.6 All members of the State Canvassing Board shall sign the report and certify its
64.7 correctness. Within three days after completing the canvass, the State Canvassing Board
64.8 shall declare the result within three days after completing the canvass and declare the
64.9 candidates duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each federal office
64.10 and for each state office voted on in more than one county.

64.11 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
64.12 to read:

64.13 Subd. 5. **Challenged ballots.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a canvassing
64.14 board may direct a recount official to make images of ballots challenged by a candidate in
64.15 a recount available to the public.

64.16 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.39, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

64.17 Subdivision 1. **Manner of correction.** A county canvassing board may determine by
64.18 majority vote that the election judges have made an obvious error in counting or recording
64.19 the votes for an office. The county canvassing board shall then promptly notify all candidates
64.20 for that office of the determination, including a description of the error. ~~A candidate who~~
64.21 ~~receives notification pursuant to this subdivision or any candidate who believes that the~~
64.22 ~~election judges in a precinct have made an obvious error in the counting or recording of the~~
64.23 ~~votes for an office may~~ The county canvassing board must also instruct the county auditor
64.24 to apply without unreasonable delay to the district court of the county containing the precinct
64.25 in which the alleged error was made for an order determining whether or not an obvious
64.26 error has been made. The ~~applicant~~ auditor shall describe the alleged error in the application
64.27 and may submit additional evidence as directed by the court. The ~~applicant~~ auditor shall
64.28 notify the county canvassing board and all candidates for the affected office in the manner
64.29 directed by the court. If the court finds that the election judges made an obvious error it
64.30 shall issue an order specifying the error and directing the county canvassing board to inspect
64.31 the ballots and returns of the precinct in order to correct the error and to proceed further in
64.32 accordance with this section or otherwise as the court may direct.

123.15 for nomination of the major political party that received the next smallest average vote at
 123.16 the last state general election must be placed in the second column, and so on. The average
 123.17 vote shall be computed in the manner provided in section 204D.13, subdivision 2 by dividing
 123.18 the total number of votes counted for all of the party's candidates for statewide office at the
 123.19 state general election by the number of those candidates at the election.

123.20 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.08, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

123.21 Subd. 6. **State and county nonpartisan primary ballot.** The state and county nonpartisan
 123.22 primary ballot shall be headed "State and County Nonpartisan Primary Ballot." It shall be
 123.23 printed in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state. The names of candidates
 123.24 for nomination to the supreme court, court of appeals, district court, ~~and~~ all county offices,
 123.25 all city offices, and all school district offices shall be placed on this ballot.

123.26 No candidate whose name is placed on the state and county nonpartisan primary ballot
 123.27 shall be designated or identified as the candidate of any political party or in any other manner
 123.28 except as expressly provided by law.

123.29 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

123.30 Subd. 2. **Sample ballot.** At least 46 days before the state primary the county auditor
 123.31 ~~shall~~ must prepare a sample ballot for each precinct for public inspection and transmit an
 123.32 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state. The names of the candidates
 124.1 to be voted for in the county ~~shall~~ must be placed on the sample ballots, with the names of
 124.2 the candidates for each office arranged in the base rotation as determined by section 206.61,
 124.3 subdivision 5. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must post the sample ballots in a conspicuous place
 124.4 in the auditor's office ~~and shall cause them to be published.~~ At least one week before the
 124.5 state primary, the county auditor must publish a notice to voters pursuant to section 204D.16
 124.6 in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county.

124.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
 124.8 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
 124.9 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
 124.10 approval date.

65.1 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.08, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

65.2 Subd. 6. **State and county nonpartisan primary ballot.** The state and county nonpartisan
 65.3 primary ballot shall be headed "State and County Nonpartisan Primary Ballot." It shall be
 65.4 printed in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state. The names of candidates
 65.5 for nomination to the supreme court, court of appeals, district court, ~~and~~ all county offices,
 65.6 all city offices, and all school district offices shall be placed on this ballot.

65.7 No candidate whose name is placed on the state and county nonpartisan primary ballot
 65.8 shall be designated or identified as the candidate of any political party or in any other manner
 65.9 except as expressly provided by law.

65.10 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

65.11 Subd. 2. **Sample ballot.** At least 46 days before the state primary the county auditor
 65.12 ~~shall~~ must prepare a sample ballot for each precinct for public inspection and transmit an
 65.13 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state. The names of the candidates
 65.14 to be voted for in the county ~~shall~~ must be placed on the sample ballots, with the names of
 65.15 the candidates for each office arranged in the base rotation as determined by section 206.61,
 65.16 subdivision 5. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must post the sample ballots in a conspicuous place
 65.17 in the auditor's office ~~and shall cause them to be published.~~ At least one week before the
 65.18 state primary, the county auditor must publish a notice to voters pursuant to section 204D.16
 65.19 in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county.

65.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
 65.21 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
 65.22 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
 65.23 approval date.

65.24 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

65.25 Subd. 2. **Order of political parties candidates for president and vice president.** The
 65.26 first name printed for each partisan office president and vice president of the United States
 65.27 on the state general election ballot shall be that of the candidate of the major political party
 65.28 that received the smallest average number of votes at the last state general election. The
 65.29 succeeding names shall be those of the candidates of the other major political parties that
 65.30 received a succeeding higher average number of votes respectively. For the purposes of
 65.31 this subdivision, the average number of votes of a major political party shall be computed
 65.32 by dividing the total number of votes counted for all of the party's candidates for statewide
 65.33 office at the state general election by the number of those candidates at the election. The
 66.1 names of candidates nominated by petition for president and vice president shall be placed

124.11 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

124.12 Subdivision 1. **Rotation of names.** The names of candidates for partisan and nonpartisan

124.13 offices on the state general election ballot and the judicial nonpartisan general election ballot

124.14 shall be rotated in the manner provided for rotation of names on state partisan primary

124.15 ballots by section 204D.08, subdivision 3.

124.16 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.16, is amended to read:

124.17 **204D.16 SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; POSTING;**

124.18 **PUBLICATION.**

124.19 (a) At least 46 days before the state general election, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must post

124.20 sample ballots for each precinct in the auditor's office for public inspection and transmit an

124.21 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state.

124.22 (b) No earlier than ~~15~~ 20 days and no later than ~~two~~ ten days before the state general

124.23 election the county auditor ~~shall~~ must cause a ~~sample state general election ballot~~ notice to

124.24 voters to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county. The

124.25 secretary of state, in collaboration with stakeholders, must design the notice to be published,

124.26 including the format and content to be used. The secretary of state, in collaboration with

124.27 stakeholders, may modify the content or format of the notice to be used by metropolitan

66.2 on the state general election ballot after the names of the candidates for that office who were

66.3 nominated by major political parties. No later than 11 weeks before the state general election,

66.4 the secretary of state shall determine by lot the order of candidates nominated by petition.

66.5 The drawing of lots must be by political party or principle.

66.6 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.13, is amended by adding a subdivision

66.7 to read:

66.8 Subd. 2a. **Rotation of names; other partisan offices.** Except as provided in subdivision

66.9 2, the names of candidates for partisan offices on the state general election ballot shall be

66.10 rotated in the manner provided for rotation of names on state partisan primary ballots by

66.11 section 204D.08, subdivision 3.

66.12 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

66.13 Subd. 3. **Nominees by petition; placement on ballot political party or principle.** The

66.14 names of candidates nominated by petition for a partisan office voted on at the state general

66.15 election shall be placed on the state general election ballot after the names of the candidates

66.16 for that office who were nominated at the state primary. No later than 11 weeks before the

66.17 state general election, the secretary of state shall determine by lot the order of candidates

66.18 nominated by petition. The drawing of lots must be by political party or principle. For

66.19 candidates nominated by petition for partisan office, the political party or political principle

66.20 of the a candidate as stated on the petition shall be placed after the name of a candidate

66.21 nominated by petition. The word "nonpartisan" shall not be used to designate any partisan

66.22 candidate whose name is placed on the state general election ballot by nominating petition.

66.23 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.16, is amended to read:

66.24 **204D.16 SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; POSTING;**

66.25 **PUBLICATION.**

66.26 (a) At least 46 days before the state general election, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must post

66.27 sample ballots for each precinct in the auditor's office for public inspection and transmit an

66.28 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state.

66.29 (b) No earlier than ~~15~~ 20 days and no later than ~~two~~ ten days before the state general

66.30 election the county auditor ~~shall~~ must cause a ~~sample state general election ballot~~ notice to

66.31 voters to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county. The

66.32 secretary of state, in collaboration with stakeholders, must design the notice to be published,

67.1 including the format and content to be used. The secretary of state, in collaboration with

67.2 stakeholders, may modify the content or format of the notice to be used by metropolitan

124.28 counties, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4. When published, the notice must be
124.29 sized so that it comprises a minimum of one full newspaper page.

124.30 (c) The notice required by paragraph (b) must, at minimum, include the following:

124.31 (1) a statement that the voter's official ballot will have the names of all candidates for
124.32 the voter's precinct;

125.1 (2) the web address where a voter may view the voter's sample ballot based on the voter's
125.2 address;

125.3 (3) the county's website where a list of sample ballots for each county precinct may be
125.4 viewed;

125.5 (4) how a voter may obtain a free copy of a sample ballot specific to the voter's address;
125.6 and

125.7 (5) contact information for the appropriate local election official, including a phone
125.8 number and email address.

125.9 The notice may include information about contests on the ballot; names, offices, and party
125.10 affiliation, if any, of candidates; polling place locations; poll hours; and absentee voting
125.11 information.

125.12 (d) For purposes of this section, "stakeholder" means local government election officials
125.13 and representatives of the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

125.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
125.15 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
125.16 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
125.17 approval date.

125.18 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

125.19 Subd. 2. **Special election when legislature will be in session.** Except for vacancies in
125.20 the legislature which occur at any time between the last day of session in an odd-numbered
125.21 year and the 40th 54th day prior to the opening day of session in the succeeding
125.22 even-numbered year, when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that
125.23 the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties
125.24 of the office immediately upon election, the governor shall issue within five days after the
125.25 vacancy occurs a writ calling for a special election. The special election shall be held as
125.26 soon as possible, consistent with the notice requirements of section 204D.22, subdivision
125.27 3, but in no event more than 35 49 days after the issuance of the writ. A special election
125.28 must not be held during the four days before or the four days after a holiday as defined in
125.29 section 645.44, subdivision 5.

67.3 counties, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4. When published, the notice must be
67.4 sized so that it comprises a minimum of one full newspaper page.

67.5 (c) The notice required by paragraph (b) must, at minimum, include the following:

67.6 (1) a statement that the voter's official ballot will have the names of all candidates for
67.7 the voter's precinct;

67.8 (2) the web address where a voter may view the voter's sample ballot based on the voter's
67.9 address;

67.10 (3) the county's website where a list of sample ballots for each county precinct may be
67.11 viewed;

67.12 (4) how a voter may obtain a free copy of a sample ballot specific to the voter's address;
67.13 and

67.14 (5) contact information for the appropriate local election official, including a phone
67.15 number and email address.

67.16 The notice may include information about contests on the ballot; names, offices, and party
67.17 affiliation, if any, of candidates; polling place locations; poll hours; and absentee voting
67.18 information.

67.19 (d) For purposes of this section, "stakeholder" means local government election officials
67.20 and representatives of the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

67.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
67.22 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
67.23 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
67.24 approval date.

125.30 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

125.31 Subd. 3. **Notice of special election.** The county auditor of a county in which a special
125.32 election is to be held shall direct the clerk of each municipality in which the election is to
126.1 be held to post a notice of the special primary and special election at least ~~seven~~ 14 days
126.2 before the special primary and at least ~~14~~ 21 days before the special election in the manner
126.3 provided in sections 204B.33 and 204B.34. If the special primary is to be held ~~14~~ 21 days
126.4 before the special election, a single notice of both elections may be posted seven days before
126.5 the primary.

126.6 When the special primary or special election is to be held on the same day as any other
126.7 election, notice of the special primary or special election may be included in the notice of
126.8 the other election, if practicable.

126.9 Sec. 89. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

126.10 Subd. 2. **Time of filing.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, the affidavits and petitions
126.11 shall be filed no later than ~~14~~ 21 days before the special primary.

126.12 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.25, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

126.13 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must
126.14 prepare separate ballots for a special primary and special election as required by sections
126.15 204D.17 to 204D.27. The ballots ~~shall~~ must be headed "Special Primary Ballot" or "Special
126.16 Election Ballot" as the case may be, followed by the date of the special primary or special
126.17 election. Immediately below the title of each office to be filled ~~shall~~ must be printed the
126.18 words "To fill vacancy in term expiring, " with the date of expiration of the term and
126.19 any other information that is necessary to distinguish the office from any other office to be
126.20 voted upon at the same election. For a special primary or special election, the instructions
126.21 to voters may use the singular form of the word when referring to candidates and offices
126.22 when only one office is to be filled at the special election. Otherwise the form of the ballots
126.23 ~~shall~~ must comply as far as practicable with the laws relating to ballots for state primaries
126.24 and state general elections. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must post a sample of each ballot in
126.25 the auditor's office as soon as prepared and not later than four days before the special primary
126.26 or special election. Publication of the ~~sample ballot~~ notice to voters pursuant to section
126.27 204D.16 for a special primary or special election is not required.

126.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
126.29 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
126.30 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
126.31 approval date.

127.1 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

127.2 Subd. 5. **Nominating petition; cities of the first class.** A nominating petition filed on
127.3 behalf of a candidate for municipal office in a city of the first class shall be signed by eligible
127.4 voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in the election district from which the candidate is to

67.25 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204D.25, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

67.26 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must
67.27 prepare separate ballots for a special primary and special election as required by sections
67.28 204D.17 to 204D.27. The ballots ~~shall~~ must be headed "Special Primary Ballot" or "Special
67.29 Election Ballot" as the case may be, followed by the date of the special primary or special
67.30 election. Immediately below the title of each office to be filled ~~shall~~ must be printed the
67.31 words "To fill vacancy in term expiring, " with the date of expiration of the term and
67.32 any other information that is necessary to distinguish the office from any other office to be
68.1 voted upon at the same election. For a special primary or special election, the instructions
68.2 to voters may use the singular form of the word when referring to candidates and offices
68.3 when only one office is to be filled at the special election. Otherwise the form of the ballots
68.4 ~~shall~~ must comply as far as practicable with the laws relating to ballots for state primaries
68.5 and state general elections. The county auditor ~~shall~~ must post a sample of each ballot in
68.6 the auditor's office as soon as prepared and not later than four days before the special primary
68.7 or special election. Publication of the ~~sample ballot~~ notice to voters pursuant to section
68.8 204D.16 for a special primary or special election is not required.

68.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
68.10 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
68.11 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
68.12 approval date.

68.13 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

68.14 Subd. 5. **Nominating petition; cities of the first class.** A nominating petition filed on
68.15 behalf of a candidate for municipal office in a city of the first class shall be signed by eligible
68.16 voters who ~~reside~~ maintain residence in the election district from which the candidate is to

127.5 be elected. The number of signers shall be at least 500, or two percent of the total number
 127.6 of individuals who voted in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the last
 127.7 preceding municipal general election, whichever is greater.

127.8 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

127.9 Subd. 2. **Sample ballot, publication.** For every municipal election, the municipal clerk
 127.10 ~~shall must~~, at least two weeks before the election, publish a ~~sample ballot~~ notice to voters
 127.11 pursuant to section 204D.16 in the official newspaper of the municipality, except that the
 127.12 governing body of a fourth class city or a town not located within a metropolitan county as
 127.13 defined in section 473.121 may dispense with publication.

127.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
 127.15 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
 127.16 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
 127.17 approval date.

127.18 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.175, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

127.19 Subd. 3. **Other municipalities.** The governing body of a municipality other than a
 127.20 municipality described in subdivision 2, may by resolution adopted prior to giving notice
 127.21 of the election, designate the time, in addition to the minimum voting hours provided in
 127.22 subdivision 1, during which the polling places will remain open for voting at the next
 127.23 succeeding and all subsequent municipal elections. The resolution shall remain in force
 127.24 until it is revoked by the municipal governing body or changed because of request by voters
 127.25 as provided in this subdivision. If a petition requesting longer voting hours, signed by a
 127.26 number of voters equal to 20 percent of the votes cast at the last municipal election, is
 127.27 presented to the municipal clerk no later than 30 days prior to the municipal election, then
 127.28 the polling places for that election shall open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The
 127.29 municipal clerk shall give ten days' notice of the changed voting hours and notify the county
 127.30 auditor and secretary of state of the change. Municipalities covered by this subdivision shall
 127.31 certify their election hours to the county auditor in January of each year.

128.1 Sec. 94. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

128.2 Subd. 2. **Other school districts.** At a school district election in a school district other
 128.3 than one described in subdivision 1, the school board, by resolution adopted before giving
 128.4 notice of the election, may designate the time during which the polling places will remain
 128.5 open for voting at the next succeeding and all later school district elections. All polling
 128.6 places must be open between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The resolution must
 128.7 remain in force until it is revoked by the school board or changed because of request by
 128.8 voters as provided in this subdivision. If a petition requesting longer voting hours, signed
 128.9 by a number of voters equal to 20 percent of the votes cast at the last school district election,
 128.10 is presented to the school district clerk no later than 30 days before a school district election,
 128.11 then the polling places for that election must open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The

68.17 be elected. The number of signers shall be at least 500, or two percent of the total number
 68.18 of individuals who voted in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the last
 68.19 preceding municipal general election, whichever is greater.

68.20 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

68.21 Subd. 2. **Sample ballot, publication.** For every municipal election, the municipal clerk
 68.22 ~~shall must~~, at least two weeks before the election, publish a ~~sample ballot~~ notice to voters
 68.23 pursuant to section 204D.16 in the official newspaper of the municipality, except that the
 68.24 governing body of a fourth class city or a town not located within a metropolitan county as
 68.25 defined in section 473.121 may dispense with publication.

68.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
 68.27 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
 68.28 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
 68.29 approval date.

68.30 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.175, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

68.31 Subd. 3. **Other municipalities.** The governing body of a municipality other than a
 68.32 municipality described in subdivision 2, may by resolution adopted prior to giving notice
 69.1 of the election, designate the time, in addition to the minimum voting hours provided in
 69.2 subdivision 1, during which the polling places will remain open for voting at the next
 69.3 succeeding and all subsequent municipal elections. The resolution shall remain in force
 69.4 until it is revoked by the municipal governing body or changed because of request by voters
 69.5 as provided in this subdivision. If a petition requesting longer voting hours, signed by a
 69.6 number of voters equal to 20 percent of the votes cast at the last municipal election, is
 69.7 presented to the municipal clerk no later than 30 days prior to the municipal election, then
 69.8 the polling places for that election shall open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The
 69.9 municipal clerk shall give ten days' notice of the changed voting hours and notify the county
 69.10 auditor and secretary of state of the change. Municipalities covered by this subdivision shall
 69.11 certify their election hours to the county auditor in January of each year.

69.12 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

69.13 Subd. 2. **Other school districts.** At a school district election in a school district other
 69.14 than one described in subdivision 1, the school board, by resolution adopted before giving
 69.15 notice of the election, may designate the time during which the polling places will remain
 69.16 open for voting at the next succeeding and all later school district elections. All polling
 69.17 places must be open between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The resolution must
 69.18 remain in force until it is revoked by the school board or changed because of request by
 69.19 voters as provided in this subdivision. If a petition requesting longer voting hours, signed
 69.20 by a number of voters equal to 20 percent of the votes cast at the last school district election,
 69.21 is presented to the school district clerk no later than 30 days before a school district election,
 69.22 then the polling places for that election must open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The

128.12 school district clerk must give ten days' published notice and posted notice of the changed
128.13 voting hours and notify appropriate county auditors and the secretary of state of the change.

128.14 Sec. 95. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

128.15 Subd. 5. **School district canvassing board.** For the purpose of a recount of a special
128.16 election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school district
128.17 canvassing board shall consist of one member of the school board other than the clerk,
128.18 selected by the board, the clerk of the school board, the county auditor of the county in
128.19 which the greatest number of school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, the court
128.20 administrator of the district court of the judicial district in which the greatest number of
128.21 school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, and the mayor or chair of the town board
128.22 of the school district's most populous municipality. Any member of the canvassing board
128.23 may appoint a designee to appear at the meeting of the board, except that no designee may
128.24 be a candidate for public office. If one of the individuals fails to appear at the meeting of
128.25 the canvassing board, the county auditor shall appoint an eligible voter of the school district,
128.26 who must not be a member of the school board, to fill the vacancy. Not more than two
128.27 school board members shall serve on the canvassing board at one time. Four members
128.28 constitute a quorum.

128.29 The school board shall serve as the school district canvassing board for the election of
128.30 school board members.

128.31 Sec. 96. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

128.32 Subd. 5. **Board elections.** If the proposal for the establishment of election districts is
128.33 approved by the voters, the board shall specify the election districts from which vacancies
129.1 shall be filled as they occur until such time as each board member represents an election
129.2 district. A candidate for school board in a subsequent election must file an affidavit of
129.3 candidacy to be elected as a school board member for the election district in which the
129.4 candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence. If there are as many election districts as there are
129.5 members of the board, one and only one member of the board shall be elected from each
129.6 election district. In school districts where one or more board members are elected by election
129.7 districts, candidates must indicate on the affidavit of candidacy the number of the district
129.8 from which they seek election or, if appropriate, that they seek election from one of the
129.9 offices elected at large. If the election districts have two or three members each, the terms
129.10 of the members must be staggered. Each board member must be a resident of the election
129.11 district for which elected but the creation of an election district or a change in election
129.12 district boundaries shall not disqualify a board member from serving for the remainder of
129.13 a term.

129.14 Sec. 97. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.58, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

129.15 Subdivision 1. **Municipalities.** (a) The governing body of a municipality, at a regular
129.16 meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, may provide for the use of an
129.17 electronic voting system in one or more precincts and at all elections in the precincts, subject

69.23 school district clerk must give ten days' published notice and posted notice of the changed
69.24 voting hours and notify appropriate county auditors and the secretary of state of the change.

69.25 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

69.26 Subd. 5. **School district canvassing board.** For the purpose of a recount of a special
69.27 election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school district
69.28 canvassing board shall consist of one member of the school board other than the clerk,
69.29 selected by the board, the clerk of the school board, the county auditor of the county in
69.30 which the greatest number of school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, the court
69.31 administrator of the district court of the judicial district in which the greatest number of
69.32 school district residents ~~reside~~ maintain residence, and the mayor or chair of the town board
69.33 of the school district's most populous municipality. Any member of the canvassing board
69.34 may appoint a designee to appear at the meeting of the board, except that no designee may
70.1 be a candidate for public office. If one of the individuals fails to appear at the meeting of
70.2 the canvassing board, the county auditor shall appoint an eligible voter of the school district,
70.3 who must not be a member of the school board, to fill the vacancy. Not more than two
70.4 school board members shall serve on the canvassing board at one time. Four members
70.5 constitute a quorum.

70.6 The school board shall serve as the school district canvassing board for the election of
70.7 school board members.

70.8 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

70.9 Subd. 5. **Board elections.** If the proposal for the establishment of election districts is
70.10 approved by the voters, the board shall specify the election districts from which vacancies
70.11 shall be filled as they occur until such time as each board member represents an election
70.12 district. A candidate for school board in a subsequent election must file an affidavit of
70.13 candidacy to be elected as a school board member for the election district in which the
70.14 candidate ~~resides~~ maintains residence. If there are as many election districts as there are
70.15 members of the board, one and only one member of the board shall be elected from each
70.16 election district. In school districts where one or more board members are elected by election
70.17 districts, candidates must indicate on the affidavit of candidacy the number of the district
70.18 from which they seek election or, if appropriate, that they seek election from one of the
70.19 offices elected at large. If the election districts have two or three members each, the terms
70.20 of the members must be staggered. Each board member must be a resident of the election
70.21 district for which elected but the creation of an election district or a change in election
70.22 district boundaries shall not disqualify a board member from serving for the remainder of
70.23 a term.

70.24 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.58, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

70.25 Subdivision 1. **Municipalities.** (a) The governing body of a municipality, at a regular
70.26 meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, may provide for the use of an
70.27 electronic voting system in one or more precincts and at all elections in the precincts, subject

129.18 to approval by the county auditor. Once a municipality has adopted the use of an electronic
 129.19 voting system in one or more precincts, the municipality must continue to use an electronic
 129.20 voting system for state elections in those precincts. The governing body shall must
 129.21 disseminate information to the public about the use of a new voting system at least 60 days
 129.22 prior to the election and ~~shall~~ must provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration
 129.23 voting system in a public place for the six weeks immediately prior to the first election at
 129.24 which the new voting system will be used.

129.25 ~~No system may be adopted or used~~ (b) A municipality must not adopt or use a system
 129.26 unless it has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to section 206.57.

129.27 Sec. 98. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.58, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

129.28 Subd. 3. **Counties.** (a) The governing body of a county may provide for the use of an
 129.29 electronic voting system in one or more precincts of the county at all elections. Once a
 129.30 county has adopted the use of an electronic voting system in one or more precincts, the
 129.31 county must continue to use an electronic voting system for state elections in those precincts.
 129.32 The governing body of the municipality ~~shall~~ must give approval before an electronic voting
 129.33 system may be adopted or used in the municipality under the authority of this section.

130.1 ~~No system may be adopted or used~~ (b) A county must not adopt or use a system unless
 130.2 it has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to section 206.57.

130.3 Sec. 99. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

130.4 Subdivision 1. **Official responsible for providing ballots.** (a) The official charged with
 130.5 providing paper ballots when they are used shall provide all ballot cards, sample ballots,
 130.6 precinct summary statements, and other necessary supplies needed for electronic voting
 130.7 systems, except as otherwise provided by this section.

130.8 (b) At general elections and primaries the county auditor of each county in which an
 130.9 electronic voting system is used shall provide all ballot cards and other necessary printed
 130.10 forms and supplies needed for the electronic voting system, including all forms needed for
 130.11 voting on candidates and questions, the ballots for which are required by the election laws
 130.12 to be provided by the state when paper ballots are used.

130.13 (c) In precincts using a ballot format as provided by section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause
 130.14 (2), voters must be provided the option of voting with a regularly printed optical scan ballot.

130.15 Sec. 100. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.80, is amended to read:

130.16 **206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.**

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

130.18 (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;

70.28 to approval by the county auditor. Once a municipality has adopted the use of an electronic
 70.29 voting system in one or more precincts, the municipality must continue to use an electronic
 70.30 voting system for state elections in those precincts. The governing body shall must
 70.31 disseminate information to the public about the use of a new voting system at least 60 days
 70.32 prior to the election and ~~shall~~ must provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration
 71.1 voting system in a public place for the six weeks immediately prior to the first election at
 71.2 which the new voting system will be used.

71.3 ~~No system may be adopted or used~~ (b) A municipality must not adopt or use a system
 71.4 unless it has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to section 206.57.

71.5 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.58, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

71.6 Subd. 3. **Counties.** (a) The governing body of a county may provide for the use of an
 71.7 electronic voting system in one or more precincts of the county at all elections. Once a
 71.8 county has adopted the use of an electronic voting system in one or more precincts, the
 71.9 county must continue to use an electronic voting system for state elections in those precincts.
 71.10 The governing body of the municipality ~~shall~~ must give approval before an electronic voting
 71.11 system may be adopted or used in the municipality under the authority of this section.

71.12 ~~No system may be adopted or used~~ (b) A county must not adopt or use a system unless
 71.13 it has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to section 206.57.

71.14 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.15 Subdivision 1. **Official responsible for providing ballots.** (a) The official charged with
 71.16 providing paper ballots when they are used shall provide all ballot cards, sample ballots,
 71.17 precinct summary statements, and other necessary supplies needed for electronic voting
 71.18 systems, except as otherwise provided by this section.

71.19 (b) At general elections and primaries the county auditor of each county in which an
 71.20 electronic voting system is used shall provide all ballot cards and other necessary printed
 71.21 forms and supplies needed for the electronic voting system, including all forms needed for
 71.22 voting on candidates and questions, the ballots for which are required by the election laws
 71.23 to be provided by the state when paper ballots are used.

71.24 (c) In precincts using a ballot format as provided by section 206.80, paragraph (b), clause
 71.25 (2), ~~item (ii)~~, voters must be provided the option of voting with a regularly printed optical
 71.26 scan ballot.

71.27 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.80, is amended to read:

71.28 **206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.**

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

71.30 (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;

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

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

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

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

130.27 (6) automatically rejects all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter
130.28 votes for candidates of more than one party; and

130.29 (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent paper
130.30 ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, and to change votes or correct
131.1 any error before the voter's ballot is cast and counted, produces an individual, discrete,
131.2 permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter, and preserves the paper ballot as an official record
131.3 available for use in any recount.

131.4 (b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after June 4, 2005, may not be employed
131.5 unless it:

131.6 (1) accepts and tabulates, in the polling place or at a counting center, a marked optical
131.7 scan ballot; or

131.8 (2) creates a ~~marked optical scan~~ ballot that can be tabulated in the polling place or at a
131.9 counting center by automatic tabulating equipment certified for use in this state and the
131.10 ballot is:

131.11 (i) a marked optical scan ballot; or

131.12 (ii) a marked paper ballot indicating, at a minimum, the date of the election; the name
131.13 of the precinct; an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator; and
131.14 the voter's votes for each office or question, generated from the voter's use of a touch screen
131.15 or other electronic device on which a complete ballot meeting the information requirements
131.16 of any applicable law was displayed electronically.

131.17 (c) The use of multiple ballot formats of electronic voting systems in a jurisdiction is
131.18 not a violation of a voter's right to vote in secret, provided that a record of the ballot formats
131.19 of electronic voting system used by a voter is not recorded by the election judges or any
131.20 other elections official in any form.

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

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

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

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

72.9 (6) automatically rejects all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter
72.10 votes for candidates of more than one party; and

72.11 (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent paper
72.12 ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, and to change votes or correct
72.13 any error before the voter's ballot is cast and counted, produces an individual, discrete,
72.14 permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter, and preserves the paper ballot as an official record
72.15 available for use in any recount.

72.16 (b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after June 4, 2005, may not be employed
72.17 unless it:

72.18 (1) accepts and tabulates, in the polling place or at a counting center, a marked optical
72.19 scan ballot; or

72.20 (2) creates a ~~marked optical scan~~ ballot that can be tabulated in the polling place or at a
72.21 counting center by automatic tabulating equipment certified for use in this state and the
72.22 ballot is:

72.23 (i) a marked optical scan ballot; or

72.24 (ii) a marked paper ballot indicating, at a minimum, the date of the election; the name
72.25 of the precinct; an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator; and
72.26 the voter's votes for each office or question, generated from the voter's use of a touch screen
72.27 or other electronic device on which a complete ballot meeting the information requirements
72.28 of any applicable law was displayed electronically.

72.29 (c) The use of multiple ballot formats of electronic voting systems in a jurisdiction is
72.30 not a violation of a voter's right to vote in secret, provided that a record of the ballot formats
72.31 of electronic voting system used by a voter is not recorded by the election judges or any
72.32 other elections official in any form.

131.21 Sec. 101. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.83, is amended to read:

131.22 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

131.23 ~~Within 14~~ At least three days before ~~election day~~ voting equipment is used, the official
131.24 in charge of elections shall have the voting system tested to ascertain that the system will
131.25 correctly mark ballots using all methods supported by the system, including through assistive
131.26 technology, and count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public notice
131.27 of the time and place of the test must be given at least two days in advance by publication
131.28 once in official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election judges, who
131.29 are not of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives of the political
131.30 parties, candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by (1) processing
131.31 a preaudited group of ballots punched or marked to record a predetermined number of valid
131.32 votes for each candidate and on each question, and must include for each office one or more
131.33 ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the
132.1 ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to reject those votes; and
132.2 (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the electronic ballot marker
132.3 for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot display, audio ballot
132.4 reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic ballot marker. If any
132.5 error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count must
132.6 be made before the voting system may be used in the election. After the completion of the
132.7 test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed, retained, and disposed of as provided
132.8 for paper ballots.

132.9 Sec. 102. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.10 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must
132.11 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against
132.12 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording
132.13 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any
132.14 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the
132.15 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording
132.16 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No
132.17 connection by modem is permitted.

132.18 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system
132.19 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means
132.20 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording
132.21 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,
132.22 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of
132.23 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting
132.24 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of
132.25 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

73.1 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.83, is amended to read:

73.2 **206.83 TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS.**

73.3 ~~Within 14~~ At least three days before ~~election day~~ voting equipment is used, the official
73.4 in charge of elections shall have the voting system tested to ascertain that the system will
73.5 correctly mark ballots using all methods supported by the system, including through assistive
73.6 technology, and count the votes cast for all candidates and on all questions. Public notice
73.7 of the time and place of the test must be given at least two days in advance by publication
73.8 once in official newspapers. The test must be observed by at least two election judges, who
73.9 are not of the same major political party, and must be open to representatives of the political
73.10 parties, candidates, the press, and the public. The test must be conducted by (1) processing
73.11 a preaudited group of ballots punched or marked to record a predetermined number of valid
73.12 votes for each candidate and on each question, and must include for each office one or more
73.13 ballot cards which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the
73.14 ability of the voting system tabulator and electronic ballot marker to reject those votes; and
73.15 (2) processing an additional test deck of ballots marked using the electronic ballot marker
73.16 for the precinct, including ballots marked using the electronic ballot display, audio ballot
73.17 reader, and any assistive voting technology used with the electronic ballot marker. If any
73.18 error is detected, the cause must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count must
73.19 be made before the voting system may be used in the election. After the completion of the
73.20 test, the programs used and ballot cards must be sealed, retained, and disposed of as provided
73.21 for paper ballots.

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127.10 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

127.11 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must
127.12 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against
127.13 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording
127.14 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any
127.15 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the
127.16 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording
127.17 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No
127.18 connection by modem is permitted.

127.19 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system
127.20 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means
127.21 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording
127.22 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,
127.23 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of
127.24 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting
127.25 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of
127.26 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

132.26 Sec. 103. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, is amended by adding a subdivision
132.27 to read:

132.28 Subd. 3. **Cast vote records.** After the municipal clerk or county auditor has received
132.29 data from automatic tabulating equipment, textual data from the file is public, with the
132.30 following exceptions, which are protected nonpublic data under section 13.02:

- 132.31 (1) data that indicate the date, time, or order in which a voter cast a ballot;
132.32 (2) data that indicate the method with which a voter cast a ballot;
133.1 (3) data files that do not include all ballots cast in a precinct;
133.2 (4) data files that provide data in the order it was generated; and
133.3 (5) data from precincts in which fewer than ten votes were cast.

133.4 Data stored as images are protected nonpublic data under section 13.02.

133.5 Sec. 104. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.86, is amended by adding a subdivision
133.6 to read:

133.7 Subd. 5a. **Ballots in precincts with multiple styles of voting system.** In the event the
133.8 results of a precinct are subject to a recount under section 204C.35 or 204C.36, or are subject
133.9 to a postelection review under section 206.89, and a ballot format as provided in section
133.10 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), was used by ten or fewer voters in the precinct, the election
133.11 judges from that precinct are not eligible to participate in conducting a recount or postelection
133.12 review in that precinct.

133.13 Sec. 105. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.90, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

133.14 Subd. 10. **Counting write-in votes.** Notwithstanding section 204C.22, subdivision 4,
133.15 in precincts using optical scan voting systems, the ballot must be marked in the oval or other
133.16 target shape opposite the blank when a voter writes an individual's name on the line provided
133.17 for write-in votes in order to be counted. The judges shall count the write-in votes and enter
133.18 the number of those votes on forms provided for the purpose. When the write-in votes are
133.19 recorded on a medium that cannot be examined for write-in votes by the automatic tabulating
133.20 equipment or the automatic tabulating equipment does not reject, with respect to write-in
133.21 votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the
133.22 number which the voter is entitled to count, all ballot envelopes or other medium on which
133.23 write-in votes have been recorded must be serially numbered, starting with the number one
133.24 and the same number must be placed on the ballot card of the voter. The judges shall compare
133.25 the write-in votes with the votes cast on the ballot card. If the total number of votes for any
133.26 office exceeds the number allowed by law, a notation to that effect must be entered on the
133.27 back of the ballot card and the card must be returned to the counting center in an envelope

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

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73.22 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, is amended by adding a subdivision
73.23 to read:

73.24 Subd. 3. **Cast vote records.** After the municipal clerk or county auditor has received
73.25 data from automatic tabulating equipment, textual data from the file is public, with the
73.26 following exceptions, which are protected nonpublic data under section 13.02:

- 73.27 (1) data that indicate the date, time, or order in which a voter cast a ballot;
73.28 (2) data that indicate the method with which a voter cast a ballot;
73.29 (3) data files that do not include all ballots cast in a precinct;
73.30 (4) data files that provide data in the order it was generated; and
73.31 (5) data from precincts in which fewer than ten votes were cast.

73.32 Data stored as images are protected nonpublic data under section 13.02.

74.1 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.86, is amended by adding a subdivision to
74.2 read:

74.3 Subd. 5a. **Ballots in precincts with multiple styles of voting system.** In the event the
74.4 results of a precinct are subject to a recount under section 204C.35 or 204C.36, or are subject
74.5 to a postelection review under section 206.89, and a ballot format as provided in section
74.6 206.80, paragraph (b), clause (2), **item (ii)**, was used by ten or fewer voters in the precinct,
74.7 the election judges from that precinct are not eligible to participate in conducting a recount
74.8 or postelection review in that precinct.

74.9 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.90, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

74.10 Subd. 10. **Counting write-in votes.** Notwithstanding section 204C.22, subdivision 4,
74.11 in precincts using optical scan voting systems, the ballot must be marked in the oval or other
74.12 target shape opposite the blank when a voter writes an individual's name on the line provided
74.13 for write-in votes in order to be counted. The judges shall count the write-in votes and enter
74.14 the number of those votes on forms provided for the purpose. When the write-in votes are
74.15 recorded on a medium that cannot be examined for write-in votes by the automatic tabulating
74.16 equipment or the automatic tabulating equipment does not reject, with respect to write-in
74.17 votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the
74.18 number which the voter is entitled to count, all ballot envelopes or other medium on which
74.19 write-in votes have been recorded must be serially numbered, starting with the number one
74.20 and the same number must be placed on the ballot card of the voter. The judges shall compare
74.21 the write-in votes with the votes cast on the ballot card. If the total number of votes for any
74.22 office exceeds the number allowed by law, a notation to that effect must be entered on the
74.23 back of the ballot card and the card must be returned to the counting center in an envelope

133.28 marked "defective ballots"; however, valid votes on ballot cards containing invalid votes
133.29 must be counted as provided in section 206.86, subdivision 5.

133.30 When the write-in votes are recorded on ballot cards that can be examined for write-in
133.31 votes by the automatic tabulating equipment and the automatic tabulating equipment rejects
133.32 all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the number
134.1 which the voter is entitled to cast, the judges shall examine the ballot cards with write-in
134.2 votes and count the valid write-in votes.

134.3 Sec. 106. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 207A.12, is amended to read:

134.4 **207A.12 CONDUCTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY.**

134.5 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the presidential nomination primary must be
134.6 conducted, and the results canvassed and returned, in the manner provided by law for the
134.7 state primary.

134.8 (b) An individual seeking to vote at the presidential nomination primary must be
134.9 registered to vote pursuant to section 201.054, subdivision 1. The voter must request the
134.10 ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Notwithstanding section
134.11 204C.18, subdivision 1, the election judge must record in the polling place roster the name
134.12 of the political party whose ballot the voter requested. When posting voter history pursuant
134.13 to section 201.171, the county auditor must include the name of the political party whose
134.14 ballot the voter requested. The political party ballot selected by a voter is private data on
134.15 individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except as provided in section
134.16 201.091, subdivision 4a. A voter eligible to cast a ballot as provided in section 5B.06 must
134.17 be permitted to cast a ballot at the presidential nomination primary consistent with the
134.18 requirements of that section.

134.19 (c) Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of the presidential
134.20 nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each party of the results.

134.21 (d) The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election of delegates
134.22 in each party.

134.23 Sec. 107. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 207A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

134.24 Subd. 2. **Reimbursable local expenses.** (a) The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must reimburse
134.25 the counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of the presidential
134.26 nomination primary from money contained in the presidential nomination primary elections
134.27 account. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement: preparation and printing
134.28 of ballots; postage for absentee ballots; publication of ~~the sample ballot notice to voters~~
134.29 pursuant to section 204D.16; preparation of polling places in an amount not to exceed \$150
134.30 per polling place; preparation of electronic voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$100
134.31 per precinct; compensation for temporary staff or overtime payments; salaries of election
135.1 judges; compensation of county canvassing board members; and other expenses as approved
135.2 by the secretary of state.

74.24 marked "defective ballots"; however, valid votes on ballot cards containing invalid votes
74.25 must be counted as provided in section 206.86, subdivision 5.

74.26 When the write-in votes are recorded on ballot cards that can be examined for write-in
74.27 votes by the automatic tabulating equipment and the automatic tabulating equipment rejects
74.28 all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the number
74.29 which the voter is entitled to cast, the judges shall examine the ballot cards with write-in
74.30 votes and count the valid write-in votes.

75.1 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 207A.12, is amended to read:

75.2 **207A.12 CONDUCTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY.**

75.3 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the presidential nomination primary must be
75.4 conducted, and the results canvassed and returned, in the manner provided by law for the
75.5 state primary.

75.6 (b) An individual seeking to vote at the presidential nomination primary must be
75.7 registered to vote pursuant to section 201.054, subdivision 1. The voter must request the
75.8 ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Notwithstanding section
75.9 204C.18, subdivision 1, the election judge must record in the polling place roster the name
75.10 of the political party whose ballot the voter requested. When posting voter history pursuant
75.11 to section 201.171, the county auditor must include the name of the political party whose
75.12 ballot the voter requested. The political party ballot selected by a voter is private data on
75.13 individuals as defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except as provided in section
75.14 201.091, subdivision 4a. A voter eligible to cast a ballot as provided in section 5B.06 must
75.15 be permitted to cast a ballot at the presidential nomination primary consistent with the
75.16 requirements of that section.

75.17 (c) Immediately after the state canvassing board declares the results of the presidential
75.18 nomination primary, the secretary of state must notify the chair of each party of the results.

75.19 (d) The results of the presidential nomination primary must bind the election of delegates
75.20 in each party.

75.21 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 207A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.22 Subd. 2. **Reimbursable local expenses.** (a) The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must reimburse
75.23 the counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of the presidential
75.24 nomination primary from money contained in the presidential nomination primary elections
75.25 account. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement: preparation and printing
75.26 of ballots; postage for absentee ballots; publication of ~~the sample ballot notice to voters~~
75.27 pursuant to section 204D.16; preparation of polling places in an amount not to exceed \$150
75.28 per polling place; preparation of electronic voting systems in an amount not to exceed \$100
75.29 per precinct; compensation for temporary staff or overtime payments; salaries of election
75.30 judges; compensation of county canvassing board members; and other expenses as approved
75.31 by the secretary of state.

135.3 (b) Within 60 days after the results of a presidential nomination primary are certified
135.4 by the State Canvassing Board, the county auditor must submit a request for payment of
135.5 the costs incurred by the county for conducting the presidential nomination primary, and
135.6 the municipal clerk must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the
135.7 municipality for conducting the presidential nomination primary. The request for payment
135.8 must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by an itemized
135.9 description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of invoices. In
135.10 addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for reimbursement
135.11 is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the presidential nomination
135.12 primary.

135.13 (c) The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must provide each county and municipality with the
135.14 appropriate forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision.
135.15 The secretary of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment and
135.16 certification of costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary of
135.17 state must complete the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities no
135.18 later than 90 days after the results of the presidential nomination primary have been certified
135.19 by the State Canvassing Board.

135.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
135.21 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
135.22 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
135.23 approval date.

135.24 Sec. 108. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 208.05, is amended to read:

135.25 **208.05 STATE CANVASSING BOARD.**

135.26 The State Canvassing Board at its meeting on the date provided in section 204C.33 shall
135.27 open and canvass the returns made to the secretary of state for presidential electors and
135.28 alternates, prepare a statement of the number of votes cast for the persons receiving votes
135.29 for these offices, and declare the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes
135.30 for each office duly elected, except that if the Agreement Among the States to Elect the
135.31 President by National Popular Vote governs the appointment of presidential electors, the
135.32 State Canvassing Board shall declare duly elected the candidates for presidential electors
135.33 and alternates identified in accordance with the provisions of that agreement. When it appears
135.34 that more than the number of persons to be elected as presidential electors or alternates have
136.1 the highest and an equal number of votes, the secretary of state, in the presence of the board
136.2 shall decide by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, except that if the Agreement
136.3 Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote governs the appointment
136.4 of presidential electors, no such drawing of lots shall be conducted. The governor shall
136.5 transmit to each person declared elected a certificate of election, signed by the governor,
136.6 sealed with the state seal, and countersigned by the secretary of state.

75.32 (b) Within 60 days after the results of a presidential nomination primary are certified
75.33 by the State Canvassing Board, the county auditor must submit a request for payment of
76.1 the costs incurred by the county for conducting the presidential nomination primary, and
76.2 the municipal clerk must submit a request for payment of the costs incurred by the
76.3 municipality for conducting the presidential nomination primary. The request for payment
76.4 must be submitted to the secretary of state, and must be accompanied by an itemized
76.5 description of actual county or municipal expenditures, including copies of invoices. In
76.6 addition, the county auditor or municipal clerk must certify that the request for reimbursement
76.7 is based on actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in the presidential nomination
76.8 primary.

76.9 (c) The secretary of state ~~shall~~ must provide each county and municipality with the
76.10 appropriate forms for requesting payment and certifying expenses under this subdivision.
76.11 The secretary of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for payment and
76.12 certification of costs has been submitted as provided in this subdivision. The secretary of
76.13 state must complete the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities no
76.14 later than 90 days after the results of the presidential nomination primary have been certified
76.15 by the State Canvassing Board.

76.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective December 1, 2023, or upon the secretary
76.17 of state's approval of the notice required by Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.16, paragraph
76.18 (b), whichever is earlier. The secretary of state must notify the revisor of statutes of the
76.19 approval date.

76.20 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 208.05, is amended to read:

76.21 **208.05 STATE CANVASSING BOARD.**

76.22 The State Canvassing Board at its meeting on the date provided in section 204C.33 shall
76.23 open and canvass the returns made to the secretary of state for presidential electors and
76.24 alternates, prepare a statement of the number of votes cast for the persons receiving votes
76.25 for these offices, and declare the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes
76.26 for each office duly elected, except that if the Agreement Among the States to Elect the
76.27 President by National Popular Vote governs the appointment of presidential electors, the
76.28 State Canvassing Board shall declare duly elected the candidates for presidential electors
76.29 and alternates identified in accordance with the provisions of that agreement. When it appears
76.30 that more than the number of persons to be elected as presidential electors or alternates have
76.31 the highest and an equal number of votes, the secretary of state, in the presence of the board
76.32 shall decide by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, except that if the Agreement
76.33 Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote governs the appointment
76.34 of presidential electors, no such drawing of lots shall be conducted. The governor shall
77.1 transmit to each person declared elected a certificate of election, signed by the governor,
77.2 sealed with the state seal, and countersigned by the secretary of state.

136.7 Sec. 109. **[208.051] AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE**
136.8 **PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.**

136.9 The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is
136.10 enacted into law and entered into with all other states legally joining in it in substantially
136.11 the following form:

136.12 Article I - Membership

136.13 Any state of the United States and the District of Columbia may become a member of
136.14 this agreement by enacting this agreement.

136.15 Article II - Right of the People in Member States to
136.16 Vote for President and Vice President

136.17 Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for president and vice
136.18 president of the United States.

136.19 Article III - Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors in Member States

136.20 Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the
136.21 chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each
136.22 presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which
136.23 votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
136.24 produce a national popular vote total for each presidential slate. The chief election official
136.25 of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular
136.26 vote total as the national popular vote winner. The presidential elector certifying official of
136.27 each member state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector
136.28 slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner. At least
136.29 six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors,
136.30 each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in
136.31 the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such
136.32 determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other member state. The
136.33 chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official statement
137.1 containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the
137.2 day established by federal law for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the
137.3 counting of electoral votes by Congress. In event of a tie for the national popular vote
137.4 winner, the presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the
137.5 appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving
137.6 the largest number of popular votes within that official's own state. If, for any reason, the
137.7 number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in association with the national
137.8 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the
137.9 presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national
137.10 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors for that state
137.11 and that state's presidential elector certifying official shall certify the appointment of such
137.12 nominees. The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the

77.3 Sec. 74. **[208.051] AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE**
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77.17 chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each
77.18 presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which
77.19 votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
77.20 produce a national popular vote total for each presidential slate. The chief election official
77.21 of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular
77.22 vote total as the national popular vote winner. The presidential elector certifying official of
77.23 each member state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector
77.24 slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner. At least
77.25 six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors,
77.26 each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in
77.27 the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such
77.28 determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other member state. The
77.29 chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official statement
77.30 containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the
77.31 day established by federal law for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the
77.32 counting of electoral votes by Congress. In event of a tie for the national popular vote
77.33 winner, the presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the
78.1 appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving
78.2 the largest number of popular votes within that official's own state. If, for any reason, the
78.3 number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in association with the national
78.4 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the
78.5 presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national
78.6 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors for that state
78.7 and that state's presidential elector certifying official shall certify the appointment of such
78.8 nominees. The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the

137.13 public all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained. This article
137.14 shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in
137.15 which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority
137.16 of the electoral votes.

137.17 Article IV - Other Provisions

137.18 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the
137.19 electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments
137.20 by such states have taken effect in each state. Any member state may withdraw from this
137.21 agreement, except that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a
137.22 president's term shall not become effective until a president or vice president shall have
137.23 been qualified to serve the next term. The chief executive of each member state shall promptly
137.24 notify the chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted and
137.25 has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement,
137.26 and when this agreement takes effect generally. This agreement shall terminate if the electoral
137.27 college is abolished. If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining
137.28 provisions shall not be affected.

137.29 Article V - Definitions

137.30 For purposes of this agreement:

137.31 (1) "chief election official" means the state official or body that is authorized to certify
137.32 the total number of popular votes for each presidential slate;

137.33 (2) "chief executive" means the governor of a state of the United States or the mayor of
137.34 the District of Columbia;

138.1 (3) "elector slate" means a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for
138.2 the position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

138.3 (4) "presidential elector" means an elector for president and vice president of the United
138.4 States;

138.5 (5) "presidential elector certifying official" means the state official or body that is
138.6 authorized to certify the appointment of the state's presidential electors;

138.7 (6) "presidential slate" means a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nominated
138.8 as a candidate for president of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated
138.9 as a candidate for vice president of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons,
138.10 regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular
138.11 state;

138.12 (7) "state" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

78.9 public all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained. This article
78.10 shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in
78.11 which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority
78.12 of the electoral votes.

78.13 Article IV - Other Provisions

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78.15 electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments
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78.20 notify the chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted and
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78.30 the District of Columbia;

78.31 (3) "elector slate" means a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for
78.32 the position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

79.1 (4) "presidential elector" means an elector for president and vice president of the United
79.2 States;

79.3 (5) "presidential elector certifying official" means the state official or body that is
79.4 authorized to certify the appointment of the state's presidential electors;

79.5 (6) "presidential slate" means a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nominated
79.6 as a candidate for president of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated
79.7 as a candidate for vice president of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons,
79.8 regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular
79.9 state;

79.10 (7) "state" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

138.13 (8) "statewide popular election" means a general election in which votes are cast for
138.14 presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis.

138.15 Sec. 110. **[208.052] CONFLICT OF LAWS.**

138.16 When the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
138.17 governs the appointment of presidential electors, the provisions of that agreement shall take
138.18 precedence over any conflicting law of this state.

138.19 Sec. 111. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 209.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

138.20 Subd. 2. **Notice filed with court.** If the contest relates to a nomination or election for
138.21 statewide office, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator
138.22 of District Court in Ramsey County. For contests relating to any other office, the contestant
138.23 shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator of district court in the county
138.24 where the contestee ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

138.25 If the contest relates to a constitutional amendment, the contestant shall file the notice
138.26 of contest with the court administrator of District Court in Ramsey County. If the contest
138.27 relates to any other question, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court
138.28 administrator of district court for the county or any one of the counties where the question
138.29 appeared on the ballot.

79.11 (8) "statewide popular election" means a general election in which votes are cast for
79.12 presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis.

79.13 Sec. 75. **[208.052] CONFLICT OF LAWS.**

79.14 When the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
79.15 governs the appointment of presidential electors, the provisions of that agreement shall take
79.16 precedence over any conflicting law of this state.

79.17 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 209.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

79.18 Subd. 2. **Notice filed with court.** If the contest relates to a nomination or election for
79.19 statewide office, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator
79.20 of District Court in Ramsey County. For contests relating to any other office, the contestant
79.21 shall file the notice of contest with the court administrator of district court in the county
79.22 where the contestee ~~resides~~ maintains residence.

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79.24 of contest with the court administrator of District Court in Ramsey County. If the contest
79.25 relates to any other question, the contestant shall file the notice of contest with the court
79.26 administrator of district court for the county or any one of the counties where the question
79.27 appeared on the ballot.

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127.28 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

127.29 Subdivision 1. **When and where filed by committees.** (a) A committee or a candidate
127.30 who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year
127.31 shall submit an initial report to the filing officer within 14 days after the candidate or
128.1 committee receives or makes disbursements of more than \$750 and shall continue to make
128.2 the reports listed in paragraph (b) until a final report is filed.

128.3 (b) The committee or candidate must file a report by January 31 of each year following
128.4 the year when the initial report was filed and in a year when the candidate's name or a ballot
128.5 question appears on the ballot, the candidate or committee shall file a report:

128.6 (1) ten days before the primary or special primary. In a jurisdiction where the local
128.7 primary is eliminated due to the adoption of ranked choice voting, candidates running in a
128.8 ranked choice voting election must file a report in the same manner as if a primary were
128.9 being held for such offices;

128.10 (2) ten days before the general election or special election; and

128.11 (3) 30 days after a general or special election.

139.1 Sec. 112. **[211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE**
 139.2 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.**

139.3 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a
 139.4 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties
 139.5 relating to elections, a member of an absentee ballot board, an election judge, an election
 139.6 judge trainee, or any other individual assigned by a state entity or municipal government
 139.7 to perform official duties related to elections.

139.8 Subd. 2. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,
 139.9 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or
 139.10 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the
 139.11 performance of a duty of election administration.

139.12 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to
 139.13 require the payment of civil penalties, the plaintiff may show that the action or attempted
 139.14 action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The plaintiff does not need to
 139.15 show that the defendant intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

139.16 Subd. 3. **Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election.** A person
 139.17 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance
 139.18 of a duty related to election administration.

139.19 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A
 139.20 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not
 139.21 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election
 139.22 official's family or household member if:

139.23 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the
 139.24 safety of an official's family or household member; and

139.25 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should
 139.26 know of any imminent and serious threat.

139.27 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the
 139.28 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or
 139.29 photographs of that home.

139.30 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct
 139.31 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,
 139.32 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where
 139.33 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

140.1 Subd. 6. **Tampering with voting equipment.** (a) A person may not access without
 140.2 authorization, tamper with, or facilitate unauthorized access to or tampering with an electronic
 140.3 voting system, electromechanical voting equipment, or an election night reporting system
 140.4 before, during, or after any election required by law.

128.12 Sec. 46. **[211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE**
 128.13 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.**

128.14 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a
 128.15 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties
 128.16 relating to elections, a member of a ballot board, an election judge, an election judge trainee,
 128.17 or any other individual assigned by a state entity or county or municipal government to
 128.18 perform official duties related to elections.

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 128.20 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or
 128.21 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the
 128.22 performance of a duty of election administration.

128.23 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to
 128.24 require the payment of civil penalties, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the action or
 128.25 attempted action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The plaintiff does
 128.26 not need to show that the defendant intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

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 128.31 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not
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 129.2 official's family or household member if:

129.3 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the
 129.4 safety of an official's family or household member; and

129.5 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should
 129.6 know of any imminent and serious threat.

129.7 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the
 129.8 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or
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 129.15 authorization, tamper with, or facilitate unauthorized access to or tampering with an electronic
 129.16 voting system, electromechanical voting equipment, or an election night reporting system
 129.17 before, during, or after any election required by law.

140.5 (b) A person may not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other
140.6 confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other
140.7 remedies and penalties provided by this section, the secretary of state, county auditor, or
140.8 municipal clerk must immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found
140.9 to be in violation of this paragraph.

140.10 Subd. 7. **Tampering with ballot box.** A person may not willfully tamper with or open
140.11 a ballot box, including a ballot drop box, except for the purpose of conducting official duties
140.12 as expressly authorized by law.

140.13 Subd. 8. **Tampering with statewide voter registration system, registration list, or**
140.14 **polling place roster.** Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly
140.15 authorized by law, a person may not mutilate or erase any name, figure, or word on a voter
140.16 registration list or polling place roster; remove or destroy a registration list or polling place
140.17 roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove any part of a list or roster from the place where it has
140.18 been deposited with an intention to destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any
140.19 person, or to prevent any voter from voting.

140.20 Subd. 9. **Unauthorized access to statewide voter registration system.** A person may
140.21 not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except
140.22 for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

140.23 Subd. 10. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for
140.24 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order
140.25 restraining violations of this section if that person:

140.26 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person
140.27 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,
140.28 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

140.29 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation
140.30 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to
140.31 violate any provision of this section.

140.32 Subd. 11. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person
140.33 who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

141.1 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or an election official may bring a civil
141.2 action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section if there is a reasonable basis to believe
141.3 that an individual or entity is committing or intends to commit a prohibited act.

141.4 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this
141.5 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with
141.6 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as
141.7 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,

129.18 (b) A person may not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other
129.19 confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other
129.20 remedies and penalties provided by this section, the secretary of state, county auditor, or
129.21 municipal clerk must immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found
129.22 to be in violation of this paragraph.

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129.25 as expressly authorized by law.

129.26 Subd. 8. **Tampering with statewide voter registration system, registration list, or**
129.27 **polling place roster.** Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly
129.28 authorized by law, a person may not mutilate, change, or erase any name, figure, or word
129.29 in the statewide voter registration system, on a voter registration list, or polling place roster;
129.30 remove or destroy a registration list or polling place roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove
129.31 any part of a list or roster from the place where it has been deposited with an intention to
129.32 destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any person, or to prevent any voter from
129.33 voting.

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130.2 not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except
130.3 for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

130.4 Subd. 10. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for
130.5 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order
130.6 restraining violations of this section if that person:

130.7 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person
130.8 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,
130.9 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

130.10 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation
130.11 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to
130.12 violate any provision of this section.

130.13 Subd. 11. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person
130.14 who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

130.15 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or an election official may bring a civil
130.16 action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section.

130.17 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this
130.18 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with
130.19 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as
130.20 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,

141.8 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may
141.9 impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

141.10 (d) Civil remedies allowable under this section are cumulative and do not restrict any
141.11 other right or remedy otherwise available. An action for a penalty or remedy under this
141.12 section must be brought within two years of the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.
141.13 The complaint process provided in sections 211B.31 to 211B.36 does not apply to violations
141.14 of this section.

141.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to crimes
141.16 committed on or after that date.

141.17 Sec. 113. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

141.18 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** (a) A person may not display campaign
141.19 material, post signs, must not ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter
141.20 to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question (1) within a polling place
141.21 or, (2) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or (3) anywhere
141.22 on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary or election day to
141.23 vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question.

141.24 A person may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia
141.25 to be worn at or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political
141.26 badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling
141.27 place on primary or election day. (b) During voting hours throughout the absentee voting
141.28 period and on the day of an election, a person must not wear, exhibit, or distribute in a
141.29 polling place, or within 100 feet of a building where a polling place is located, any item
141.30 that displays:

141.31 (1) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;
141.32 (2) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the
141.33 ballot; or

142.1 (3) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on
142.2 the ballot.

142.3 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,
142.4 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

142.5 (c) This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal clerk for
142.6 absentee or early voting as provided in chapter 203B.

142.7 (d) This section applies only during the hours in which a polling place is open for voting.

130.21 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may
130.22 impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

130.23 (d) Civil remedies allowable under this section are cumulative and do not restrict any
130.24 other right or remedy otherwise available. An action for a penalty or remedy under this
130.25 section must be brought within two years of the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.
130.26 The complaint process provided in sections 211B.31 to 211B.36 does not apply to violations
130.27 of this section.

130.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023, and applies to violations
130.29 occurring on or after that date.

130.30 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

130.31 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person may not display campaign
130.32 material, post signs, must not:

131.1 (1) ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter to vote for or refrain
131.2 from voting for a candidate or ballot question; or

131.3 (2) wear, exhibit, or distribute any item that displays:

131.4 (i) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;
131.5 (ii) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the
131.6 ballot; or

131.7 (iii) the name, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on the ballot.

131.8 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,
131.9 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

131.10 (b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) apply during voting hours:
131.11 (1) throughout the absentee and early voting periods:

142.8 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as
142.9 provided in section 204B.49.

142.10 Sec. 114. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

142.11 Subd. 8. **Permitted activity; political party.** It is not a violation of this section for a
142.12 political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7_6, to form a nonprofit corporation
142.13 for the sole purpose of holding real property to be used exclusively as the party's
142.14 headquarters.

142.15 Sec. 115. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

142.16 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
142.17 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
142.18 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
142.19 dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who has:

142.20 (1) organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;

142.21 (2) filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; or

142.22 (3) filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office.

142.23 A candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to be accompanied by
142.24 campaign volunteers.

131.12 (i) within a polling place; and

131.13 (ii) within 100 feet of the room in which a polling place is situated, to the extent
131.14 practicable; and

131.15 (2) on the day of a primary or general election:

131.16 (i) within a polling place or;

131.17 (ii) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated; or; and

131.18 (iii) anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary
131.19 or election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person
131.20 may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at
131.21 or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political
131.22 button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary
131.23 or election day. This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal
131.24 clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

131.25 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as
131.26 provided in section 204B.49.

131.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023.

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79.28 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.15, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

79.29 Subd. 8. **Permitted activity; political party.** It is not a violation of this section for a
79.30 political party, as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7_6, to form a nonprofit corporation
80.1 for the sole purpose of holding real property to be used exclusively as the party's
80.2 headquarters.

80.3 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

80.4 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
80.5 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
80.6 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
80.7 dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who has:

80.8 (1) organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;

80.9 (2) filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; or

80.10 (3) filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office.

80.11 A candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to be accompanied by
80.12 campaign volunteers.

142.25 (b) Access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the district or territory
142.26 that will be represented by the office to which the candidate seeks election, and the candidate
142.27 and any accompanying campaign volunteers seek access exclusively for the purpose of
142.28 campaigning for a candidate or registering voters. The candidate must be seeking election
142.29 to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

143.1 (c) A candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers granted access under this
143.2 section must be permitted to knock on the doors of individual units to speak with residents,
143.3 and to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a
143.4 nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location within the
143.5 facility. The campaign materials must be left in an orderly manner.

143.6 (d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a candidate and accompanying
143.7 volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit, but access
143.8 is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple candidates are traveling together, each
143.9 candidate and that candidate's accompanying volunteers is limited to one building at a time,
143.10 but all of the candidates and accompanying volunteers traveling together must not be
143.11 restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

143.12 (e) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

143.13 Sec. 116. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.14 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~
143.15 ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~, a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be
143.16 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the
143.17 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

143.18 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and
143.19 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign
143.20 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

143.21 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may only be enforced as provided in that section.

143.22 Sec. 117. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 367.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

143.23 Subd. 6. **Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in a town office, the town board shall
143.24 fill the vacancy by appointment. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the person appointed
143.25 shall hold office until the next annual town election, when a successor shall be elected for
143.26 the unexpired term.

143.27 (b) When a vacancy occurs in a town office:

80.13 (b) Access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the district or territory
80.14 that will be represented by the office to which the candidate seeks election, and the candidate
80.15 and any accompanying campaign volunteers seek access exclusively for the purpose of
80.16 campaigning for a candidate or registering voters. The candidate must be seeking election
80.17 to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

80.18 (c) A candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers granted access under this
80.19 section must be permitted to knock on the doors of individual units to speak with residents
80.20 and to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a
80.21 nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location within the
80.22 facility. The campaign materials must be left in an orderly manner.

80.23 (d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a candidate and accompanying
80.24 volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit, but access
80.25 is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple candidates are traveling together, each
80.26 candidate and that candidate's accompanying volunteers is limited to one building at a time,
80.27 but all of the candidates and accompanying volunteers traveling together must not be
80.28 restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

80.29 (e) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

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131.28 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

131.29 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~
131.30 ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~, a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be
132.1 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the
132.2 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

132.3 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and
132.4 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign
132.5 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

132.6 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may only be enforced as provided in section 211B.076.

132.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
132.8 applies to violations occurring on or after that date.

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81.1 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 367.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

81.2 Subd. 6. **Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in a town office, the town board shall
81.3 fill the vacancy by appointment. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the person appointed
81.4 shall hold office until the next annual town election, when a successor shall be elected for
81.5 the unexpired term.

81.6 (b) When a vacancy occurs in a town office:

143.28 (1) with more than one year remaining in the term; and

143.29 (2) on or after the 14th day before the first day to file an affidavit of candidacy for the

143.30 town election;

144.1 the vacancy must be filled by appointment. The person appointed serves until the next annual

144.2 town election following the election for which affidavits of candidacy are to be filed, when

144.3 a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

144.4 (c) A vacancy in the office of supervisor must be filled by an appointment committee

144.5 comprised of the remaining supervisors and the town clerk.

144.6 (d) Any person appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of supervisor must, upon

144.7 assuming the office, be an eligible voter, be 21 years of age, and have ~~resided~~ maintained

144.8 residence in the town for at least 30 days.

144.9 (e) When, because of a vacancy, more than one supervisor is to be chosen at the same

144.10 election, candidates for the offices of supervisor shall file for one of the specific terms being

144.11 filled.

144.12 (f) When, for any reason, the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a

144.13 vacancy in the position of an elected town officer by appointment, a special election may

144.14 be called. To call a special election, the supervisors and town clerk, or any two of them

144.15 together with at least 12 other town freeholders, must file a statement in the town clerk's

144.16 office. The statement must tell why the election is called and that the interests of the town

144.17 require the election. When the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a

144.18 vacancy by appointment, a special town election may also be called on petition of 20 percent

144.19 of the electors of the town. The percentage is of the number of voters at the last general

144.20 election. A special town election must be conducted in the manner required for the annual

144.21 town election.

144.22 (g) Law enforcement vacancies must be filled by appointment by the town board.

144.23 Sec. 118. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 447.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

144.24 Subd. 4. **Candidates; ballots; certifying election.** A person who wants to be a candidate

144.25 for the hospital board shall file an affidavit of candidacy for the election either as member

144.26 at large or as a member representing the city or town where the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains

144.27 residence. The affidavit of candidacy must be filed with the city or town clerk not more

144.28 than 98 days nor less than 84 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in

144.29 November of the year in which the general election is held. The city or town clerk must

144.30 forward the affidavits of candidacy to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the first election,

144.31 the clerk of the most populous city or town immediately after the last day of the filing period.

144.32 A candidate may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the

145.1 clerk of the district no later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day to file affidavits of

145.2 candidacy.

81.7 (1) with more than one year remaining in the term; and

81.8 (2) on or after the 14th day before the first day to file an affidavit of candidacy for the

81.9 town election;

81.10 the vacancy must be filled by appointment. The person appointed serves until the next annual

81.11 town election following the election for which affidavits of candidacy are to be filed, when

81.12 a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

81.13 (c) A vacancy in the office of supervisor must be filled by an appointment committee

81.14 comprised of the remaining supervisors and the town clerk.

81.15 (d) Any person appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of supervisor must, upon

81.16 assuming the office, be an eligible voter, be 21 years of age, and have ~~resided~~ maintained

81.17 residence in the town for at least 30 days.

81.18 (e) When, because of a vacancy, more than one supervisor is to be chosen at the same

81.19 election, candidates for the offices of supervisor shall file for one of the specific terms being

81.20 filled.

81.21 (f) When, for any reason, the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a

81.22 vacancy in the position of an elected town officer by appointment, a special election may

81.23 be called. To call a special election, the supervisors and town clerk, or any two of them

81.24 together with at least 12 other town freeholders, must file a statement in the town clerk's

81.25 office. The statement must tell why the election is called and that the interests of the town

81.26 require the election. When the town board or the appointment committee fails to fill a

81.27 vacancy by appointment, a special town election may also be called on petition of 20 percent

81.28 of the electors of the town. The percentage is of the number of voters at the last general

81.29 election. A special town election must be conducted in the manner required for the annual

81.30 town election.

81.31 (g) Law enforcement vacancies must be filled by appointment by the town board.

82.1 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 447.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

82.2 Subd. 4. **Candidates; ballots; certifying election.** A person who wants to be a candidate

82.3 for the hospital board shall file an affidavit of candidacy for the election either as member

82.4 at large or as a member representing the city or town where the candidate ~~resides~~ maintains

82.5 residence. The affidavit of candidacy must be filed with the city or town clerk not more

82.6 than 98 days nor less than 84 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in

82.7 November of the year in which the general election is held. The city or town clerk must

82.8 forward the affidavits of candidacy to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the first election,

82.9 the clerk of the most populous city or town immediately after the last day of the filing period.

82.10 A candidate may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the

82.11 clerk of the district no later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day to file affidavits of

82.12 candidacy.

145.3 Voting must be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district,
145.4 necessary ballots for the election of officers. Ballots must be prepared as provided in the
145.5 rules of the secretary of state. The ballots must be marked and initialed by at least two judges
145.6 as official ballots and used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted on may
145.7 be printed on the ballot provided for the election of officers. The hospital board may also
145.8 authorize the use of voting systems subject to chapter 206. Enough election judges may be
145.9 appointed to receive the votes at each polling place. The election judges shall act as clerks
145.10 of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass.

145.11 After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate
145.12 who received the largest number of votes cast for each office. The clerk shall deliver the
145.13 certificate to the person entitled to it in person or by certified mail. Each person certified
145.14 shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days after the
145.15 date of delivery or mailing of the certificate. The board may fill any office as provided in
145.16 subdivision 1 if the person elected fails to qualify within 30 days, but qualification is effective
145.17 if made before the board acts to fill the vacancy.

145.25 Sec. 120. **EARLY VOTING CERTIFICATION.**

145.26 The secretary of state must certify to the revisor of statutes that the statewide voter
145.27 registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow for tracking of the
145.28 information required to conduct early voting and can handle the expected volume of use.
145.29 As used in this article, "early voting certification" means the certification required by this
145.30 section.

82.13 Voting must be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district,
82.14 necessary ballots for the election of officers. Ballots must be prepared as provided in the
82.15 rules of the secretary of state. The ballots must be marked and initialed by at least two judges
82.16 as official ballots and used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted on may
82.17 be printed on the ballot provided for the election of officers. The hospital board may also
82.18 authorize the use of voting systems subject to chapter 206. Enough election judges may be
82.19 appointed to receive the votes at each polling place. The election judges shall act as clerks
82.20 of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass.

82.21 After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate
82.22 who received the largest number of votes cast for each office. The clerk shall deliver the
82.23 certificate to the person entitled to it in person or by certified mail. Each person certified
82.24 shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days after the
82.25 date of delivery or mailing of the certificate. The board may fill any office as provided in
82.26 subdivision 1 if the person elected fails to qualify within 30 days, but qualification is effective
82.27 if made before the board acts to fill the vacancy.

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132.9 Sec. 49. **CERTIFICATION.**

132.10 The secretary of state must certify to the revisor of statutes that the statewide voter
132.11 registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow for tracking of the
132.12 information required to conduct early voting and can handle the expected volume of use.

132.13 Sec. 50. **SECRETARY OF STATE VOTING TASK FORCE.**

132.14 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** A Secretary of State Voting Task Force is established. The purpose
132.15 of the task force is to engage election officials, state and local lawmakers, and community
132.16 members to study voter engagement, education, and improvements to the election system,
132.17 which can include but is not limited to assessing ranked choice voting. The task force must
132.18 make recommendations.

132.19 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of:

132.20 (1) the secretary of state or their designee;

132.21 (2) the state election director or their designee;

132.22 (3) four representatives of counties with experience administering elections, appointed
132.23 by the Minnesota Association of County Officers, as follows:

132.24 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;

132.25 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and

- 132.26 (iii) one representative may come from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice
132.27 voting;
- 132.28 (4) four representatives of cities with experience administering elections, appointed by
132.29 the League of Minnesota Cities, as follows:
- 132.30 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;
- 133.1 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
- 133.2 (iii) one representative may come from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice
133.3 voting;
- 133.4 (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
133.5 of representatives;
- 133.6 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
- 133.7 (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the
133.8 house of representatives;
- 133.9 (8) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 133.10 (9) one representative of community-based organizations with demonstrated experience
133.11 and interest in voting methods and election administration, appointed by the governor;
- 133.12 (10) one representative who has experience administering elections at the county or city
133.13 level, appointed by the governor;
- 133.14 (11) one town clerk with experience administering elections, appointed by the Minnesota
133.15 Association of Townships;
- 133.16 (12) one representative appointed by the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans;
- 133.17 (13) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 133.18 (14) one representative appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 133.19 (15) one representative appointed by the Indian Affairs Council;
- 133.20 (16) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Disability;
- 133.21 (17) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind,
133.22 and Hard of Hearing;
- 133.23 (18) three public members appointed by the governor;
- 133.24 (19) two public members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- 133.25 (20) one public member appointed by the senate minority leader;

- 133.26 (21) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 133.27 (22) one public member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 134.1 (b) The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee, serves as the chair of the task force.
- 134.2 Members of the task force and subcommittees are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section
- 134.3 15.059, subdivision 6.
- 134.4 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than
- 134.5 August 1, 2023. No later than August 15, 2023, the secretary of state, or the secretary's
- 134.6 designee, must convene the first meeting of the task force. Appointing authorities described
- 134.7 in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (18) to (22), must give preference to appointees
- 134.8 who are new Americans; seniors; infrequent voters; Black, Indigenous, or people of color;
- 134.9 individuals with disabilities; or residents of greater Minnesota. Appointing authorities
- 134.10 described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (18) to (22), must not appoint political
- 134.11 party chairs, officers or employees of a political party, elected officials, family members of
- 134.12 elected officials, or registered lobbyists.
- 134.13 (b) The task force and any subcommittees it establishes are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 134.14 chapter 13D.
- 134.15 (c) Members of the task force are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,
- 134.16 subdivision 6.
- 134.17 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide support staff,
- 134.18 office space, and administrative services for the task force.
- 134.19 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The task force must study voter engagement and education and
- 134.20 improvements to the election system, which may include but is not limited to the technical
- 134.21 aspects of implementing ranked choice voting. The task force may form subcommittees to
- 134.22 study topics they deem appropriate. Subcommittees may meet regularly and provide reports
- 134.23 to the task force as requested.
- 134.24 Subd. 6. **Report.** The task force must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority
- 134.25 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections policy and finance.
- 134.26 The report may include:
- 134.27 (1) findings, conclusions, or recommendations relating to voter-facing issues, voter
- 134.28 engagement and education, and technical aspects of implementing ranked choice voting;
- 134.29 (2) draft legislation, if any, to implement the task force's recommendations; and
- 134.30 (3) any reports submitted to the task force by the subcommittees.
- 134.31 Subd. 7. **Sunset.** The task force and any subcommittees it creates expire on March 1,
- 134.32 2025, or upon submission of the report to the legislature, whichever is earlier.

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Sec. 119. **REPEALER.**
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Subdivision 1. **Caucus participation.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 202A.16, is
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repealed.
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Subd. 2. **Ballot order; partisan candidates.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 204D.04,
- 145.22

subdivision 1; and 204D.13, subdivisions 2 and 3, are repealed.
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Subd. 3. **Absentee voting.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2,
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is repealed effective June 1, 2023.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, provided that the designated
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appointing authorities may take actions necessary to name members to serve on the task
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force beginning the day following final enactment.
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Sec. 81. **REPEALER.**
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Sec. 51. **REPEALER.**
- S1362-2
- 82.29

Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 202A.16, is repealed.
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Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is repealed.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2023.