

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the operation of state government; appropriating money for the

1.3 legislature, the governor's office, state auditor, attorney general, secretary of state,

1.4 and certain agencies, boards, councils, and retirement funds; setting salaries for

1.5 constitutional officers; changing provisions in state government operations;

1.6 changing provisions for information technology; creating offices, councils,

1.7 commissions, and task forces; modifying grants management oversight; establishing

1.8 a pilot program for construction materials to meet certain standards for global

1.9 warming potential; implementing recommendations of Advisory Task Force on

1.10 State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities; modifying

1.11 licensing requirements under the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners; modifying

1.12 processes and responsible parties for assessing cemeteries; establishing a grant

1.13 program; requiring financial review of recipients of grants and business subsidies;

1.14 modifying fiscal note requirements; modifying provisions related to lobbying;

1.15 modifying election administration provisions; amending requirements related to

1.16 soliciting near the polling place; prohibiting election judge intimidation; authorizing

1.17 rulemaking; authorizing studies; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.18 2022, sections 3.07; 3.09; 3.98, subdivision 2; 4.045; 5.30, subdivision 2; 6.91,

1.19 subdivision 4; 8.31, subdivision 1; 10A.01, subdivision 21, by adding a subdivision;

1.20 10A.04, subdivisions 4, 6; 10A.05; 10A.06; 10A.071, subdivision 1; 10A.31,

1.21 subdivision 4; 16A.011, by adding a subdivision; 16A.055, by adding a subdivision;

1.22 16A.103, subdivisions 1, 1b, as amended, by adding a subdivision; 16A.126,

1.23 subdivision 1; 16A.1286, subdivision 2; 16A.152, subdivision 2; 16A.97; 16B.4805,

1.24 subdivision 1; 16B.97, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 16B.98, subdivisions 5, 6, 8, by adding

1.25 a subdivision; 16B.991; 16E.01, subdivisions 1a, 3, by adding a subdivision;

1.26 16E.016; 16E.03, subdivision 2; 16E.14, subdivision 4; 16E.21, subdivisions 1,

1.27 2; 43A.01, subdivision 2; 43A.02, by adding subdivisions; 43A.04, subdivisions

1.28 1a, 4, 7; 43A.08, subdivision 1; 43A.09; 43A.10, subdivisions 2a, 7; 43A.14;

1.29 43A.15, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 43A.18, subdivision 6; 43A.19,

1.30 subdivision 1; 43A.191; 43A.21, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision;

1.31 43A.36, subdivision 1; 43A.421; 145.951; 155A.23, subdivisions 8, 18, by adding

1.32 a subdivision; 155A.27, subdivisions 1, 5a, 10; 155A.271, subdivision 1; 155A.29,

1.33 subdivision 1; 179A.01; 179A.03, subdivision 15; 201.022, subdivision 1; 201.071,

1.34 subdivision 1, as amended; 201.091, subdivision 4a; 201.145, subdivisions 3, 4;

1.35 203B.001; 203B.01, by adding a subdivision; 203B.03, subdivision 1; 203B.05,

1.36 subdivision 1; 203B.081, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding subdivisions; 203B.085;

1.37 203B.12, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 203B.121, subdivisions 1, 2, 3,

1.38 4; 204B.09, subdivision 3; 204B.26; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 204B.45, subdivisions

2.1 1, 2; 204B.46; 204B.49; 204C.10, as amended; 206.845, subdivision 1; 211A.02,
2.2 subdivision 1; 211B.11, subdivision 1; 211B.32, subdivision 1; 307.08; 381.12,
2.3 subdivision 2; Laws 2023, chapter 5, sections 1; 2; proposing coding for new law
2.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 15; 15B; 16A; 16B; 16E; 43A; 155A; 203B; 211B;
2.5 381; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 4A.01; 4A.04; 4A.06; 4A.07;
2.6 4A.11; 16A.98; 16E.0466, subdivision 2; 124D.23, subdivision 9; 124D.957;
2.7 203B.081, subdivision 2; Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended.

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

2.9 **ARTICLE 1**

2.10 **STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

2.11 Section 1. **STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.12 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
2.13 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
2.14 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
2.15 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
2.16 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.
2.17 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"
2.18 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

2.19 **APPROPRIATIONS**

2.20 **Available for the Year**

2.21 **Ending June 30**

2.22 **2024**

2025

2.23 Sec. 2. **LEGISLATURE**

2.24 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 151,676,000 \$ 122,984,000**

2.25 The amounts that may be spent for each
2.26 purpose are specified in the following
2.27 subdivisions. The base for this appropriation
2.28 is \$122,893,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each
2.29 fiscal year thereafter.

2.30 **Subd. 2. Senate** **41,045,000** **43,845,000**

2.31 **Subd. 3. House of Representatives** **48,046,000** **48,558,000**

2.32 **Subd. 4. Legislative Coordinating Commission** **62,585,000** **30,581,000**

2.33 The base is \$30,490,000 in fiscal year 2026
2.34 and each fiscal year thereafter.

3.1 \$15,000 each year is for purposes of the
3.2 legislators' forum, through which Minnesota
3.3 legislators meet with counterparts from South
3.4 Dakota, North Dakota, and Manitoba to
3.5 discuss issues of mutual concern.

3.6 \$200,000 each year is for the Office on the
3.7 Economic Status of Women.

3.8 \$141,000 the first year and \$91,000 the second
3.9 year are to support the Legislative Task Force
3.10 on Aging established in article 3, section 44.

3.11 This is a onetime appropriation.

3.12 \$500,000 the first year is for costs related to
3.13 establishing and administering a collective
3.14 bargaining process for legislative employees.

3.15 **Legislative Auditor.** \$10,459,000 the first
3.16 year and \$11,526,000 the second year are for
3.17 the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

3.18 **Revisor of Statutes.** \$22,250,000 the first year
3.19 and \$8,714,000 the second year are for the
3.20 Office of the Revisor of Statutes. \$14,000,000
3.21 the first year is to replace the drafting, rules,
3.22 and law publication system.

3.23 **Legislative Reference Library.** \$2,055,000
3.24 the first year and \$2,184,000 the second year
3.25 are for the Legislative Reference Library.

3.26 **Legislative Budget Office.** \$2,454,000 the
3.27 first year and \$2,669,000 the second year are
3.28 for the Legislative Budget Office.

3.29 **Sec. 3. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**
3.30 **GOVERNOR**

\$ 9,258,000 \$ 9,216,000

3.31 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of
3.32 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

4.1 (b) \$19,000 each year is for necessary
 4.2 expenses in the normal performance of the
 4.3 governor's and lieutenant governor's duties for
 4.4 which no other reimbursement is provided.

4.5 (c) By September 1 of each year, the
 4.6 commissioner of management and budget shall
 4.7 report to the chairs and ranking minority
 4.8 members of the legislative committees with
 4.9 jurisdiction over state government finance any
 4.10 personnel costs incurred by the Offices of the
 4.11 Governor and Lieutenant Governor that were
 4.12 supported by appropriations to other agencies
 4.13 during the previous fiscal year. The Office of
 4.14 the Governor shall inform the chairs and
 4.15 ranking minority members of the committees
 4.16 before initiating any interagency agreements.

4.17 **Sec. 4. STATE AUDITOR** **\$ 14,965,000 \$ 14,254,000**

4.18 The base for this appropriation is \$14,268,000
 4.19 in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,278,000 in fiscal
 4.20 year 2027.

4.21 **Sec. 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL** **\$ 53,796,000 \$ 43,825,000**

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
4.23		
4.24	<u>50,880,000</u>	<u>40,909,000</u>
4.25		
4.26	<u>2,521,000</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>
4.27	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
4.28	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

4.29 **Sec. 6. SECRETARY OF STATE** **\$ 11,267,000 \$ 10,379,000**

4.30 The base for this appropriation is \$10,247,000
 4.31 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,379,000 in fiscal
 4.32 year 2027.

4.33 **Sec. 7. STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT** **\$ 139,000 \$ 139,000**

4.34 **Sec. 8. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** **\$ 12,278,000 \$ 10,260,000**

5.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
5.2	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
5.3	<u>General</u>	<u>444,000</u>
5.4	<u>Workers'</u>	
5.5	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>9,816,000</u>

5.6 \$263,000 each year is for municipal boundary
5.7 adjustments.

5.8 **Sec. 9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
5.9 **SERVICES** \$ 73,515,000 \$ 82,640,000

5.10 The base for this appropriation is \$11,303,000
5.11 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,322,000 in fiscal
5.12 year 2027.

5.13 **(a) Cybersecurity Grant Program.**
5.14 \$2,204,000 the first year and \$3,521,000 the
5.15 second year are for a state and local
5.16 cybersecurity improvement grant program for
5.17 political subdivisions and Minnesota Tribal
5.18 governments, as established in Minnesota
5.19 Statutes, section 16E.35. This is a onetime
5.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,
5.21 2027.

5.22 **(b) Statewide Cybersecurity Enhancements.**
5.23 \$10,280,000 the first year and \$16,875,000
5.24 the second year are to procure, implement,
5.25 and support advanced cybersecurity tools that
5.26 combat persistent and evolving cybersecurity
5.27 threats. This is a onetime appropriation and is
5.28 available until June 30, 2027.

5.29 **(c) Executive Branch Cloud**
5.30 **Transformation.** \$10,685,000 the first year
5.31 and \$22,910,000 the second year are to
5.32 support planning, migration, modernization,
5.33 infrastructure, training, and services required
5.34 for executive branch cloud transformation to
5.35 modernize enterprise information technology

6.1 delivery for state agency business partners.

6.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is

6.3 available until June 30, 2027.

6.4 **(d) Targeted Application Modernization.**

6.5 \$20,000,000 each year is to modernize

6.6 targeted applications to improve user

6.7 experiences with digital services provided by

6.8 state agencies, enable service delivery

6.9 transformation, and systematically address

6.10 aging technology. This is a onetime

6.11 appropriation and is available until June 30,

6.12 2027.

6.13 **(e) Children's Cabinet IT Innovation.**

6.14 \$2,000,000 each year is to provide technology

6.15 capabilities that support centering Minnesota

6.16 children and their families over agency

6.17 structures and provides dedicated information

6.18 technology resources to deliver innovative

6.19 digital services to children and families. This

6.20 is a onetime appropriation and is available

6.21 until June 30, 2027.

6.22 **(f) MnGeo; Expanding Data-Driven**

6.23 **Decision Making with GIS Data. \$358,000**

6.24 the first year and \$376,000 the second year

6.25 are to enhance the state's ability to lead

6.26 collaborative geographic data collection and

6.27 to produce additional publicly available data.

6.28 The base for this appropriation is \$395,000 in

6.29 fiscal year 2026 and \$414,000 in fiscal year

6.30 2027.

6.31 **(g) Supporting Accessible Technology in**

6.32 **State Government. \$300,000 each year is to**

6.33 **support accessible government in Minnesota.**

8.1 The base for this appropriation is \$36,153,000
8.2 in fiscal year 2026 and \$36,165,000 in fiscal
8.3 year 2027.

8.4 The amounts that may be spent for each
8.5 purpose are specified in the following
8.6 subdivisions.

8.7 **Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services** 38,325,000 20,555,000

8.8 The base for this appropriation is \$18,965,000
8.9 in fiscal year 2026 and \$18,977,000 in fiscal
8.10 year 2027.

8.11 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
8.12 \$222,000 each year is for the Council on
8.13 Developmental Disabilities.

8.14 **State Agency Accommodation**
8.15 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 each year may be
8.16 transferred to the accommodation account
8.17 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
8.18 16B.4805.

8.19 **Procurement Technical Assistance Center.**
8.20 \$350,000 each year is for the Procurement
8.21 Technical Assistance Center.

8.22 **Office of the State Archaeologist.** \$806,000
8.23 the first year and \$822,000 the second year
8.24 are for the Office of the State Archaeologist.
8.25 The base for this appropriation is \$773,000 in
8.26 fiscal year 2026. The base for this
8.27 appropriation in fiscal year 2027 and each year
8.28 thereafter is \$785,000.

8.29 Of these amounts, \$236,000 the first year and
8.30 \$242,000 the second year are for the
8.31 Archaeological and Cemetery Site Inventory
8.32 Portal. The base in fiscal year 2026 is

9.1 \$193,000 and \$205,000 in fiscal year 2027
9.2 and each year thereafter.

9.3 **Disparity Study.** \$500,000 the first year and
9.4 \$1,000,000 the second year are to conduct a
9.5 study on disparities in state procurement. This
9.6 is a onetime appropriation.

9.7 **Grants Administration Oversight.**
9.8 \$2,411,000 the first year and \$1,782,000 the
9.9 second year are for grants administration
9.10 oversight. The base for this appropriation in
9.11 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is
9.12 \$1,581,000.

9.13 \$735,000 the first year and \$201,000 the
9.14 second year are for a study to develop a road
9.15 map on the need for an enterprise grants
9.16 management system and to implement the
9.17 study's recommendation. This is a onetime
9.18 appropriation.

9.19 **Small Agency Resource Team.** \$940,000 the
9.20 first year and \$856,000 the second year are
9.21 for the Small Agency Resource Team.

9.22 Of these amounts, \$102,000 the first year is
9.23 to complete the study required under article
9.24 3, section 48. This is a onetime appropriation.

9.25 **State Historic Preservation Office.**
9.26 \$1,274,000 the first year and \$1,352,000 the
9.27 second year are for the State Historic
9.28 Preservation Office. The base for this
9.29 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and each year
9.30 thereafter is \$1,012,000.

9.31 Of these amounts, \$485,000 the first year and
9.32 \$500,000 the second year are for electronic
9.33 project systems and critical database
9.34 integration and are available through June 30,

10.1 2027. The base for this appropriation in fiscal
10.2 year 2026 and each year thereafter is
10.3 \$160,000.

10.4 **Risk Management Fund Property**
10.5 **Self-Insurance.** \$12,500,000 the first year is
10.6 for transfer to the risk management fund under
10.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.85. This is a
10.8 onetime appropriation.

10.9 **Office of Enterprise Translations.**
10.10 \$1,306,000 the first year and \$1,159,000 the
10.11 second year are to establish the Office of
10.12 Enterprise Translations. \$250,000 the first year
10.13 and \$250,000 the second year may be
10.14 transferred to the language access service
10.15 account established in Minnesota Statutes,
10.16 section 16B.373.

10.17 **State Demographic Center.** \$1,052,000 the
10.18 first year and \$1,076,000 the second year are
10.19 for the State Demographic Center.

10.20 **Capitol Campus Design Framework**
10.21 **Implementation.** \$5,000,000 the first year is
10.22 for facilities management to implement the
10.23 updated Capitol Campus Design Framework
10.24 Plan established in Minnesota Statutes, section
10.25 15B.18.

10.26 **Parking Fund.** \$1,085,000 each year is for a
10.27 transfer to the state parking account to
10.28 maintain the operations of the parking and
10.29 transit program on the Capitol complex.

10.30 **Procurement; Environmental Analysis and**
10.31 **Task Force.** \$522,000 the first year and
10.32 \$367,000 the second year are to implement
10.33 the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
10.34 16B.312.

11.1 **Council Support.** \$225,000 the first year and
 11.2 \$40,000 the second year are to develop and
 11.3 create training modules for and to support the
 11.4 work of the Youth Advisory Council and the
 11.5 Council on LGBTQIA Minnesotans.

11.6 Subd. 3. **Strategic Management Services** 2,809,000 3,115,000

11.7 Subd. 4. **Fiscal Agent** 30,861,000 22,573,000

11.8 The base for this appropriation is \$14,073,000.

11.9 The appropriations under this section are to
 11.10 the commissioner of administration for the
 11.11 purposes specified.

11.12 **In-Lieu of Rent.** \$11,129,000 each year is for
 11.13 space costs of the legislature and veterans
 11.14 organizations, ceremonial space, and
 11.15 statutorily free space.

11.16 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 each year
 11.17 is for matching grants for public television.
 11.18 (b) \$250,000 each year is for public television
 11.19 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 11.20 section 129D.13.

11.21 (c) \$500,000 each year is for block grants to
 11.22 public television under Minnesota Statutes,
 11.23 section 129D.13. Of this amount, up to three
 11.24 percent is for the commissioner of
 11.25 administration to administer the grants. This
 11.26 is a onetime appropriation.

11.27 (d) The commissioner of administration must
 11.28 consider the recommendations of the
 11.29 Minnesota Public Television Association
 11.30 before allocating the amounts appropriated in
 11.31 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or
 11.32 matching grants.

- 12.1 **Public Radio.** (a) \$1,292,000 the first year
12.2 and \$492,000 the second year are for
12.3 community service grants to public
12.4 educational radio stations. This appropriation
12.5 may be used to disseminate emergency
12.6 information in foreign languages. Any
12.7 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
12.8 end of the first year and is available for the
12.9 second year.
- 12.10 (b) \$142,000 each year is for equipment grants
12.11 to public educational radio stations. This
12.12 appropriation may be used for the repair,
12.13 rental, and purchase of equipment including
12.14 equipment under \$500.
- 12.15 (c) \$2,200,000 the first year is for grants to
12.16 the Association of Minnesota Public
12.17 Educational Radio Stations for the purchase
12.18 of emergency equipment and increased
12.19 cybersecurity and broadcast technology.
- 12.20 (d) \$1,288,000 the first year is for a grant to
12.21 the Association of Minnesota Public
12.22 Educational Radio Stations to provide
12.23 community radio news programs. Of this
12.24 amount, up to \$38,000 is for the commissioner
12.25 of administration to administer this grant. This
12.26 is a onetime appropriation and is available
12.27 through June 30, 2027.
- 12.28 (e) \$510,000 each year is for equipment grants
12.29 to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc., including
12.30 upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency Alert and
12.31 AMBER Alert Systems.
- 12.32 (f) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (e)
12.33 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by
12.34 an institution or governing body.

14.1 \$130,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$55,000 in
14.2 fiscal year 2025 are for mandatory zoning and
14.3 design rules. This is a onetime appropriation.

14.4 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to update the
14.5 Capitol Campus Design Framework described
14.6 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.18. This
14.7 is a onetime appropriation.

14.8 **Sec. 12. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**
14.9 **BUDGET**

\$ 54,249,000 \$ 59,500,000

14.10 The base for this appropriation is \$48,740,000
14.11 in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year
14.12 thereafter.

14.13 (a) \$13,489,000 the first year and \$14,490,000
14.14 the second year are to stabilize and secure the
14.15 state's enterprise resource planning systems.

14.16 This amount is available until June 30, 2027.

14.17 The base for this appropriation is \$6,470,000
14.18 in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year
14.19 thereafter.

14.20 (b) \$973,000 the first year and \$1,006,000 the
14.21 second year are for enterprise continuity of
14.22 operations planning and preparedness. The
14.23 base for this appropriation is \$756,000 in fiscal
14.24 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

14.25 (c) \$466,000 the first year and \$622,000 the
14.26 second year are for the establishment of a
14.27 statewide internal audit office.

14.28 (d) \$1,408,000 the first year and \$3,328,000
14.29 the second year are for the establishment of
14.30 an enterprise planning, strategy, and
14.31 performance unit.

14.32 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is for administration
14.33 and staffing of the Children's Cabinet

16.1 **Subd. 2. Tax System Management** 161,715,000 168,851,000

16.2 Appropriations by Fund

16.3 General 157,455,000 164,591,000

16.4 Health Care Access 1,760,000 1,760,000

16.5 Highway User Tax

16.6 Distribution 2,195,000 2,195,000

16.7 Environmental 305,000 305,000

16.8 The general fund base for this appropriation

16.9 is \$161,989,000 in fiscal year 2026 and

16.10 \$162,063,000 in fiscal year 2027 and each

16.11 fiscal year thereafter.

16.12 **Taxpayer Assistance.** (a) \$750,000 each year

16.13 is for the commissioner of revenue to make

16.14 grants to one or more eligible organizations,

16.15 qualifying under section 7526A(e)(2)(B) of

16.16 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

16.17 coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and aid in

16.18 the provision of taxpayer assistance services.

16.19 The unencumbered balance in the first year

16.20 does not cancel but is available for the second

16.21 year.

16.22 (b) For purposes of this section, "taxpayer

16.23 assistance services" means accounting and tax

16.24 preparation services provided by volunteers

16.25 to low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged

16.26 Minnesota residents to help them file federal

16.27 and state income tax returns and Minnesota

16.28 property tax refund claims and to provide

16.29 personal representation before the Department

16.30 of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service.

16.31 **Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management** 32,851,000 34,927,000

16.32 The base for this appropriation is \$34,979,000

16.33 in fiscal year 2026 and \$34,905,000 in fiscal

16.34 year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

17.1	Sec. 14. <u>GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD</u>	\$	<u>6,365,000</u>	\$	<u>6,334,000</u>
17.2	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>				
17.3	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>				
17.4	<u>revenue fund.</u>				
17.5	Sec. 15. <u>RACING COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>1,933,000</u>	\$	<u>954,000</u>
17.6	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
17.7	<u>General</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>	
17.8	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>933,000</u>	<u>954,000</u>		
17.9	<u>The special revenue fund appropriations are</u>				
17.10	<u>from the racing and card playing regulation</u>				
17.11	<u>accounts in the special revenue fund.</u>				
17.12	<u>Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act</u>				
17.13	<u>Compliance.</u> \$1,000,000 the first year is from				
17.14	<u>the general fund for costs related to the federal</u>				
17.15	<u>Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. This</u>				
17.16	<u>appropriation is onetime and is available until</u>				
17.17	<u>June 30, 2024.</u>				
17.18	Sec. 16. <u>STATE LOTTERY</u>				
17.19	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
17.20	<u>349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's</u>				
17.21	<u>operating budget must not exceed \$40,000,000</u>				
17.22	<u>in fiscal year 2024 and \$40,000,000 in fiscal</u>				
17.23	<u>year 2025.</u>				
17.24	Sec. 17. <u>AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>379,000</u>	\$	<u>391,000</u>
17.25	Sec. 18. <u>COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF</u>				
17.26	<u>AFRICAN HERITAGE</u>	\$	<u>795,000</u>	\$	<u>816,000</u>
17.27	Sec. 19. <u>COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS</u>	\$	<u>664,000</u>	\$	<u>680,000</u>
17.28	Sec. 20. <u>COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC</u>				
17.29	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	\$	<u>748,000</u>	\$	<u>770,000</u>
17.30	Sec. 21. <u>COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA</u>				
17.31	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	\$	<u>500,000</u>	\$	<u>499,000</u>
17.32	Sec. 22. <u>YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>517,000</u>	\$	<u>515,000</u>
17.33	Sec. 23. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>1,337,000</u>	\$	<u>1,360,000</u>

19.1	<u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u>		<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
19.2	<u>(c) Hockey Hall of Fame</u>		<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
19.3	<u>(d) Farmamerica</u>		<u>215,000</u>	<u>215,000</u>
19.4	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$115,000 in</u>			
19.5	<u>fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.</u>			
19.6	<u>(e) Minnesota Military Museum</u>		<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
19.7	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
19.8	<u>subdivision the first year does not cancel but</u>			
19.9	<u>is available for the second year of the</u>			
19.10	<u>biennium.</u>			
19.11	Sec. 25. <u>BOARD OF THE ARTS</u>			
19.12	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>7,774,000</u>	\$ <u>7,787,000</u>
19.13	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
19.14	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
19.15	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
19.16	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Services</u>		<u>835,000</u>	<u>848,000</u>
19.17	<u>Subd. 3. Grants Program</u>		<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>
19.18	<u>Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils</u>		<u>2,139,000</u>	<u>2,139,000</u>
19.19	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
19.20	<u>section the first year does not cancel, but is</u>			
19.21	<u>available for the second year.</u>			
19.22	<u>Money appropriated in this section and</u>			
19.23	<u>distributed as grants may only be spent on</u>			
19.24	<u>projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of</u>			
19.25	<u>a grant funded by an appropriation in this</u>			
19.26	<u>section must not use more than ten percent of</u>			
19.27	<u>the total grant for costs related to travel outside</u>			
19.28	<u>the state of Minnesota.</u>			
19.29	Sec. 26. <u>MINNESOTA HUMANITIES</u>			
19.30	<u>CENTER</u>	\$	<u>1,145,000</u>	\$ <u>1,145,000</u>
19.31	<u>\$675,000 each year is for grants under</u>			
19.32	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912. This</u>			

20.1 amount is available until June 30, 2027. The
 20.2 base for this appropriation is \$325,000 in fiscal
 20.3 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter. No
 20.4 more than four percent of the appropriation
 20.5 may be used for the nonprofit administration
 20.6 of the program.

20.7 Sec. 27. BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY \$ 844,000 \$ 859,000

20.8 Sec. 28. BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE
 20.9 ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,
 20.10 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,
 20.11 GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN \$ 893,000 \$ 913,000

20.12 Sec. 29. BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST
 20.13 EXAMINERS \$ 3,470,000 \$ 3,599,000

20.14 Sec. 30. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS \$ 442,000 \$ 452,000

20.15 Sec. 31. GENERAL CONTINGENT
 20.16 ACCOUNTS \$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000

20.17 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
20.18 <u>General</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
20.19 <u>State Government</u>		
20.20 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
20.21 <u>Workers'</u>		
20.22 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

20.24 (a) The general fund base for this
 20.25 appropriation is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026
 20.26 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year
 20.27 thereafter.

20.28 (b) The appropriations in this section may only
 20.29 be spent with the approval of the governor
 20.30 after consultation with the Legislative
 20.31 Advisory Commission pursuant to Minnesota
 20.32 Statutes, section 3.30.

20.33 (c) If an appropriation in this section for either
 20.34 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
 20.35 other year is available for it.

21.1	<u>(d) If a contingent account appropriation is</u>			
21.2	<u>made in one fiscal year, it should be</u>			
21.3	<u>considered a biennial appropriation.</u>			
21.4	Sec. 32. <u>TORT CLAIMS</u>	\$	<u>161,000</u>	\$ <u>161,000</u>
21.5	<u>These appropriations are to be spent by the</u>			
21.6	<u>commissioner of management and budget</u>			
21.7	<u>according to Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
21.8	<u>3.736, subdivision 7. If the appropriation for</u>			
21.9	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>			
21.10	<u>for the other year is available both years.</u>			
21.11	Sec. 33. <u>MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT</u>			
21.12	<u>SYSTEM</u>			
21.13	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>14,543,000</u>	\$ <u>14,372,000</u>
21.14	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
21.15	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
21.16	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
21.17	Subd. 2. <u>Combined Legislators and</u>			
21.18	<u>Constitutional Officers Retirement Plan</u>		<u>8,543,000</u>	<u>8,372,000</u>
21.19	<u>Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,</u>			
21.20	<u>subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;</u>			
21.21	<u>and 3A.115.</u>			
21.22	<u>If an appropriation in this section for either</u>			
21.23	<u>year is insufficient, the appropriation for the</u>			
21.24	<u>other year is available for it.</u>			
21.25	Subd. 3. <u>Judges Retirement Plan</u>		<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
21.26	<u>For transfer to the judges retirement fund</u>			
21.27	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123.</u>			
21.28	<u>This transfer continues each fiscal year until</u>			
21.29	<u>the judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent</u>			
21.30	<u>funding as determined by an actuarial</u>			
21.31	<u>valuation prepared according to Minnesota</u>			
21.32	<u>Statutes, section 356.214.</u>			
21.33	Sec. 34. <u>PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT</u>			
21.34	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	\$	<u>25,000,000</u>	\$ <u>25,000,000</u>

22.1 (a) \$9,000,000 each year is for direct state aid
 22.2 to the public employees police and fire
 22.3 retirement plan authorized under Minnesota
 22.4 Statutes, section 353.65, subdivision 3b.

22.5 (b) State payments from the general fund to
 22.6 the Public Employees Retirement Association
 22.7 on behalf of the former MERF division
 22.8 account are \$16,000,000 on September 15,
 22.9 2024, and \$16,000,000 on September 15,
 22.10 2025. These amounts are estimated to be
 22.11 needed under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.12 353.505.

22.13	<u>Sec. 35. TEACHERS RETIREMENT</u>			
22.14	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>29,831,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>29,831,000</u>

22.15 The amounts estimated to be needed are as
 22.16 follows:

22.17 **Special Direct State Aid.** \$27,331,000 each
 22.18 year is for special direct state aid authorized
 22.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.436.

22.20 **Special Direct State Matching Aid.**
 22.21 \$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state
 22.22 matching aid authorized under Minnesota
 22.23 Statutes, section 354.435.

22.24	<u>Sec. 36. ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT</u>			
22.25	<u>FUND</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>14,827,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>14,827,000</u>

22.26 The amounts estimated to be needed for
 22.27 special direct state aid to the first class city
 22.28 teachers retirement fund association authorized
 22.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,
 22.30 subdivisions 3a and 3c.

22.31 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 6.91, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

22.32 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** ~~(a)~~ The amount necessary to fund obligations under subdivision
 22.33 2 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue.

23.1 ~~(b) The sum of \$6,000 in fiscal year 2011 and \$2,000 in each fiscal year thereafter is~~
23.2 ~~annually appropriated from the general fund to the state auditor to carry out the auditor's~~
23.3 ~~responsibilities under sections 6.90 to 6.91.~~

23.4 Sec. 38. APPROPRIATION; BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES.

23.5 \$50,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner
23.6 of the Bureau of Mediation Services to conduct unit determinations.

23.7 Sec. 39. CANCELLATION; COVID-19 MANAGEMENT.

23.8 \$58,334,000 of the general fund appropriation in Minnesota Laws 2022, chapter 50,
23.9 article 3, section 1, is canceled to the general fund.

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

23.11 Sec. 40. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.

23.12 (a) The commissioner of management and budget must reduce general fund appropriation
23.13 to executive agencies for agency operations for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, by
23.14 \$8,672,000 due to savings from reduced transfers to the Governor's Office account in the
23.15 special revenue fund.

23.16 (b) If savings are obtained through reduced transfers from nongeneral funds other than
23.17 those established in the state constitution or protected by federal law, the commissioner of
23.18 management and budget may transfer the amount of savings to the general fund. The amount
23.19 transferred to the general fund from other funds reduces the required general fund reduction
23.20 in this section. Reductions made in 2025 must be reflected as reductions in agency base
23.21 budgets for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

23.22 **ARTICLE 2**

23.23 **ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

23.24 Section 1. STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

23.25 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
23.26 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
23.27 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
23.28 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
23.29 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.
23.30 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"
23.31 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

24.1			<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
24.2			<u>Available for the Year</u>	
24.3			<u>Ending June 30</u>	
24.4			<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
24.5	Sec. 2. <u>LEGISLATURE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>244,000</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>
24.6	<u>These amounts are for the Legislative</u>			
24.7	<u>Coordinating Commission to support the</u>			
24.8	<u>Secretary of State Voting Task Force</u>			
24.9	<u>established under article 7, section 50. This is</u>			
24.10	<u>a onetime appropriation.</u>			
24.11	Sec. 3. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,698,000</u>	<u>\$ 549,000</u>
24.12	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$538,000 in</u>			
24.13	<u>fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.</u>			
24.14	<u>\$800,000 the first year is for the secretary of</u>			
24.15	<u>state to make grants to counties and</u>			
24.16	<u>municipalities to improve access to polling</u>			
24.17	<u>places for individuals with disabilities and to</u>			
24.18	<u>provide the same opportunity for access and</u>			
24.19	<u>participation in the electoral process, including</u>			
24.20	<u>privacy and independence, to voters with</u>			
24.21	<u>disabilities as that which exists for voters with</u>			
24.22	<u>no disabilities. Funds may be used to purchase</u>			
24.23	<u>equipment or to make capital improvements</u>			
24.24	<u>to publicly owned facilities. This is a onetime</u>			
24.25	<u>appropriation and is available until June 30,</u>			
24.26	<u>2027.</u>			
24.27	<u>\$200,000 the first year is to develop and</u>			
24.28	<u>implement an educational campaign relating</u>			
24.29	<u>to the restoration of the right to vote to</u>			
24.30	<u>formerly incarcerated individuals, including</u>			
24.31	<u>voter education materials and outreach to</u>			
24.32	<u>affected individuals.</u>			
24.33	Sec. 4. <u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC</u>			
24.34	<u>DISCLOSURE BOARD</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,743,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,000</u>

25.1 **Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS** **\$ 165,000 \$ 33,000**

25.2 For changes to the report required under
25.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 201.145,
25.4 subdivision 3.

25.5 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; HELP AMERICA VOTE**
25.6 **ACT STATE MATCHING FUNDS.**

25.7 \$461,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the Help America
25.8 Vote Act (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, and is credited
25.9 to the state match requirement of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, Public Law
25.10 117-103, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328. This is a
25.11 onetime transfer.

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

25.13 **Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; COURT ORDERED**
25.14 **ATTORNEY FEES.**

25.15 \$495,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of
25.16 state for the payment of attorney fees and costs awarded by court order in the legislative
25.17 and congressional redistricting cases Peter Wattson, et al.; Paul Anderson, et al.; and Frank
25.18 Sachs, et al. v. Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, Nos. A21-0243 and A21-0546,
25.19 and interest thereon. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

25.21 **Sec. 8. TRANSFER; STATE ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.**

25.22 \$3,899,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the general fund to the general account
25.23 of the state elections campaign account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.31.
25.24 This is a onetime transfer.

25.25 **Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:**

25.26 **Subd. 2. Appropriation.** ~~Notwithstanding section 4.07, Money in the Help America~~
25.27 ~~Vote Act account may be spent only pursuant to direct appropriations enacted from time to~~
25.28 ~~time by law. Money in the account must be spent~~ is appropriated to the secretary of state
25.29 to improve the administration of elections in accordance with the Help America Vote Act,
25.30 the state plan certified by the governor under the act, and for reporting and administrative

26.1 requirements under the act and plan. To the extent required by federal law, money in the
26.2 account must be used in a manner that is consistent with the maintenance of effort
26.3 requirements of section 254(a)(7) of the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252,
26.4 based on the level of state expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

26.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
26.6 applies to any balances in the Help America Vote Act account existing on or after that date.

26.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

26.8 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) The amounts designated by individuals for the state elections
26.9 campaign account, less three percent, are appropriated from the general fund, must be
26.10 transferred and credited to the appropriate account in the state elections campaign account,
26.11 and are annually appropriated for distribution as set forth in subdivisions 5, 5a, 6, and 7.
26.12 The remaining three percent must be kept in the general fund for administrative costs.

26.13 (b) In addition to the amounts in paragraph (a), ~~\$1,020,000~~ \$4,932,000 for each general
26.14 election is appropriated from the general fund for transfer to the general account of the state
26.15 elections campaign account.

26.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

26.17 **ARTICLE 3**

26.18 **MISCELLANEOUS POLICY**

26.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.07, is amended to read:

26.20 **3.07 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES.**

26.21 Each house, after its organization, may appoint and at pleasure remove the employees
26.22 provided for by its permanent rules or recommended by its Committee on Rules, subject to
26.23 terms and conditions of employment under applicable collective bargaining agreements.

26.24 All officers and employees shall receive the compensation provided by the permanent rules
26.25 of the electing or appointing body or recommended by its Committee on Rules. Unless
26.26 otherwise expressly provided by law, no officer or employee shall receive any other
26.27 compensation for services.

27.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.09, is amended to read:

27.2 **3.09 COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.**

27.3 The compensation of officers and employees shall be at the rates fixed by the permanent
27.4 rules of the electing or appointing body or recommended by its Committee on Rules, subject
27.5 to terms and conditions of employment under applicable collective bargaining agreements.

27.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

27.7 Subd. 2. **Contents.** (a) The fiscal note, where possible, shall:

27.8 (1) cite the effect in dollar amounts;

27.9 (2) cite the statutory provisions affected;

27.10 (3) estimate the increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures;

27.11 (4) include the costs which may be absorbed without additional funds;

27.12 (5) include the assumptions used in determining the cost estimates; and

27.13 (6) specify any long-range implication.

27.14 (b) The fiscal note may comment on technical or mechanical defects in the bill but shall
27.15 express no opinions concerning the merits of the proposal.

27.16 (c) The fiscal note must assume the legal validity of the bill, but may comment on
27.17 potential litigation that may result from passage of the bill.

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

27.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.045, is amended to read:

27.20 **4.045 CHILDREN'S CABINET.**

27.21 The Children's Cabinet shall consist of the commissioners of education, human services,
27.22 employment and economic development, public safety, corrections, management and budget,
27.23 health, administration, Housing Finance Agency, and transportation, ~~and the director of the~~
27.24 ~~Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning.~~ The governor shall designate one member
27.25 to serve as cabinet chair. The chair is responsible for ensuring that the duties of the Children's
27.26 Cabinet are performed.

27.27 Sec. 5. **[15.0146] MINNESOTA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

27.28 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The membership of the council is as described in this
27.29 subdivision.

28.1 (b) The governor must appoint three members to represent each of the state's
28.2 congressional districts. Of these, two members from each congressional district must be in
28.3 grades 8 through 12 at the time of appointment, and one member must be between the ages
28.4 of 19 and 23 at the time of appointment. The governor may only appoint an individual under
28.5 the age of 18 to the council with the consent of the individual's parent or guardian. The
28.6 governor must ensure that the demographic composition of the council accurately reflects
28.7 the demographic composition of Minnesota's youth community as determined by the state
28.8 demographer.

28.9 (c) Four legislators are voting members of the council. The speaker of the house and the
28.10 house minority leader must each appoint one member to the council. The majority leader
28.11 of the senate must appoint one member of the majority caucus and the minority leader of
28.12 the senate must appoint one member of the minority caucus to the council.

28.13 (d) The governor may appoint a commissioner of a state agency or a designee of that
28.14 commissioner to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council.

28.15 Subd. 2. **Appointments; terms; removal.** (a) The council's executive director and the
28.16 legislative members may offer advice to the governor on applicants seeking appointment
28.17 to the council.

28.18 (b) Terms, compensation, and filling of vacancies for members appointed by the governor
28.19 are as provided in section 15.059, except that the term of a member is two years. Removal
28.20 of members appointed by the governor is governed by section 15.059, except that: (1) a
28.21 member who missed more than half of the council meetings convened during a 12-month
28.22 period automatically is removed from the council; and (2) a member appointed by the
28.23 governor may be removed by a vote of three of the four legislative members of the council.
28.24 The chair of the council must inform the governor of the need for the governor to fill a
28.25 vacancy on the council. Legislative members serve at the pleasure of their appointing
28.26 authority.

28.27 (c) An appointee of the governor may serve one term on the council. A legislator may
28.28 serve no more than eight consecutive years or 12 nonconsecutive years on this council.

28.29 Subd. 3. **Training; chair; executive committee; meetings; support.** (a) A member
28.30 appointed by the governor must attend orientation training within the first six months of
28.31 service for the member's term. The commissioner of administration must arrange for the
28.32 training to include but not be limited to the legislative process and the duties and
28.33 responsibilities associated with membership on a state advisory council. The governor must
28.34 remove a member who does not complete the training.

29.1 (b) The council must annually elect from among the members appointed by the governor
29.2 a chair and other officers the council deems necessary. The elected officers and one legislative
29.3 member selected by the council must serve as the executive committee of the council.

29.4 (c) Forty percent of voting members of the council constitutes a quorum. A quorum is
29.5 required to conduct council business. A council member may not vote on any action if the
29.6 member has a conflict of interest under section 10A.07.

29.7 (d) The council must receive administrative support from the commissioner of
29.8 administration under section 16B.371. The council may contract in its own name but must
29.9 not accept or receive a loan or incur indebtedness except as otherwise provided by law.
29.10 Contracts must be approved by a majority of the members of the council who are over the
29.11 age of 21 years and executed by the executive director. The council may apply for, receive,
29.12 and expend in its own name grants and gifts of money consistent with the powers and duties
29.13 specified in this section.

29.14 (e) The attorney general must provide legal services to the council on behalf of the state
29.15 on all matters relating to the council, including matters relating to the state as the employer
29.16 of the executive director of the council and other council staff.

29.17 Subd. 4. **Executive director; staff.** (a) The commissioner of administration must appoint
29.18 an executive director for the council. The executive director must be experienced in
29.19 administrative activities and familiar with the challenges and needs of Minnesota's youth
29.20 community. The executive director serves in the unclassified service at the pleasure of the
29.21 commissioner of administration.

29.22 (b) The commissioner of administration must establish a process for recruiting and
29.23 selecting applicants for the executive director position. This process must include consultation
29.24 and collaboration with the council.

29.25 (c) The executive director and council members must work together in fulfilling council
29.26 duties. The executive director must consult with the commissioner of administration to
29.27 ensure appropriate financial, purchasing, human resources, and other services for operation
29.28 of the council.

29.29 (d) The council chair must report to the commissioner of administration regarding the
29.30 performance of the executive director, including any recommendations regarding disciplinary
29.31 actions. The executive director must appoint and supervise the work of other staff necessary
29.32 to carry out the duties of the council.

30.1 (e) The executive director must submit the council's biennial budget request to the
30.2 commissioner of management and budget as provided under chapter 16A.

30.3 Subd. 5. **Duties of council.** (a) The council must work for the implementation of
30.4 economic, social, legal, and political equality for the youth community. The council must
30.5 work with the legislature and governor to carry out this work by performing the duties in
30.6 this section. The council must:

30.7 (1) develop and approve a strategic plan to guide the council's work in implementing
30.8 the duties and goals required by this section;

30.9 (2) advise the governor and the legislature on issues confronting the youth community.
30.10 This may include but is not limited to presenting the results of surveys, studies, and
30.11 community forums to the appropriate executive departments and legislative committees;

30.12 (3) advise the governor and the legislature of administrative and legislative changes
30.13 needed to improve the economic and social condition of the youth community. This may
30.14 include but is not limited to working with legislators to develop legislation to address these
30.15 issues and to work for passage of the legislation;

30.16 (4) advise the governor and the legislature of the implications and effect of proposed
30.17 administrative and legislative changes on the youth community. This may include but is
30.18 not limited to tracking legislation, testifying as appropriate, and meeting with executive
30.19 departments and legislators;

30.20 (5) serve as a liaison between state government and organizations that serve the youth
30.21 community. This may include but is not limited to working with organizations that serve
30.22 youth to carry out the duties in this subdivision, and working with organizations that serve
30.23 youth to develop informational programs or publications to involve and empower youth
30.24 seeking to improve their economic and social conditions; and

30.25 (6) perform or contract for the performance of studies designed to suggest solutions to
30.26 identified problems in the areas of education, employment, human rights, health, housing,
30.27 social welfare, and other related areas.

30.28 (b) In carrying out duties under this subdivision, the council may act to advise on issues
30.29 that affect the shared constituencies of a council established in section 15.0145.

30.30 Subd. 6. **Duties of council members.** A council member must:

30.31 (1) attend and participate in scheduled meetings and be prepared by reviewing meeting
30.32 notes;

31.1 (2) maintain and build communication with the youth community;

31.2 (3) collaborate with the council and executive director in carrying out the council's duties;

31.3 and

31.4 (4) participate in activities the council or executive director deem appropriate and

31.5 necessary to facilitate the goals and duties of the council.

31.6 Subd. 7. **Reports.** The council must report on the measurable outcomes achieved in the
31.7 council's current strategic plan to meet its statutory duties, along with the specific objectives
31.8 and outcome measures proposed for the following year. The council must submit the report
31.9 by January 15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
31.10 committees with primary jurisdiction over state government operations and other committees
31.11 as the council determines appropriate. Each report must cover the calendar year of the year
31.12 before the report is submitted. The specific objectives and outcome measures for the
31.13 following current year must focus on three or four achievable objectives, action steps, and
31.14 measurable outcomes for which the council must be held accountable. The strategic plan
31.15 may include other items that support the statutory purposes of the council but must not
31.16 distract from the primary statutory proposals presented. The biennial budget of the council
31.17 must be submitted to the commissioner of administration by February 1 in each
31.18 odd-numbered year.

31.19 Sec. 6. **[15.0147] COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA MINNESOTANS.**

31.20 Subdivision 1. **Council established; membership.** (a) The Council on LGBTQIA
31.21 Minnesotans is established. The council consists of 16 voting members.

31.22 (b) The governor shall appoint a total of 12 public voting members. The governor may
31.23 additionally appoint a commissioner of a state agency or a designee of the commissioner
31.24 to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the council.

31.25 (c) Four legislators shall be appointed to the council. The speaker of the house and the
31.26 minority leader of the house of representatives shall each appoint one member of the house
31.27 of representatives to the council. The senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee
31.28 on Rules and Administration shall appoint one member of the senate majority caucus and
31.29 one member of the senate minority caucus.

31.30 Subd. 2. **Appointments; terms; removal.** (a) In making appointments to the council,
31.31 the governor shall consider an appointee's proven dedication and commitment to Minnesota's
31.32 LGBTQIA community and any expertise possessed by the appointee that might be beneficial
31.33 to the council, such as experience in public policy, legal affairs, social work, business, or

32.1 management. The executive director and legislative members may offer advice to the
32.2 governor on applicants seeking appointment.

32.3 (b) Terms, compensation, and filling of vacancies for members appointed by the governor
32.4 are as provided in section 15.059. Removal of members appointed by the governor is
32.5 governed by section 15.059, except that: (1) a member who misses more than half of the
32.6 council meetings convened during a 12-month period is automatically removed from the
32.7 council; and (2) a member appointed by the governor may be removed by a vote of three
32.8 of the four legislative members of the council. The chair of the council shall inform the
32.9 governor of the need for the governor to fill a vacancy on the council. Legislative members
32.10 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

32.11 (c) A member appointed by the governor may serve no more than a total of eight years
32.12 on the council. A legislator may serve no more than eight consecutive years or 12
32.13 nonconsecutive years on the council.

32.14 **Subd. 3. Training; executive committee; meetings; support.** (a) A member appointed
32.15 by the governor must attend orientation training within the first six months of service for
32.16 the member's initial term. The commissioner of administration must arrange for the training
32.17 to include but not be limited to the legislative process, government data practices, ethics,
32.18 conflicts of interest, Open Meeting Law, Robert's Rules of Order, fiscal management, and
32.19 human resources. The governor must remove a member who does not complete the training.

32.20 (b) The council shall annually elect from among the members appointed by the governor
32.21 a chair and other officers the council deems necessary. These officers and one legislative
32.22 member selected by the council shall serve as the executive committee of the council.

32.23 (c) Forty percent of voting members of the council constitutes a quorum. A quorum is
32.24 required to conduct council business. A council member may not vote on any action if the
32.25 member has a conflict of interest under section 10A.07.

32.26 (d) The council shall receive administrative support from the commissioner of
32.27 administration under section 16B.371. The council may contract in its own name but may
32.28 not accept or receive a loan or incur indebtedness except as otherwise provided by law.
32.29 Contracts must be approved by a majority of the members of the council and executed by
32.30 the chair and the executive director. The council may apply for, receive, and expend in its
32.31 own name grants and gifts of money consistent with the powers and duties specified in this
32.32 section.

33.1 (e) The attorney general shall provide legal services to the council on behalf of the state
33.2 on all matters relating to the council, including matters relating to the state as the employer
33.3 of the executive director of the council and other council staff.

33.4 Subd. 4. **Executive director; staff.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
33.5 appoint an executive director for the council. The executive director must be experienced
33.6 in administrative activities and familiar with the challenges and needs of Minnesota's
33.7 LGBTQIA community. The executive director serves in the unclassified service at the
33.8 pleasure of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

33.9 (b) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must establish a process for recruiting
33.10 and selecting applicants for the executive director position. This process must include
33.11 consultation and collaboration with the council.

33.12 (c) The executive director and council members must work together in fulfilling council
33.13 duties. The executive director must consult with the commissioner of administration to
33.14 ensure appropriate financial, purchasing, human resources, and other services for operation
33.15 of the council.

33.16 (d) Once appointed, the council is responsible for supervising the work of the executive
33.17 director. The council chair must report to the chair of the Legislative Coordinating
33.18 Commission regarding the performance of the executive director, including recommendations
33.19 regarding any disciplinary actions. The executive director must appoint and supervise the
33.20 work of other staff necessary to carry out the duties of the council. The executive director
33.21 must consult with the council chair prior to taking the following disciplinary actions with
33.22 council staff: written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or discharge. The executive director
33.23 and other council staff are executive branch employees.

33.24 (e) The executive director must submit the council's biennial budget request to the
33.25 commissioner of management and budget as provided under chapter 16A.

33.26 Subd. 5. **Duties of council.** (a) The council must work for the implementation of
33.27 economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's LGBTQIA community. The
33.28 council shall work with the legislature and governor to carry out this work by performing
33.29 the duties in this section.

33.30 (b) The council shall advise the governor and the legislature on issues confronting the
33.31 LGBTQIA community. This may include but is not limited to presenting the results of
33.32 surveys, studies, and community forums to the appropriate executive departments and
33.33 legislative committees.

34.1 (c) The council shall advise the governor and the legislature of administrative and
34.2 legislative changes needed to improve the economic and social condition of Minnesota's
34.3 LGBTQIA community. This may include but is not limited to working with legislators to
34.4 develop legislation to address issues and to work for passage of legislation. This may also
34.5 include making recommendations regarding the state's affirmative action program and the
34.6 state's targeted group small business program or working with state agencies and
34.7 organizations to develop business opportunities and promote economic development for
34.8 the LGBTQIA community.

34.9 (d) The council shall advise the governor and the legislature of the implications and
34.10 effect of proposed administrative and legislative changes on the constituency of the council.
34.11 This may include but is not limited to tracking legislation, testifying as appropriate, and
34.12 meeting with executive departments and legislators.

34.13 (e) The council shall serve as a liaison between state government and organizations that
34.14 serve Minnesota's LGBTQIA community. This may include but is not limited to working
34.15 with these organizations to carry out the duties in paragraphs (a) to (d) and working with
34.16 these organizations to develop informational programs or publications to involve and
34.17 empower the community in seeking improvement in their economic and social conditions.

34.18 (f) The council shall perform or contract for the performance of studies designed to
34.19 suggest solutions to the problems of Minnesota's LGBTQIA community in the areas of
34.20 education, employment, human rights, health, housing, social welfare, and other related
34.21 areas.

34.22 (g) In carrying out duties under this subdivision, the council may act to advise on issues
34.23 that affect the shared constituencies with the councils established in section 15.0145.

34.24 Subd. 6. **Duties of council members.** A council member shall:

34.25 (1) attend and participate in scheduled meetings and be prepared by reviewing meeting
34.26 notes;

34.27 (2) maintain and build communication with Minnesota's LGBTQIA community;

34.28 (3) collaborate with the council and executive director in carrying out the council's duties;
34.29 and

34.30 (4) participate in activities the council or executive director deem appropriate and
34.31 necessary to facilitate the goals and duties of the council.

34.32 Subd. 7. **Reports.** The council must report on the measurable outcomes achieved in the
34.33 council's current strategic plan to meet its statutory duties, along with the specific objectives

35.1 and outcome measures proposed for the following year. The council must submit the report
35.2 by January 15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
35.3 committees with primary jurisdiction over state government operations. Each report must
35.4 cover the calendar year of the year before the report is submitted. The specific objectives
35.5 and outcome measures for the following current year must focus on three or four achievable
35.6 objectives, action steps, and measurable outcomes for which the council will be held
35.7 accountable. The strategic plan may include other items that support the statutory purposes
35.8 of the council but should not distract from the primary statutory proposals presented. The
35.9 biennial budget of the council must be submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
35.10 by February 1 in each odd-numbered year.

35.11 **Sec. 7. [15B.18] CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN FRAMEWORK.**

35.12 (a) An update to the Capitol Campus Design Framework must include:

35.13 (1) plans to integrate green space campuswide, including but not limited to the addition
35.14 of green space on the following sites at the approximate sizes indicated:

35.15 (i) the southwest corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of
35.16 20,700 square feet;

35.17 (ii) the northeast corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of
35.18 32,000 square feet; and

35.19 (iii) the north side of the State Capitol building adjacent to University Avenue;

35.20 (2) plans for visual markers and welcome information for the Capitol campus at one or
35.21 more corners of Rice Street and University Avenue, anchoring a pathway to the State Capitol
35.22 building and Capitol Mall that features interpretive markers honoring the importance and
35.23 stature of the Capitol campus as both a historic site and as a modern, active public gathering
35.24 space for all Minnesotans; and

35.25 (3) plans to plant trees throughout the Capitol campus, prioritizing the creation of a
35.26 mature tree canopy to provide an area of shade for users of the Capitol Mall between or
35.27 adjacent to the State Capitol building and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

35.28 (b) The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must contract with one or more
35.29 professional design consultants with expertise on horticulture, landscape architecture, civic
35.30 space design, infrastructure assessment, and operations and maintenance planning to develop
35.31 the framework updates. The board must additionally consult with the commissioners of
35.32 administration and public safety and the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house

36.1 or their designees before any proposed framework update is approved. The board must
36.2 approve the updated design framework no later than December 31, 2023.

36.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.055, is amended by adding a subdivision to
36.4 read:

36.5 Subd. 7. **Grant acceptance.** The commissioner may apply for and receive grants from
36.6 any source for the purpose of fulfilling any of the duties of the department. All funds received
36.7 under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes for which the
36.8 funds are received.

36.9 Sec. 9. [16A.091] PLANNING, STRATEGY, AND PERFORMANCE
36.10 MANAGEMENT.

36.11 (a) The commissioner of management and budget is responsible for the coordination,
36.12 development, assessment, and communication of information, performance measures,
36.13 planning, and policy concerning the state's future.

36.14 (b) The commissioner must develop a statewide system of economic, social, and
36.15 environmental performance measures. The commissioner must provide information to assist
36.16 public and elected officials with understanding the status of these performance measures.

36.17 (c) The commissioner may appoint one deputy with principal responsibility for planning,
36.18 strategy, and performance management.

36.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.126, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.20 Subdivision 1. **Set rates.** The commissioner shall approve the rates an agency must pay
36.21 to a revolving fund for services. Funds subject to this subdivision include, but are not limited
36.22 to, the revolving funds established in sections 14.46; 14.53; 16B.2975, subdivision 4; 16B.48;
36.23 16B.54; 16B.58; 16B.85; 16E.14; 43A.55; and 176.591; ~~and~~ the fund established in section
36.24 43A.30; and the account established in section 16A.1286.

36.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

36.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.1286, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

36.27 Subd. 2. **Billing procedures.** The commissioner may bill ~~up to \$10,000,000 in~~ each
36.28 fiscal year for statewide systems services provided to state agencies, ~~judicial branch agencies,~~
36.29 ~~the University of Minnesota~~ in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches, the Minnesota
36.30 State Colleges and Universities, and other entities. Each agency shall transfer from agency

37.1 operating appropriations to the statewide systems account the amount billed by the
37.2 commissioner. ~~Billing policies and procedures related to statewide systems services must~~
37.3 ~~be developed by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioners of management~~
37.4 ~~and budget and administration, the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota State Colleges~~
37.5 ~~and Universities.~~ The commissioner shall develop billing policies and procedures.

37.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

37.7 Sec. 12. **[16B.312] CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS; ENVIRONMENTAL**
37.8 **ANALYSIS.**

37.9 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
37.10 meanings given.

37.11 (a) "Carbon steel" means steel in which the main alloying element is carbon and whose
37.12 properties are chiefly dependent on the percentage of carbon present.

37.13 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of administration.

37.14 (c) "Electric arc furnace" means a furnace that produces molten alloy metal and heats
37.15 the charge materials with electric arcs from carbon electrodes.

37.16 (d) "Eligible material" means:

37.17 (1) carbon steel rebar;

37.18 (2) structural steel;

37.19 (3) concrete; or

37.20 (4) asphalt paving mixtures.

37.21 (e) "Eligible project" means:

37.22 (1) new construction of a state building larger than 50,000 gross square feet of occupied
37.23 or conditioned space;

37.24 (2) renovation of more than 50,000 gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space
37.25 in a state building whose renovation cost exceeds 50 percent of the building's assessed value;

37.26 or

37.27 (3) new construction or reconstruction of two or more lane-miles of a trunk highway.

37.28 (f) "Environmental product declaration" means a supply chain specific type III
37.29 environmental product declaration that:

38.1 (1) contains a lifecycle assessment of the environmental impacts of manufacturing a
38.2 specific product by a specific firm, including the impacts of extracting and producing the
38.3 raw materials and components that compose the product;

38.4 (2) is verified by a third party; and

38.5 (3) meets the ISO 14025 standard developed and maintained by the International
38.6 Organization for Standardization (ISO).

38.7 (g) "Global warming potential" has the meaning given in section 216H.10, subdivision
38.8 6.

38.9 (h) "Greenhouse gas" has the meaning given to "statewide greenhouse gas emissions"
38.10 in section 216H.01, subdivision 2.

38.11 (i) "Integrated steel manufacturing" means the production of iron and subsequently steel
38.12 from primarily iron ore or iron ore pellets. An integrated steel manufacturing process can
38.13 include a blast furnace, a basic oxygen furnace for refining molten iron into steel, but may
38.14 also include furnaces that continuously feed direct-reduced iron ore pellets as the primary
38.15 source of iron.

38.16 (j) "Lifecycle" means an analysis that includes the environmental impacts of all stages
38.17 of a specific product's production, from mining and processing its raw materials to the
38.18 process of manufacturing the product itself.

38.19 (k) "Rebar" means a steel reinforcing bar or rod encased in concrete.

38.20 (l) "Secondary steel manufacturing" means the production of steel where primarily
38.21 ferrous scrap and other metallic inputs are recycled by melting and refining in electric arc
38.22 furnaces.

38.23 (m) "State building" means a building that is owned by the state of Minnesota or a
38.24 Minnesota state agency.

38.25 (n) "Structural steel" means steel that is classified by the shapes of its cross-sections,
38.26 such as I, T, and C shapes.

38.27 (o) "Supply chain specific" means an environmental product declaration that includes
38.28 specific data for the production processes of the materials and components composing a
38.29 product that contribute at least 80 percent of the product's lifecycle global warming potential,
38.30 as defined in International Organization for Standardization standard 21930.

38.31 Subd. 2. **Standard; maximum global warming potential.** (a) The commissioner must,
38.32 based upon a recommendation from the Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force

39.1 in subdivision 5, establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for
39.2 each eligible material used in an eligible project, in accordance with the following schedule:

39.3 (1) for concrete used in buildings, no later than January 15, 2026; and

39.4 (2) for carbon steel rebar and structural steel and, after conferring with the commissioner
39.5 of transportation, for asphalt paving mixtures and concrete pavement, no later than January
39.6 15, 2028.

39.7 (b) The commissioner must, after considering nationally or internationally recognized
39.8 databases of environmental product declarations for an eligible material, establish the
39.9 maximum acceptable global warming potential for that eligible material.

39.10 (c) The commissioner may set different maximum global warming potentials for different
39.11 specific products and sub product categories that are examples of the same eligible material
39.12 based on distinctions between eligible material production and manufacturing processes
39.13 such as integrated versus secondary steel production.

39.14 (d) The commissioner must establish maximum global warming potentials that are
39.15 consistent with criteria in an environmental product declaration.

39.16 (e) Not later than three years after establishing the maximum global warming potential
39.17 for an eligible material under paragraph (a), and not longer than every three years thereafter,
39.18 the commissioner, after conferring with the commissioner of transportation with respect to
39.19 asphalt paving mixtures and concrete pavement, must review the maximum acceptable
39.20 global warming potential for each eligible material and for specific eligible material products.
39.21 The commissioner may adjust any of those values downward to reflect industry improvements
39.22 if, based on the process described in paragraph (b), the commissioner determines that the
39.23 industry average has declined.

39.24 Subd. 3. **Procurement process.** The commissioners of administration and transportation
39.25 must, based upon the recommendations of the Environmental Procurement Task Force,
39.26 establish processes for incorporating the maximum allowable global warming potential of
39.27 eligible materials into their bidding processes by the effective dates established in subdivision
39.28 2.

39.29 Subd. 4. **Pilot program.** (a) No later than July 1, 2024, the commissioner of
39.30 administration must establish a pilot program that seeks to obtain from vendors an estimate
39.31 of the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of products selected by the department from
39.32 among those procured. The pilot program must encourage, but may not require, a vendor

40.1 to submit the following data for each selected product that represents at least 90 percent of
40.2 the total cost of the materials or components composing the selected product:

40.3 (1) the quantity of the product purchased by the department;

40.4 (2) a current environmental product declaration for the product;

40.5 (3) the name and location of the product's manufacturer;

40.6 (4) a copy of the vendor's Supplier Code of Conduct, if any;

40.7 (5) the names and locations of the product's actual production facilities; and

40.8 (6) an assessment of employee working conditions at the product's production facilities.

40.9 (b) The commissioner must construct a publicly accessible or adopt an existing publicly
40.10 accessible database that must be posted on the department website and must contain the
40.11 data reported to the department under this subdivision. The data must be reported in a manner
40.12 that does not disclose, directly or in combination with other publicly available data, the
40.13 identification of the product manufacturer.

40.14 Subd. 5. **Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force.** (a) No later than October
40.15 1, 2023, the commissioners of administration and transportation must establish an
40.16 Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force to examine issues surrounding the
40.17 implementation of a program requiring vendors of certain construction materials purchased
40.18 by the state to:

40.19 (1) submit environmental product declarations that assess the lifecycle environmental
40.20 impacts of those materials to state officials as part of the procurement process; and

40.21 (2) meet standards established by the commissioner that limit greenhouse gas emission
40.22 impacts of those materials.

40.23 (b) The task force must examine, at a minimum, the following:

40.24 (1) which construction materials should be subject to the program requirements;

40.25 (2) what factors should be considered in establishing greenhouse gas emission standards
40.26 including distinctions between eligible material production and manufacturing processes
40.27 such as integrated versus secondary steel production;

40.28 (3) a schedule for the development of standards for specific materials and for
40.29 incorporating the standards into the purchasing process including distinctions between
40.30 eligible material production and manufacturing processes;

41.1 (4) the development and use of financial incentives to reward vendors for developing
41.2 products whose greenhouse gas emissions are below the standards;

41.3 (5) the provision of grants to defer a vendor's cost to obtain environmental product
41.4 declarations;

41.5 (6) how the issues in clauses (1) to (5) are addressed by existing programs in other states
41.6 and countries;

41.7 (7) how to coordinate with the federal Buy Clean Task Force established under Executive
41.8 Order 14057 and representatives of the United States Departments of Commerce, Energy,
41.9 Housing and Urban Development, Transportation; the Environmental Protection Agency;
41.10 the General Services Administration; the White House Office of Management and Budget;
41.11 and the White House Domestic Climate Policy Council; and

41.12 (8) any other issues the task force deems relevant.

41.13 (c) The task force must make recommendations to the commissioners of administration
41.14 and transportation regarding:

41.15 (1) how the agencies must implement requirements requiring maximum global warming
41.16 impacts for eligible materials are integrated into the bidding process for eligible projects;

41.17 (2) what incentive structures can be included in bidding processes to encourage the use
41.18 of materials below the maximum global warming potential;

41.19 (3) how a successful bidder for a contract will notify the commissioner of the specific
41.20 environmental product declaration for a material used on a project;

41.21 (4) a process for waiving the requirements to procure materials below the maximum
41.22 global warming potential in case of product supply problems, geographic impracticability,
41.23 or financial hardship;

41.24 (5) a system for awarding grants to manufacturers of eligible materials located in
41.25 Minnesota to offset the cost of obtaining environmental product declarations or otherwise
41.26 collect environmental product declaration data from manufacturers based in Minnesota;

41.27 (6) whether to use an industry average or a different method to set the maximum allowable
41.28 global warming potential, or whether that average could be used for some materials but not
41.29 others; and

41.30 (7) any other items it deems appropriate for the implementation of this section.

41.31 (d) Members of the task force must include, but may not be limited to, representatives
41.32 of:

- 42.1 (1) the Departments of Administration and Transportation;
- 42.2 (2) the Center for Sustainable Building Research at the University of Minnesota;
- 42.3 (3) the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota;
- 42.4 (4) the Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota;
- 42.5 (5) the Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association;
- 42.6 (6) the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape
- 42.7 Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design;
- 42.8 (7) a representative of the Minnesota steel industry;
- 42.9 (8) building and transportation construction firms;
- 42.10 (9) suppliers of eligible materials;
- 42.11 (10) organized labor in the construction trades;
- 42.12 (11) organized labor in the manufacturing or industrial sectors;
- 42.13 (12) environmental advocacy organizations; and
- 42.14 (13) environmental justice organizations.
- 42.15 (e) The Department of Administration must provide meeting space and serve as staff to
- 42.16 the task force.
- 42.17 (f) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, must serve as chair of the task
- 42.18 force. The task force must meet at least four times annually, and must convene additional
- 42.19 meetings at the call of the chair.
- 42.20 (g) The commissioner must summarize the findings and recommendations of the task
- 42.21 force in a report submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and
- 42.22 house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction for state government,
- 42.23 transportation, and energy no later than December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until the
- 42.24 task force expires.
- 42.25 (h) The task force is subject to section 15.059, subdivision 6.
- 42.26 (i) The task force must sunset on January 1, 2029.
- 42.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

43.1 Sec. 13. **[16B.372] ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNMENT**
43.2 **OPERATIONS; OFFICE CREATED.**

43.3 Subdivision 1. **Enterprise sustainability.** The Office of Enterprise Sustainability is
43.4 established to assist all state agencies in making measurable progress toward improving the
43.5 sustainability of government operations by reducing the impact on the environment,
43.6 controlling unnecessary waste of natural resources and public funds, and spurring innovation.
43.7 The office shall create new tools and share best practices, assist state agencies to plan for
43.8 and implement improvements, and monitor progress toward achieving intended outcomes.
43.9 Specific duties include but are not limited to:

43.10 (1) managing a sustainability metrics and reporting system, including a public dashboard
43.11 that allows Minnesotans to track progress and is updated annually;

43.12 (2) assisting agencies in developing and executing sustainability plans; and

43.13 (3) implementing the state building energy conservation improvement revolving loan
43.14 in Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.86 and 16B.87.

43.15 Subd. 2. **State agency responsibilities.** Each cabinet-level agency is required to
43.16 participate in the sustainability effort by developing a sustainability plan and by making
43.17 measurable progress toward improving associated sustainability outcomes. State agencies
43.18 and boards that are not members of the cabinet shall take steps toward improving
43.19 sustainability outcomes. However, they are not required to participate at the level of
43.20 cabinet-level agencies.

43.21 Subd. 3. **Local governments.** The Office of Enterprise Sustainability shall make
43.22 reasonable attempts to share tools and best practices with local governments.

43.23 Sec. 14. **[16B.373] OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TRANSLATIONS.**

43.24 Subdivision 1. **Office establishment.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an Office of
43.25 Enterprise Translations. The office must:

43.26 (1) provide translation services for written material for executive agencies;

43.27 (2) create and maintain language-specific landing webpages in Spanish, Hmong, and
43.28 Somali with links to translated materials at state agency websites; and

43.29 (3) serve as a resource to executive agencies in areas such as best practices and standards
43.30 for the translation of written materials.

43.31 (b) The commissioner shall determine the process and requirements for state agencies
43.32 to request translations of written materials.

44.1 Subd. 2. **Language access service account established.** The language access service
44.2 account is created in the special revenue fund for reimbursing state agencies for expenses
44.3 incurred in providing language translation services.

44.4 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.4805, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** "Reasonable accommodation" as used in this section has
44.6 the meaning given in section 363A.08. "State agency" as used in this section has the meaning
44.7 given in section 16A.011, subdivision 12. "Reasonable accommodations eligible for
44.8 reimbursement" means:

44.9 (1) reasonable accommodations provided to applicants for employment;

44.10 (2) reasonable accommodations for employees for services that will need to be provided
44.11 on a periodic or ongoing basis; or

44.12 (3) reasonable accommodations that involve onetime expenses that total more than
44.13 ~~\$1,000~~ \$500 for an employee in a fiscal year.

44.14 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.15 Subd. 2. **Grants governance.** The commissioner shall provide leadership and direction
44.16 for policy related to grants management in Minnesota in order to foster more consistent,
44.17 streamlined interaction between executive agencies, funders, and grantees that will enhance
44.18 access to grant opportunities and information and lead to greater program accountability
44.19 and transparency. The commissioner has the duties and powers stated in this section. ~~An~~
44.20 ~~executive agency~~ Executive agencies shall fully cooperate with the commissioner in the
44.21 creation, management, and oversight of state grants and must do what the commissioner
44.22 requires under this section. The commissioner may adopt rules to carry out grants governance,
44.23 oversight, and management.

44.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

44.25 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

44.26 Subd. 3. **Discretionary powers.** The commissioner has the authority to:

44.27 (1) review grants management practices and ~~propose~~ establish and enforce policy and
44.28 procedure improvements to the governor, legislature, executive agencies, and the federal
44.29 government;

44.30 (2) sponsor, support, and facilitate innovative and collaborative grants management
44.31 projects with public and private organizations;

45.1 (3) review, recommend, and implement alternative strategies for grants management;

45.2 (4) collect and disseminate information, issue reports relating to grants management,
45.3 and sponsor and conduct conferences and studies; ~~and~~

45.4 (5) participate in conferences and other appropriate activities related to grants
45.5 management issues;

45.6 (6) suspend or debar grantees from eligibility to receive state-issued grants for up to
45.7 three years for reasons specified in Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1150, subpart 2. A grantee
45.8 may obtain an administrative hearing pursuant to sections 14.57 to 14.62 before a suspension
45.9 or debarment is effective by filing a written request for hearing within 20 days of notification
45.10 of suspension or debarment;

45.11 (7) establish offices for the purpose of carrying out grants governance, oversight, and
45.12 management; and

45.13 (8) require granting agencies to submit grant solicitation documents for review prior to
45.14 issuance at dollar levels determined by the commissioner.

45.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

45.16 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

45.17 Subd. 4. **Duties.** (a) The commissioner shall:

45.18 (1) create general grants management policies and procedures that are applicable to all
45.19 executive agencies. The commissioner may approve exceptions to these policies and
45.20 procedures for particular grant programs. Exceptions shall expire or be renewed after five
45.21 years. Executive agencies shall retain management of individual grants programs;

45.22 (2) provide a central point of contact concerning statewide grants management policies
45.23 and procedures;

45.24 (3) serve as a resource to executive agencies in such areas as training, evaluation,
45.25 collaboration, and best practices in grants management;

45.26 (4) ensure grants management needs are considered in the development, upgrade, and
45.27 use of statewide administrative systems and leverage existing technology wherever possible;

45.28 (5) oversee and approve future professional and technical service contracts and other
45.29 information technology spending related to executive agency grants management systems
45.30 and activities;

46.1 (6) provide a central point of contact for comments about executive agencies violating
46.2 statewide grants governance policies and about fraud and waste in grants processes;

46.3 (7) forward received comments to the appropriate agency for further action, and may
46.4 follow up as necessary;

46.5 (8) provide a single listing of all available executive agency competitive grant
46.6 opportunities and resulting grant recipients;

46.7 (9) selectively review development and implementation of executive agency grants,
46.8 policies, and practices; and

46.9 (10) selectively review executive agency compliance with best practices.

46.10 (b) The commissioner may determine that it is cost-effective for agencies to develop
46.11 and use shared grants management technology systems. This system would be governed
46.12 under section 16E.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

46.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

46.14 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

46.15 **Subd. 5. Creation and validity of grant agreements.** (a) A grant agreement ~~is and~~
46.16 amendments are not valid and the state is not bound by the grant do not bind unless:

46.17 (1) ~~the grant has~~ the grant agreement and amendments have been executed by the head
46.18 of the agency or a delegate who is party to the grant;

46.19 (2) the grant agreement and amendments have been approved by the commissioner;

46.20 ~~(2)~~ (3) the accounting system shows an encumbrance for the amount of the grant in
46.21 accordance with policy approved by the commissioner except as provided in subdivision
46.22 11; and

46.23 ~~(3)~~ (4) the grant agreement includes an effective date that references either section
46.24 16C.05, subdivision 2, or 16B.98, subdivisions 5 and 7, as determined by the granting
46.25 agency.

46.26 (b) The combined grant agreement and amendments must not exceed five years without
46.27 specific, written approval by the commissioner according to established policy, procedures,
46.28 and standards, or unless the commissioner determines that a longer duration is in the best
46.29 interest of the state.

47.1 (c) A fully executed copy of the grant agreement with all amendments and other required
47.2 records relating to the grant must be kept on file at the granting agency for a time equal to
47.3 that required of grantees in subdivision 8.

47.4 (d) Grant agreements must comply with policies established by the commissioner for
47.5 minimum grant agreement standards and practices.

47.6 (e) The attorney general may periodically review and evaluate a sample of state agency
47.7 grants to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

47.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2024, and applies to grants issued
47.9 on or after that date.

47.10 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

47.11 Subd. 6. **Grant administration.** A granting agency shall diligently administer and
47.12 monitor any grant it has entered into. A granting agency must report to the commissioner
47.13 at any time at the commissioner's request on the status of any grant to which the agency is
47.14 a party.

47.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to grants
47.16 issued on or after that date.

47.17 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

47.18 Subd. 8. **Audit.** (a) A grant agreement made by an executive agency must include an
47.19 audit clause that provides that the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures
47.20 and practices of the grantee or other party that are relevant to the grant or transaction are
47.21 subject to examination by the commissioner, the granting agency and either the legislative
47.22 auditor or the state auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the grant
47.23 agreement end date, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time
47.24 to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later. If a grant agreement
47.25 does not include an express audit clause, the audit authority under this subdivision is implied.

47.26 (b) If the granting agency is a local unit of government, and the governing body of the
47.27 local unit of government requests that the state auditor examine the books, records,
47.28 documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the grantee or other party according
47.29 to this subdivision, the granting agency shall be liable for the cost of the examination. If
47.30 the granting agency is a local unit of government, and the grantee or other party requests
47.31 that the state auditor examine all books, records, documents, and accounting procedures

48.1 and practices related to the grant, the grantee or other party that requested the examination
48.2 shall be liable for the cost of the examination.

48.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to grants
48.4 issued on or after that date.

48.5 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, is amended by adding a subdivision to
48.6 read:

48.7 Subd. 12. **Grantee evaluations.** (a) The head of the agency or delegate entering into a
48.8 grant agreement in excess of \$25,000 must submit a report to the commissioner who must
48.9 make the report publicly available online.

48.10 (b) The report must:

48.11 (1) summarize the purpose of the grant;

48.12 (2) state the amount provided to the grantee; and

48.13 (3) include a written performance evaluation of the work done under the grant. The
48.14 evaluation must include an appraisal of the grantee's timeliness, quality, and overall
48.15 performance in meeting the terms and objectives of the grant. Grantees may request copies
48.16 of evaluations prepared under this subdivision and may respond in writing. Grantee responses
48.17 must be maintained with the grant file.

48.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2024, and applies to grants issued
48.19 on or after that date.

48.20 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.991, is amended to read:

48.21 **16B.991 TERMINATION OF GRANT.**

48.22 Subdivision 1. **Criminal conviction.** Each grant agreement subject to sections 16B.97
48.23 and 16B.98 must provide that the agreement will immediately be terminated if the recipient
48.24 is convicted of a criminal offense relating to a state grant agreement.

48.25 Subd. 2. **Authority.** A grant agreement must by its terms permit the commissioner to
48.26 unilaterally terminate the grant agreement prior to completion if the commissioner determines
48.27 that further performance under the grant agreement would not serve agency purposes or is
48.28 not in the best interests of the state.

49.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.2 Subdivision 1. **Unclassified positions.** Unclassified positions are held by employees
49.3 who are:

49.4 (1) chosen by election or appointed to fill an elective office;

49.5 (2) heads of agencies required by law to be appointed by the governor or other elective
49.6 officers, and the executive or administrative heads of departments, bureaus, divisions, and
49.7 institutions specifically established by law in the unclassified service;

49.8 (3) deputy and assistant agency heads and one confidential secretary in the agencies
49.9 listed in subdivision 1a ~~and in the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning;~~

49.10 (4) the confidential secretary to each of the elective officers of this state and, for the
49.11 secretary of state and state auditor, an additional deputy, clerk, or employee;

49.12 (5) intermittent help employed by the commissioner of public safety to assist in the
49.13 issuance of vehicle licenses;

49.14 (6) employees in the offices of the governor and of the lieutenant governor and one
49.15 confidential employee for the governor in the Office of the Adjutant General;

49.16 (7) employees of the Washington, D.C., office of the state of Minnesota;

49.17 (8) employees of the legislature and of legislative committees or commissions; provided
49.18 that employees of the Legislative Audit Commission, except for the legislative auditor, the
49.19 deputy legislative auditors, and their confidential secretaries, shall be employees in the
49.20 classified service;

49.21 (9) presidents, vice-presidents, deans, other managers and professionals in academic
49.22 and academic support programs, administrative or service faculty, teachers, research
49.23 assistants, and student employees eligible under terms of the federal Economic Opportunity
49.24 Act work study program in the Perpich Center for Arts Education and the Minnesota State
49.25 Colleges and Universities, but not the custodial, clerical, or maintenance employees, or any
49.26 professional or managerial employee performing duties in connection with the business
49.27 administration of these institutions;

49.28 (10) officers and enlisted persons in the National Guard;

49.29 (11) attorneys, legal assistants, and three confidential employees appointed by the attorney
49.30 general or employed with the attorney general's authorization;

50.1 (12) judges and all employees of the judicial branch, referees, receivers, jurors, and
50.2 notaries public, except referees and adjusters employed by the Department of Labor and
50.3 Industry;

50.4 (13) members of the State Patrol; provided that selection and appointment of State Patrol
50.5 troopers must be made in accordance with applicable laws governing the classified service;

50.6 (14) examination monitors and intermittent training instructors employed by the
50.7 Departments of Management and Budget and Commerce and by professional examining
50.8 boards and intermittent staff employed by the technical colleges for the administration of
50.9 practical skills tests and for the staging of instructional demonstrations;

50.10 (15) student workers;

50.11 (16) executive directors or executive secretaries appointed by and reporting to any
50.12 policy-making board or commission established by statute;

50.13 (17) employees unclassified pursuant to other statutory authority;

50.14 (18) intermittent help employed by the commissioner of agriculture to perform duties
50.15 relating to pesticides, fertilizer, and seed regulation;

50.16 (19) the administrators and the deputy administrators at the State Academies for the
50.17 Deaf and the Blind; and

50.18 (20) chief executive officers in the Department of Human Services.

50.19 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.18, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

50.20 Subd. 6. **Legislative and judicial branch compensation.** Total compensation plans for
50.21 unclassified employees of the legislature and of legislative commissions shall be determined
50.22 by the legislature consistent with chapter 3 and consistent with terms and conditions of
50.23 employment under applicable collective bargaining agreements, provided that insurance
50.24 benefits for these employees and for legislators shall be determined by the Legislative
50.25 Coordinating Commission, consistent with sections 43A.22 to 43A.30. Total compensation
50.26 plans for unclassified employees of the judicial branch shall be determined by the appointing
50.27 authority, unless other law provides a different method for establishing this compensation.
50.28 Judicial branch compensation plans shall be consistent with sections 43A.22 to 43A.30.

51.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 145.951, is amended to read:

51.2 **145.951 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES.**

51.3 The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioners of education;
51.4 corrections; public safety; and human services, and with the ~~directors~~ director of the ~~Office~~
51.5 ~~of Strategic and Long-Range Planning~~, the Council on Disability, and the councils and
51.6 commission under sections 3.922, 3.9221, and 15.0145, may develop an implementation
51.7 plan for the establishment of a statewide program to assist families in developing the full
51.8 potential of their children. The program must be designed to strengthen the family, to reduce
51.9 the risk of abuse to children, and to promote the long-term development of children in their
51.10 home environments. The program must also be designed to use volunteers to provide support
51.11 to parents, and to link parents with existing public health, education, and social services as
51.12 appropriate.

51.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

51.14 Subd. 8. **Manager.** A "manager" is any person who is a cosmetologist, esthetician,
51.15 advanced practice esthetician, hair technician, nail technician practitioner, or eyelash
51.16 technician ~~practitioner~~, and who has a manager license and provides any services under that
51.17 license, as defined in subdivision 3.

51.18 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

51.19 Subd. 18. **Practitioner.** A "practitioner" is any person licensed as an operator or manager
51.20 in the practice of cosmetology, esthiology, hair technology services, nail technology services,
51.21 or eyelash technology services.

51.22 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, is amended by adding a subdivision
51.23 to read:

51.24 Subd. 21. **Hair technician.** A "hair technician" is any person who, for compensation,
51.25 performs personal services for the cosmetic care of the hair on the scalp. Hair technician
51.26 services include cutting the hair and the application of dyes, bleach, reactive chemicals,
51.27 keratin, or other preparations to color or alter the structure of the hair. A person who only
51.28 performs hairstyling as defined by subdivision 19, is not a hair technician.

51.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on or after July 1, 2024.

52.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.2 Subdivision 1. **Licensing.** A person must hold an individual license to practice in the
52.3 state as a cosmetologist, esthetician, hair technician, nail technician, eyelash technician,
52.4 advanced practice esthetician, manager, or instructor.

52.5 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

52.6 Subd. 5a. **Temporary military license.** The board shall establish temporary licenses
52.7 for a cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, and esthetician in accordance with
52.8 section 197.4552.

52.9 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

52.10 Subd. 10. **Nonresident licenses.** (a) A nonresident cosmetologist, hair technician, nail
52.11 technician, ~~or~~ esthetician may be licensed in Minnesota if the individual has completed
52.12 cosmetology school in a state or country with the same or greater school hour requirements,
52.13 has an active license in that state or country, and has passed a board-approved theory and
52.14 practice-based examination, the Minnesota-specific written operator examination for
52.15 cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, ~~or~~ esthetician. If a test is used to verify the
52.16 qualifications of trained cosmetologists, the test should be translated into the nonresident's
52.17 native language within the limits of available resources. Licenses shall not be issued under
52.18 this subdivision for managers or instructors.

52.19 (b) If an individual has less than the required number of school hours, the individual
52.20 must have had a current active license in another state or country for at least three years and
52.21 have passed a board-approved theory and practice-based examination, and the
52.22 Minnesota-specific written operator examination for cosmetologist, hair technician, nail
52.23 technician, ~~or~~ esthetician. If a test is used to verify the qualifications of trained
52.24 cosmetologists, the test should be translated into the nonresident's native language within
52.25 the limits of available resources. Licenses must not be issued under this subdivision for
52.26 managers or instructors.

52.27 (c) Applicants claiming training and experience in a foreign country shall supply official
52.28 English-language translations of all required documents from a board-approved source.

52.29 Sec. 33. **[155A.2705] HAIR TECHNICIAN REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING.**

52.30 Subdivision 1. **Age requirement.** An applicant for a hair technician license must be at
52.31 least 17 years of age.

53.1 Subd. 2. **Application.** A complete application for a hair technician license must include
53.2 the following:

53.3 (1) a completed application form;

53.4 (2) payment of the fees required by section 155A.25;

53.5 (3) passing test results achieved no more than one year before the submission of the
53.6 application of the following board-approved tests for the license for a hair technician:

53.7 (i) the general theory test;

53.8 (ii) the written practical test; and

53.9 (iii) the test on Minnesota Laws and Rules related to providing hair technician services;
53.10 and

53.11 (4) proof of completion of training in the form of the original course completion certificate
53.12 with the notarized signatures of the school manager or owner documenting the successful
53.13 completion of the required training under subdivision 3. If the completed training is more
53.14 than five years old, a skills course certificate no more than one year old must also be
53.15 submitted.

53.16 Subd. 3. **Training.** Hair technician training must be completed at a Minnesota-licensed
53.17 cosmetology school. The training must consist of 800 hours of coursework and planned
53.18 clinical instruction and experience that includes:

53.19 (1) the first 300 hours of the hair technology course that includes:

53.20 (i) student orientation;

53.21 (ii) preclinical instruction in the theory of sciences, including:

53.22 (A) muscle and bone structure and function;

53.23 (B) properties of the hair and scalp;

53.24 (C) disorders and diseases of the hair and scalp;

53.25 (D) chemistry as related to hair technology; and

53.26 (E) electricity and light related to the practice of hair technology;

53.27 (iii) theory and preclinical instruction on client and service safety prior to students
53.28 offering services;

54.1 (iv) introductory service skills that are limited to the observation of an instructor
54.2 demonstration, student use of mannequins, or student-to-student application of basic services
54.3 related to hair technology;

54.4 (v) Minnesota statutes and rules pertaining to the regulation of hair technology;

54.5 (vi) health and safety instruction that includes:

54.6 (A) chemical safety;

54.7 (B) safety data sheets;

54.8 (C) personal protective equipment (PPE);

54.9 (D) hazardous substances; and

54.10 (E) laws and regulations related to health and public safety; and

54.11 (vii) infection control to protect the health and safety of the public and technician that
54.12 includes:

54.13 (A) disinfectants;

54.14 (B) disinfectant procedures;

54.15 (C) cleaning and disinfection;

54.16 (D) single use items;

54.17 (E) storage of tools, implements, and linens; and

54.18 (F) other implements and equipment used in salons and schools;

54.19 (2) 200 hours in hair cutting and styling that includes hair and scalp analysis, cleaning,
54.20 scalp and hair conditioning, hair design and shaping, drying, arranging, curling, dressing,
54.21 waving, and nonchemical straightening; and

54.22 (3) 300 hours in chemical hair services that includes hair and scalp analysis, dying,
54.23 bleaching, reactive chemicals, keratin, hair coloring, permanent straightening, permanent
54.24 waving, predisposition and strand tests, safety precautions, chemical mixing, color
54.25 formulation, and the use of dye removers.

54.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

54.27 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.271, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

54.28 Subdivision 1. **Continuing education requirements.** (a) To qualify for license renewal
54.29 under this chapter as an individual cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, esthetician,

55.1 advanced practice esthetician, eyelash technician, or salon manager, the applicant must
55.2 complete four hours of continuing education credits from a board-approved continuing
55.3 education provider during the three years prior to the applicant's renewal date. One credit
55.4 hour of the requirement must include instruction pertaining to state laws and rules governing
55.5 the practice of cosmetology. Three credit hours must include instruction pertaining to health,
55.6 safety, and infection control matters consistent with the United States Department of Labor's
55.7 Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards applicable to the practice of
55.8 cosmetology, or other applicable federal health, infection control, and safety standards, and
55.9 must be regularly updated so as to incorporate newly developed standards and accepted
55.10 professional best practices. Credit hours earned are valid for three years and may be applied
55.11 simultaneously to all individual licenses held by a licensee under this chapter.

55.12 (b) ~~Effective August 1, 2017,~~ In addition to the hours of continuing education credits
55.13 required under paragraph (a), to qualify for license renewal under this chapter as an individual
55.14 cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, esthetician, advanced practice esthetician,
55.15 or salon manager, the applicant must also complete a four credit hour continuing education
55.16 course from a board-approved continuing education provider based on any of the following
55.17 within the licensee's scope of practice:

- 55.18 (1) product chemistry and chemical interaction;
- 55.19 (2) proper use and maintenance of machines and instruments;
- 55.20 (3) business management, professional ethics, and human relations; or
- 55.21 (4) techniques relevant to the type of license held.

55.22 Credits are valid for three years and must be completed with a board-approved provider of
55.23 continuing education during the three years prior to the applicant's renewal date and may
55.24 be applied simultaneously to other individual licenses held as applicable, except that credits
55.25 completed under this paragraph must not duplicate credits completed under paragraph (a).

55.26 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to an instructor license, a school manager license,
55.27 or an inactive license.

55.28 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

55.29 Subdivision 1. **Licensing.** A person must not offer cosmetology services for compensation
55.30 unless the services are provided by a licensee in a licensed salon or as otherwise provided
55.31 in this section. ~~Each salon must be licensed as a cosmetology salon, a nail salon, esthetician~~
55.32 ~~salon, advanced practice esthetician salon, or eyelash extension salon. A salon may hold~~
55.33 ~~more than one type of salon license.~~

56.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 179A.01, is amended to read:

56.2 **179A.01 PUBLIC POLICY.**

56.3 (a) It is the public policy of this state and the purpose of sections 179A.01 to 179A.25
56.4 to promote orderly and constructive relationships between all public employers and their
56.5 employees. This policy is subject to the paramount right of the citizens of this state to keep
56.6 inviolate the guarantees for their health, education, safety, and welfare.

56.7 (b) The relationships between the public, public employees, and employer governing
56.8 bodies involve responsibilities to the public and a need for cooperation and employment
56.9 protection which are different from those found in the private sector. The importance or
56.10 necessity of some services to the public can create imbalances in the relative bargaining
56.11 power between public employees and employers. As a result, unique approaches to
56.12 negotiations and resolutions of disputes between public employees and employers are
56.13 necessary.

56.14 (c) Unresolved disputes between the public employer and its employees are injurious
56.15 to the public as well as to the parties. Adequate means must be established for minimizing
56.16 them and providing for their resolution. Within these limitations and considerations, the
56.17 legislature has determined that overall policy is best accomplished by:

56.18 (1) granting public employees certain rights to organize and choose freely their
56.19 representatives;

56.20 (2) requiring public employers to meet and negotiate with public employees in an
56.21 appropriate bargaining unit and providing that the result of bargaining be in written
56.22 agreements; and

56.23 (3) establishing special rights, responsibilities, procedures, and limitations regarding
56.24 public employment relationships which will provide for the protection of the rights of the
56.25 public employee, the public employer, and the public at large.

56.26 ~~(d) Nothing in sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 impairs, modifies, or alters the authority~~
56.27 ~~of the legislature to establish rates of pay, or retirement or other benefits for its employees.~~

56.28 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 179A.03, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

56.29 Subd. 15. **Public employer or employer.** (a) "Public employer" or "employer" means:

56.30 (1) the state of Minnesota for employees of the state not otherwise provided for in this
56.31 subdivision or section 179A.10 for executive branch employees;

56.32 (2) the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for its employees;

57.1 (3) the state court administrator for court employees;

57.2 (4) the secretary of the senate for senate employees, the chief clerk of the house of
57.3 representatives for employees of the house of representatives, and the executive director of
57.4 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for employees of the joint offices and commissions;

57.5 (5) the state Board of Public Defense for its employees;

57.6 (5) (6) Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.; and

57.7 (6) (7) notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of a political
57.8 subdivision or its agency or instrumentality which has final budgetary approval authority
57.9 for its employees. However, the views of elected appointing authorities who have standing
57.10 to initiate interest arbitration, and who are responsible for the selection, direction, discipline,
57.11 and discharge of individual employees shall be considered by the employer in the course
57.12 of the discharge of rights and duties under sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

57.13 (b) When two or more units of government subject to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25
57.14 undertake a project or form a new agency under law authorizing common or joint action,
57.15 the employer is the governing person or board of the created agency. The governing official
57.16 or body of the cooperating governmental units shall be bound by an agreement entered into
57.17 by the created agency according to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

57.18 (c) "Public employer" or "employer" does not include a "charitable hospital" as defined
57.19 in section 179.35, subdivision 2, except that a charitable hospital as defined by section
57.20 179.35, subdivision 2, is a public employer for purposes of sections 179A.051, 179A.052,
57.21 and 179A.13.

57.22 (d) Nothing in this subdivision diminishes the authority granted pursuant to law to an
57.23 appointing authority with respect to the selection, direction, discipline, or discharge of an
57.24 individual employee if this action is consistent with general procedures and standards relating
57.25 to selection, direction, discipline, or discharge which are the subject of an agreement entered
57.26 into under sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

57.27 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 307.08, is amended to read:

57.28 **307.08 DAMAGES; ILLEGAL MOLESTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS;**
57.29 **BURIALS; CEMETERIES; PENALTY; AUTHENTICATION ASSESSMENT.**

57.30 Subdivision 1. **Legislative intent; scope.** It is a declaration and statement of legislative
57.31 intent that all human burials, human remains, and human burial grounds shall be accorded
57.32 equal treatment and respect for human dignity without reference to their ethnic origins,

58.1 cultural backgrounds, or religious affiliations. The provisions of this section shall apply to
58.2 all human burials, human remains, or human burial grounds found on or in all public or
58.3 private lands or waters in Minnesota. Within the boundaries of Tribal Nation reservations,
58.4 nothing in this section should be interpreted to conflict with federal law, including the Native
58.5 American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), United States Code, title
58.6 25, section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations, Code of Federal Regulations,
58.7 title 43, part 10.

58.8 Subd. 2. **Felony; gross misdemeanor.** (a) A person who intentionally, willfully, and
58.9 knowingly does any of the following is guilty of a felony:

58.10 (1) destroys, mutilates, or injures human burials or human burial grounds; or

58.11 (2) without the consent of the appropriate authority, disturbs human burial grounds or
58.12 removes human remains.

58.13 (b) A person who, without the consent of the appropriate authority and the landowner,
58.14 intentionally, willfully, and knowingly does any of the following is guilty of a gross
58.15 misdemeanor:

58.16 (1) removes any tombstone, monument, or structure placed in any public or private
58.17 cemetery or authenticated human burial ground; or

58.18 (2) removes any fence, railing, or other work erected for protection or ornament, or any
58.19 tree, shrub, or plant or grave goods and artifacts within the limits of a public or private
58.20 cemetery or authenticated human burial ground; or

58.21 (3) discharges any firearms upon or over the grounds of any public or private cemetery
58.22 or authenticated burial ground.

58.23 Subd. 3. **Protective posting.** Upon the agreement of the appropriate authority and the
58.24 landowner, an authenticated or recorded human burial ground may be posted for protective
58.25 purposes every 75 feet around its perimeter with signs listing the activities prohibited by
58.26 subdivision 2 and the penalty for violation of it. Posting is at the discretion of the Indian
58.27 affairs council in the case of American Indian burials or at the discretion of the state
58.28 archaeologist in the case of ~~non-Indian~~ non-American Indian burials. This subdivision does
58.29 not require posting of a burial ground. The size, description, location, and information on
58.30 the signs used for protective posting must be approved by the appropriate authority and the
58.31 landowner.

58.32 Subd. 3a. ~~Authentication~~ **Cemeteries; records and condition assessments.** ~~The state~~
58.33 ~~archaeologist shall authenticate all burial grounds for purposes of this section. The state~~

59.1 ~~archaeologist may retain the services of a qualified professional archaeologist, a qualified~~
59.2 ~~physical anthropologist, or other appropriate experts for the purpose of gathering information~~
59.3 ~~that the state archaeologist can use to authenticate or identify burial grounds. If probable~~
59.4 ~~Indian burial grounds are to be disturbed or probable Indian remains analyzed, the Indian~~
59.5 ~~Affairs Council must approve the professional archaeologist, qualified anthropologist, or~~
59.6 ~~other appropriate expert. Authentication is at the discretion of the state archaeologist based~~
59.7 ~~on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency, a landowner, or other~~
59.8 ~~appropriate authority. (a) Cemeteries shall be assessed according to this subdivision.~~

59.9 (b) The state archaeologist shall implement and maintain a system of records identifying
59.10 the location of known, recorded, or suspected cemeteries. The state archaeologist shall
59.11 provide access to the records as provided in subdivision 11.

59.12 (c) The cemetery condition assessment of non-American Indian cemeteries is at the
59.13 discretion of the state archaeologist based on the needs identified in this section or upon
59.14 request by an agency, a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

59.15 (d) The cemetery condition assessment of American Indian cemeteries is at the discretion
59.16 of the Indian Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request
59.17 by an agency, a landowner, or other appropriate authority. If the Indian Affairs Council has
59.18 possession or takes custody of remains they may follow United States Code, title 25, sections
59.19 3001 to 3013.

59.20 (e) The cemetery condition assessment of cemeteries that include American Indian and
59.21 non-American Indian remains or include remains whose ancestry cannot be determined
59.22 shall be assessed at the discretion of the state archaeologist in collaboration with the Indian
59.23 Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency,
59.24 a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

59.25 (f) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council shall have 90 days from the
59.26 date a request is received to begin a cemetery condition assessment or provide notice to the
59.27 requester whether or not a condition assessment of a cemetery is needed.

59.28 (g) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council may retain the services of a
59.29 qualified professional archaeologist, a qualified forensic anthropologist, or other appropriate
59.30 experts for the purpose of gathering information that the state archaeologist or the Indian
59.31 Affairs Council can use to assess or identify cemeteries.

59.32 Subd. 5. **Cost; use of data.** The cost of ~~authentication~~ condition assessment, recording,
59.33 surveying, and marking burial grounds and the cost of identification, analysis, rescue, and
59.34 reburial of human remains on public lands or waters shall be the responsibility of the state

60.1 or political subdivision controlling the lands or waters. On private lands or waters these
 60.2 costs ~~shall~~ may be borne by the state, ~~but may be borne by~~ or the landowner upon mutual
 60.3 agreement with the state. ~~The state archaeologist must make the data collected for this~~
 60.4 ~~activity available using standards adopted by the Department of Information Technology~~
 60.5 ~~Services and geospatial technology standards and guidelines published by the Minnesota~~
 60.6 ~~Geospatial Information Office. Costs associated with this data delivery must be borne by~~
 60.7 ~~the state.~~

60.8 Subd. 7. **Remains found outside of recorded cemeteries.** (a) All unidentified human
 60.9 remains or burials found outside of recorded cemeteries or unplatted graves or burials found
 60.10 within recorded cemeteries and in contexts which indicate antiquity greater than 50 years
 60.11 shall be treated with the utmost respect for all human dignity and dealt with according to
 60.12 the provisions of this section.

60.13 (b) If such burials are not American Indian or their ethnic identity cannot be ascertained,
 60.14 as determined by the state archaeologist, they shall be dealt with in accordance with
 60.15 provisions established by the state archaeologist and other appropriate authority.

60.16 (c) If such burials are American Indian, as determined by the state archaeologist and
 60.17 Indian Affairs Council, efforts shall be made ~~by the state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs~~
 60.18 ~~Council to ascertain their tribal identity. If their probable tribal identity can be determined~~
 60.19 ~~and the remains have been removed from their original context, such remains shall be turned~~
 60.20 ~~over to contemporary tribal leaders for disposition. If tribal identity cannot be determined,~~
 60.21 ~~the Indian remains must be dealt with in accordance with provisions established by the state~~
 60.22 ~~archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council if they are from public land. If removed Indian~~
 60.23 ~~remains are from private land they shall be dealt with in accordance with provisions~~
 60.24 ~~established by the Indian Affairs Council. If it is deemed desirable by the state archaeologist~~
 60.25 ~~or the Indian Affairs Council, removed remains shall be studied in a timely and respectful~~
 60.26 ~~manner by a qualified professional archaeologist or a qualified physical anthropologist~~
 60.27 ~~before being delivered to tribal leaders or before being reburied~~ to follow procedures as
 60.28 defined in United States Code, title 25, section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations,
 60.29 Code of Federal Regulations, title 43, part 10, within reservation boundaries. For burials
 60.30 outside of reservation boundaries, the procedures defined in United States Code, title 25,
 60.31 section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations, Code of Federal Regulations, title
 60.32 43, part 10, are at the discretion of the Indian Affairs Council.

60.33 Subd. 7a. **Landowner responsibilities.** Application by a landowner for permission to
 60.34 develop or disturb nonburial areas within authenticated assessed or recorded burial grounds
 60.35 shall be made to:

61.1 (1) the state archaeologist and other appropriate authority in the case of ~~non-Indian~~
61.2 non-American Indian burials; and ~~to~~

61.3 (2) the Indian Affairs Council and other appropriate authority in the case of American
61.4 Indian burials.

61.5 (b) Landowners with ~~authenticated~~ assessed or suspected human burial grounds on their
61.6 property are obligated to inform prospective buyers of the burial ground.

61.7 Subd. 8. **Burial ground relocation.** No ~~non-Indian~~ non-American Indian burial ground
61.8 may be relocated without the consent of the appropriate authority. No American Indian
61.9 burial ground may be relocated unless the request to relocate is approved by the Indian
61.10 Affairs Council. When a burial ground is located on public lands or waters, any burial
61.11 relocations must be duly licensed under section 138.36 and the cost of removal is the
61.12 responsibility of and shall be paid by the state or political subdivision controlling the lands
61.13 or waters. If burial grounds are ~~authenticated~~ assessed on private lands, efforts may be made
61.14 by the state to purchase and protect them instead of removing them to another location.

61.15 Subd. 9. **Interagency cooperation.** (a) The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs
61.16 Council shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to coordinate their responsibilities
61.17 under this section.

61.18 (b) The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and all
61.19 other state agencies and local governmental units whose activities may be affected, shall
61.20 cooperate with the state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council to carry out the
61.21 provisions of this section.

61.22 Subd. 10. **Construction and development plan review.** When human burials are known
61.23 or suspected to exist, on public lands or waters, the state or political subdivision controlling
61.24 the lands or waters or, in the case of private lands, the landowner or developer, shall submit
61.25 construction and development plans to the state archaeologist for review ~~prior to the time~~
61.26 ~~bids are advertised~~ before plans are finalized and prior to any disturbance within the burial
61.27 area. If the known or suspected burials are thought to be American Indian, plans shall also
61.28 be submitted to the Indian Affairs Council. The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs
61.29 Council shall review the plans within ~~30~~ 45 days of receipt and make recommendations for
61.30 the preservation in place or removal of the human burials or remains, which may be
61.31 endangered by construction or development activities.

61.32 Subd. 11. **Burial sites data.** (a) Burial sites locational and related data maintained by
61.33 data under the authority of the Office of the State Archaeologist and accessible through the
61.34 office's "Unplatted Burial Sites and Earthworks in Minnesota" website or Indian Affairs

62.1 Council are security information for purposes of section 13.37. Persons who gain access to
62.2 ~~the data maintained on the site~~ this data are subject to liability under section 13.08 and the
62.3 penalty established by section 13.09 if they improperly use or further disseminate the data.
62.4 Use of this information must be approved by the appropriate authority.

62.5 Subd. 12. **Right of entry.** The state archaeologist or designee may enter on property for
62.6 the purpose of ~~authenticating~~ assessing burial sites. The Indian Affairs Council or a
62.7 designated representative of the Indian Affairs Council may enter on property for the purpose
62.8 of assessing or identifying American Indian cemeteries. Only after obtaining permission
62.9 from the property owner or lessee, descendants of persons buried in burial grounds covered
62.10 by this section may enter the burial grounds for the purpose of conducting religious or
62.11 commemorative ceremonies. This right of entry must not unreasonably burden property
62.12 owners or unnecessarily restrict their use of the property.

62.13 Subd. 13. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings
62.14 given.

62.15 (a) "Abandoned cemetery" means a cemetery where the cemetery association has
62.16 disbanded or the cemetery is neglected and contains marked graves older than 50 years.

62.17 (b) "Appropriate authority" means:

62.18 (1) the trustees when the trustees have been legally defined to administer burial grounds;

62.19 (2) the Indian Affairs Council in the case of American Indian burial grounds lacking
62.20 trustees;

62.21 (3) the county board in the case of abandoned cemeteries under section 306.243; and

62.22 (4) the state archaeologist in the case of ~~non-Indian~~ non-American Indian burial grounds
62.23 lacking trustees or not officially defined as abandoned.

62.24 (c) "Artifacts" means natural or artificial articles, objects, implements, or other items of
62.25 archaeological interest.

62.26 (d) ~~"Authenticate"~~ "Assess" means to establish the presence of or high potential of human
62.27 burials or human skeletal remains being located in a discrete area, ~~delimit the boundaries~~
62.28 ~~of human burial grounds or graves~~, and attempt to determine the ethnic, cultural, or religious
62.29 affiliation of individuals interred.

62.30 (e) "Burial" means the organic remnants of the human body that were intentionally
62.31 interred as part of a mortuary process.

63.1 (f) "Burial ground" means a discrete location that is known to contain or has high potential
63.2 to contain human remains based on physical evidence, historical records, or reliable informant
63.3 accounts.

63.4 (g) "Cemetery" means a discrete location that is known to contain or intended to be used
63.5 for the interment of human remains.

63.6 (h) "Disturb" means any activity that ~~significantly~~ harms the physical integrity or setting
63.7 of a human burial or human burial ground.

63.8 (i) "Grave goods" means objects or artifacts directly associated with human burials or
63.9 human burial grounds that were placed as part of a mortuary ritual at the time of interment.

63.10 (j) "Human remains" means ~~the calcified portion of the human body of a deceased person~~
63.11 in whole or in part, regardless of the state of decomposition, not including isolated teeth,
63.12 ~~or cremated remains deposited in a container or discrete feature.~~

63.13 (k) "Identification" means to analyze organic materials to attempt to determine if they
63.14 represent human remains and to attempt to establish the ethnic, cultural, or religious
63.15 affiliations of such remains.

63.16 (l) "Marked" means a burial that has a recognizable tombstone or obvious grave marker
63.17 in place or a legible sign identifying an area as a burial ground or cemetery.

63.18 (m) "Qualified physical anthropologist" means a specialist in identifying human remains
63.19 who holds an advanced degree in anthropology or a closely related field.

63.20 (n) "Qualified professional archaeologist" means an archaeologist who meets the United
63.21 States Secretary of the Interior's professional qualification standards in Code of Federal
63.22 Regulations, title 36, part 61, appendix A, or subsequent revisions.

63.23 (o) "Recorded cemetery" means a cemetery that has a surveyed plat filed in a county
63.24 recorder's office.

63.25 (p) "State" or "the state" means the state of Minnesota or an agency or official of the
63.26 state acting in an official capacity.

63.27 (q) "Trustees" means the recognized representatives of the original incorporators, board
63.28 of directors, or cemetery association.

63.29 (r) "Person" means a natural person or a business and includes both if the natural person
63.30 is engaged in a business.

64.1 (s) "Business" means a contractor, subcontractor, supplier, consultant, or provider of
64.2 technical, administrative, or physical services organized as a sole proprietorship, partnership,
64.3 association, corporation, or other entity formed for the purpose of doing business for profit.

64.4 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 381.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

64.5 Subd. 2. **Expense, tax levy.** The county board of any county may levy a tax upon all
64.6 the taxable property in the county for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred, or to
64.7 be incurred, less any amount received from the public system monument grant program
64.8 under section 381.125, for:

64.9 (1) the preservation and restoration of monuments under this section;

64.10 (2) the preservation or establishment of control monuments for mapping activities;

64.11 (3) the modernization of county land records through the use of parcel-based land
64.12 management systems; or

64.13 (4) the establishment of geographic (GIS), land (LIS), management (MIS) information
64.14 systems.

64.15 Sec. 40. **[381.125] PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM MONUMENT GRANT**
64.16 **PROGRAM.**

64.17 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The chief geospatial information officer, through the
64.18 Geospatial Advisory Council established under section 16E.30, subdivision 8, shall work
64.19 with the stakeholders licensed as land surveyors under section 326.02, to develop a process
64.20 for accepting applications from counties for funding for the perpetuation of monuments
64.21 established by the United States in the public lands survey to mark public land survey
64.22 corners, as provided in section 381.12, subdivision 2, clause (1). Grants may also be used
64.23 to update records and data regarding monuments. The chief geospatial information officer
64.24 must establish criteria for prioritizing applicants when resources available for grants are not
64.25 sufficient to award grants to all applicants. The criteria must favor providing grants to
64.26 counties that demonstrate financial need for assistance.

64.27 Subd. 2. **Report.** By October 1, in each odd-numbered year, the chief information officer
64.28 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the
64.29 senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government and local
64.30 government. The report must include the following:

65.1 (1) a summary of the chief information officer activities regarding administration of this
65.2 grant program for the previous fiscal year, including the amount of money requested and
65.3 disbursed by county;

65.4 (2) an assessment of the progress toward completion of necessary monument restoration
65.5 and certification by county; and

65.6 (3) a forecast of the amount needed to complete monument recertification in all counties.

65.7 Subd. 3. **Nonstate match.** No nonstate match is required for grants made under this
65.8 program.

65.9 Sec. 41. Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 1, is amended by adding an effective date to read:

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

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

65.12 Sec. 42. Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 2, is amended by adding an effective date to read:

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

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

65.15 Sec. 43. **STATE EMBLEMS REDESIGN COMMISSION.**

65.16 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The State Emblems Redesign Commission is established.
65.17 The purpose of the commission is to develop and adopt a new design for the official state
65.18 flag and the official state seal no later than January 1, 2024.

65.19 Subd. 2. **Membership; meetings.** (a) The commission consists of the following members:

65.20 (1) three members of the public, appointed by the governor;

65.21 (2) one member appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;

65.22 (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;

65.23 (4) one member appointed by the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;

65.24 (5) one member representing the Dakota community and one member representing the
65.25 Ojibwe community, appointed by the executive board of the Indian Affairs Council;

65.26 (6) the secretary of state or the secretary's designee;

65.27 (7) the executive director of the Minnesota Historical Society or the director's designee;

65.28 (8) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;

66.1 (9) the chair of the Minnesota Arts Board or the chair's designee; and

66.2 (10) the executive director of Explore Minnesota Tourism or the director's designee.

66.3 (b) The following serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: (1) two
66.4 members of the house of representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house
66.5 and the minority leader of the house; and (2) two members of the senate, one representing
66.6 the majority caucus appointed by the senate majority leader and one representing the minority
66.7 caucus appointed by the senate minority leader.

66.8 (c) Appointments to the commission must be made no later than August 1, 2023. The
66.9 voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair. An appointee designated
66.10 by the governor shall convene the commission's first meeting. Decisions of the commission
66.11 must be made by majority vote. The Minnesota Historical Society must provide office space
66.12 and administrative support to the commission.

66.13 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** Meetings of the commission are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
66.14 chapter 13D.

66.15 Subd. 4. **Duties; form and style of recommended state emblems.** The commission
66.16 shall develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the
66.17 official state flag. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared
66.18 history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that
66.19 represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may
66.20 not be included in a design. The commission may solicit and secure the voluntary service
66.21 and aid of vexillologists and other persons who have either technical or artistic skill in flag
66.22 construction and design, or the design of official seals, to assist in the work. The commission
66.23 must also solicit public feedback and suggestions to inform its work.

66.24 Subd. 5. **Report.** The commission shall certify its adopted designs in a report to the
66.25 legislature and governor no later than January 1, 2024. The commission's report must
66.26 describe the symbols and other meanings incorporated in the design.

66.27 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The commission expires upon submission of its report.

66.28 **Sec. 44. LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AGING.**

66.29 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A legislative task force is established to:

66.30 (1) review and develop state resources for an aging demographic;

66.31 (2) identify and prioritize necessary support for an aging population through statewide
66.32 and local endeavors for people to remain in their communities; and

67.1 (3) ensure all aging-related state policies are inclusive of race, gender, ethnicity, culture,
67.2 sexual orientation, abilities, and other characteristics that reflect the full population of the
67.3 state.

67.4 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force shall review:

67.5 (1) all current aging-related governmental functions, programs, and services across all
67.6 state departments;

67.7 (2) the current plans to improve health and support services workforce demographics;

67.8 (3) current public and private strategies to:

67.9 (i) support family caregivers for older adults;

67.10 (ii) define and support quality of care and life improvements in long-term care and home
67.11 care; and

67.12 (iii) sustain neighborhoods and communities for an aging population;

67.13 (4) the necessity for planning and investment in aging in Minnesota to address:

67.14 (i) the longevity economy and the impact it has on the workforce, advancing technology,
67.15 and innovations;

67.16 (ii) housing options, land use, transportation, social services, and the health systems;

67.17 (iii) availability of safe, affordable rental housing for aging tenants; and

67.18 (iv) coordination between health services and housing supports;

67.19 (5) coordination across all state agencies, Tribal Nations, cities, and counties to encourage
67.20 resolution of aging related concerns; and

67.21 (6) from this review, determine the governmental entity to plan, lead, and implement
67.22 these recommended policies and funding for aging Minnesotans across the state.

67.23 Subd. 3. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall include the following members:

67.24 (1) two members from the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
67.25 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

67.26 (2) two members from the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed
67.27 by the minority leader;

67.28 (3) the chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging, or a board member as designee;

67.29 (4) the chair of the Minnesota Council on Disability, or an agency employee as designee;

68.1 (5) the chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, or a council member, except the
68.2 legislative council member, as designee; and

68.3 (6) the director of the University of Minnesota Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation,
68.4 or a University of Minnesota employee as a designee.

68.5 (b) The speaker of the house and the senate majority leader shall appoint a chair and a
68.6 vice-chair for the membership of the task force. The chair and the vice-chair shall rotate
68.7 after each meeting.

68.8 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** (a) The task force shall meet at least once per month. The meetings
68.9 shall take place in person in the Capitol complex, provided that the chair may direct that a
68.10 meeting be conducted electronically if doing so would facilitate public testimony or would
68.11 protect the health or safety of members of the task force.

68.12 (b) The task force shall invite input from the public, the leadership of advocacy groups,
68.13 and provider organizations.

68.14 (c) The chair designated by the speaker of the house shall convene the first meeting of
68.15 the task force no later than August 1, 2023.

68.16 Subd. 5. **Expenses; per diem.** Members serving on the task force shall receive the
68.17 following per diem:

68.18 (1) the Board on Aging task force member who is a volunteer citizen member shall
68.19 receive the per diem listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3;

68.20 (2) the Council on Disability task force member shall not receive a per diem;

68.21 (3) the Indian Affairs Council task force member who is a citizen member shall receive
68.22 the per diem listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3;

68.23 (4) the University of Minnesota task force member shall not receive a per diem; and

68.24 (5) legislative members of the task force shall not receive a per diem.

68.25 Subd. 6. **Report.** The task force shall submit a report with recommendations to the chairs
68.26 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health
68.27 and human services finance and policy and state government by January 15, 2025.

68.28 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires January 31, 2025.

68.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or when the legislative
68.30 leaders required to make appointments to the task force name appointees beginning the day
68.31 after final enactment.

69.1 **Sec. 45. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS; YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

69.2 The governor and legislature must make initial appointments to the Youth Advisory
69.3 Council under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0146, no later than August 1, 2023. The
69.4 commissioner of administration must convene the first meeting of the council no later than
69.5 September 15, 2023.

69.6 **Sec. 46. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS; COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA MINNESOTANS.**

69.7 The governor and legislature must make initial appointments to the Council on LGBTQIA
69.8 Minnesotans under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0147, no later than August 1, 2023. The
69.9 commissioner of administration must convene the first meeting of the council no later than
69.10 September 15, 2023.

69.11 **Sec. 47. ENTERPRISE GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

69.12 The commissioner of administration must assess the viability of implementing a single
69.13 grants management system for executive agencies. If the results of the study determine an
69.14 enterprise system is feasible, the study will further include:

69.15 (1) an analysis of available technology options;

69.16 (2) recommended changes to the state's organizational model, operational controls, and
69.17 processes;

69.18 (3) staffing and other resource needs;

69.19 (4) high-level system requirements;

69.20 (5) estimated costs; and

69.21 (6) an implementation roadmap.

69.22 **Sec. 48. OFFICE OF SMALL AGENCIES; STUDY.**

69.23 Subdivision 1. **Study; requirements.** The commissioner of administration must review
69.24 the unique issues faced by small agencies other than departments of the state as defined in
69.25 section 15.01. These include boards, commissions, councils, task forces, and authorities.

69.26 The study will assess whether the current support model provides adequate support for the
69.27 agencies as well as their volunteer board members. The study will also examine how other
69.28 states support their small agencies and provide recommendations on how to most effectively
69.29 support these small agencies in their delivery of important functions of government.

70.1 Subd. 2. **Report.** By February 1, 2024, the commissioner of administration must submit
70.2 the findings and recommendations of the study to the governor and the chairs and ranking
70.3 minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over state
70.4 government.

70.5 Sec. 49. **SALARIES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.**

70.6 The salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state,
70.7 and state auditor shall be increased by nine percent effective July 1, 2023. The salaries of
70.8 the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor shall
70.9 be increased by 7.5 percent effective July 1, 2024.

70.10 Sec. 50. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF GRANT AND BUSINESS SUBSIDY**
70.11 **RECIPIENTS.**

70.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
70.13 meanings given.

70.14 (b) "Grant" means a grant or business subsidy funded by an appropriation in this act.

70.15 (c) "Grantee" means a business entity as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.001.

70.16 Subd. 2. **Financial information required; determination of ability to perform.** Before
70.17 an agency awards a competitive, legislatively named, single-source, or sole-source grant,
70.18 the agency must assess the risk that a grantee cannot or would not perform the required
70.19 duties. In making this assessment, the agency must review the following information:

70.20 (1) the grantee's history of performing duties similar to those required by the grant,
70.21 whether the size of the grant requires the grantee to perform services at a significantly
70.22 increased scale, and whether the size of the grant will require significant changes to the
70.23 operation of the grantee's organization;

70.24 (2) for a grantee that is a nonprofit organization, the grantee's Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
70.25 filed with the Internal Revenue Service in each of the prior three years. If the grantee has
70.26 not been in existence long enough or is not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, the
70.27 grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee is exempt and must
70.28 instead submit the grantee's most recent board-reviewed financial statements and
70.29 documentation of internal controls;

70.30 (3) for a for-profit business, three years of federal and state tax returns, current financial
70.31 statements, certification that the business is not under bankruptcy proceedings, and disclosure
70.32 of any liens on its assets. If a business has not been in business long enough to have three

71.1 years of tax returns, the grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee
71.2 has appropriate internal financial controls;

71.3 (4) evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state under Minnesota
71.4 Statutes, chapter 317A, or other applicable law;

71.5 (5) if the grantee's total annual revenue exceeds \$750,000, the grantee's most recent
71.6 financial audit performed by an independent third party in accordance with generally accepted
71.7 accounting principles; and

71.8 (6) certification, provided by the grantee, that none of its principals have been convicted
71.9 of a financial crime.

71.10 Subd. 3. **Additional measures for some grantees.** The agency may require additional
71.11 information and must provide enhanced oversight for grants that have not previously received
71.12 state or federal grants for similar amounts or similar duties and so have not yet demonstrated
71.13 the ability to perform the duties required under the grant on the scale required.

71.14 Subd. 4. **Assistance from administration.** An agency without adequate resources or
71.15 experience to perform obligations under this section may contract with the commissioner
71.16 of administration to perform the agency's duties under this section.

71.17 Subd. 5. **Agency authority to not award grant.** If an agency determines that there is
71.18 an appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a competitive, single-source, or sole-source
71.19 grant cannot or would not perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency
71.20 must notify the grantee and the commissioner of administration and give the grantee an
71.21 opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee does not satisfy the agency's
71.22 concerns within 45 days, the agency must not award the grant.

71.23 Subd. 6. **Legislatively named grantees.** If an agency determines that there is an
71.24 appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a legislatively named grant cannot or would not
71.25 perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency must notify the grantee,
71.26 the commissioner of administration, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
71.27 Ways and Means Committee in the house of representatives, the chairs and ranking minority
71.28 members of the Finance Committee in the senate, and the chairs and ranking minority
71.29 members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with primary
71.30 jurisdiction over the bill in which the money for the grant was appropriated. The agency
71.31 must give the grantee an opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee
71.32 does not satisfy the agency's concerns within 45 days, the agency must delay award of the
71.33 grant until adjournment of the next regular or special legislative session.

72.1 Subd. 7. **Subgrants.** If a grantee will disburse the money received from the grant to
72.2 other organizations to perform duties required under the grant agreement, the agency must
72.3 be a party to agreements between the grantee and a subgrantee. Before entering agreements
72.4 for subgrants, the agency must perform the financial review required under this section with
72.5 respect to the subgrantees.

72.6 Subd. 8. **Effect.** The requirements of this section are in addition to other requirements
72.7 imposed by law; the commissioner of administration under Minnesota Statutes, sections
72.8 16B.97 and 16B.98; or agency grant policy.

72.9 **Sec. 51. REPEALER.**

72.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.957, is repealed.

72.11 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 4A.01; 4A.04; 4A.06; 4A.07; 4A.11; and 124D.23,
72.12 subdivision 9, are repealed.

72.13 (c) Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended by Laws 2015, chapter 77, article
72.14 2, section 78, is repealed.

ARTICLE 4

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

72.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.01, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

72.18 Subd. 1a. **Responsibilities.** The department shall provide oversight, leadership, and
72.19 direction for information and telecommunications technology policy and the management,
72.20 delivery, accessibility, and security of executive branch information and telecommunications
72.21 technology systems and services in Minnesota. The department shall partner with executive
72.22 branch state agencies to manage strategic investments in information and telecommunications
72.23 technology systems and services to ensure sufficient access to and efficient delivery of
72.24 accessible government services and to maximize benefits for the state government as an
72.25 enterprise.

72.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
72.27 read:

72.28 Subd. 1b. **Deputy; appointments.** The commissioner may appoint a deputy, assistant
72.29 commissioners, and a confidential secretary. Each serves at the commissioner's pleasure in
72.30 the unclassified service.

73.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

73.2 Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) The department shall:

73.3 (1) manage the efficient and effective use of available federal, state, local, and
73.4 public-private resources to develop statewide information and telecommunications technology
73.5 systems and services and its infrastructure;

73.6 (2) approve state agency and intergovernmental information and telecommunications
73.7 technology systems and services development efforts involving state or intergovernmental
73.8 funding, including federal funding, provide information to the legislature regarding projects
73.9 reviewed, and recommend projects for inclusion in the governor's budget under section
73.10 16A.11;

73.11 (3) promote cooperation and collaboration among state and local governments in
73.12 developing intergovernmental information and telecommunications technology systems
73.13 and services;

73.14 (4) cooperate and collaborate with the legislative and judicial branches in the development
73.15 of information and communications systems in those branches, as requested;

73.16 ~~(5) continue the development of North Star, the state's official comprehensive online~~
73.17 ~~service and information initiative;~~

73.18 ~~(6)~~ (5) promote and coordinate public information access and network initiatives,
73.19 consistent with chapter 13, to connect Minnesota's citizens and communities to each other,
73.20 to their governments, and to the world;

73.21 ~~(7)~~ (6) manage and promote the regular and periodic reinvestment in the information
73.22 and telecommunications technology systems and services infrastructure so that state and
73.23 local government agencies can effectively and efficiently serve their customers;

73.24 ~~(8)~~ (7) facilitate the cooperative development of and ensure compliance with standards
73.25 and policies for information and telecommunications technology systems and services and
73.26 electronic data practices and privacy within the executive branch;

73.27 ~~(9)~~ (8) eliminate unnecessary duplication of existing information and telecommunications
73.28 technology systems and services provided by state agencies;

73.29 ~~(10)~~ (9) identify, sponsor, develop, and execute shared information and
73.30 telecommunications technology projects and ongoing operations;

73.31 ~~(11)~~ (10) ensure overall security of the state's information and technology systems and
73.32 services; and

74.1 ~~(12)~~ (11) manage and direct compliance with accessibility standards for informational
74.2 technology, including hardware, software, websites, online forms, and online surveys.

74.3 (b) The chief information officer, in consultation with the commissioner of management
74.4 and budget, must determine when it is cost-effective for agencies to develop and use shared
74.5 information ~~and telecommunications~~ technology systems, platforms, and services for the
74.6 delivery of ~~electronic~~ digital government services. The chief information officer may require
74.7 agencies to use shared information and telecommunications technology systems and services.
74.8 The chief information officer shall establish reimbursement rates in cooperation with the
74.9 commissioner of management and budget to be billed to agencies and other governmental
74.10 entities sufficient to cover the actual development, operating, maintenance, and administrative
74.11 costs of the shared systems. The methodology for billing may include the use of interagency
74.12 agreements, or other means as allowed by law.

74.13 (c) A state agency that has an information and telecommunications technology project,
74.14 whether funded as part of the biennial budget or by any other means, shall register with the
74.15 department by submitting basic project startup documentation as specified by the chief
74.16 information officer in both format and content. State agency project leaders, in accordance
74.17 with policies and standards set forth by the chief information officer, must demonstrate that
74.18 the project will be properly managed, provide updates to the project documentation as
74.19 changes are proposed, and regularly report on the current status of the project on a schedule
74.20 agreed to with the chief information officer. The chief information officer has the authority
74.21 to define a project for the purposes of this chapter.

74.22 (d) The chief information officer shall monitor progress on any active information and
74.23 telecommunications technology project with a total expected project cost of more than
74.24 \$5,000,000 and report on the performance of the project in comparison with the plans for
74.25 the project in terms of time, scope, and budget. The chief information officer may conduct
74.26 an independent project audit of the project. The audit analysis and evaluation of the projects
74.27 subject to paragraph (c) must be presented to agency executive sponsors, the project
74.28 governance bodies, and the chief information officer. All reports and responses must become
74.29 part of the project record.

74.30 (e) For any active information and telecommunications technology project with a total
74.31 expected project cost of more than \$10,000,000, the state agency must perform an annual
74.32 independent audit that conforms to published project audit principles adopted by the
74.33 department.

75.1 (f) The chief information officer shall report by January 15 of each year to the chairs
75.2 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction
75.3 over the department regarding projects the department has reviewed under paragraph (a),
75.4 clause (10). The report must include ~~the reasons for the determinations made in the review~~
75.5 ~~of each project and a description of its current status.:~~

75.6 (1) each project in the IT portfolio whose status is either active or on hold;

75.7 (2) each project presented to the office for consultation in the time since the last report;

75.8 (3) the information technology cost associated with the project;

75.9 (4) the current status of the information technology project;

75.10 (5) the date the information technology project is expected to be completed; and

75.11 (6) the projected costs for ongoing support and maintenance after the project is complete.

75.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.016, is amended to read:

75.13 **16E.016 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**
75.14 **AND EQUIPMENT.**

75.15 (a) The chief information officer is responsible for providing or entering into managed
75.16 services contracts for the provision, improvement, ~~and development~~, and lifecycle
75.17 management of the following information technology systems and services to state agencies:

75.18 (1) state data centers;

75.19 (2) mainframes including system software;

75.20 (3) servers including system software;

75.21 (4) desktops including system software;

75.22 (5) laptop computers including system software;

75.23 (6) a data network including system software;

75.24 (7) database, electronic mail, office systems, reporting, and other standard software
75.25 tools;

75.26 (8) business application software and related technical support services;

75.27 (9) help desk for the components listed in clauses (1) to (8);

75.28 (10) maintenance, problem resolution, and break-fix for the components listed in clauses
75.29 (1) to (8);

76.1 (11) regular upgrades ~~and~~, replacement, and lifecycle management for the components
76.2 listed in clauses (1) to (8); and

76.3 (12) network-connected output devices.

76.4 (b) All state agency employees whose work primarily involves functions specified in
76.5 paragraph (a) are employees of the Department of Information Technology Services. This
76.6 includes employees who directly perform the functions in paragraph (a), as well as employees
76.7 whose work primarily involves managing, supervising, or providing administrative services
76.8 or support services to employees who directly perform these functions. The chief information
76.9 officer may assign employees of the department to perform work exclusively for another
76.10 state agency.

76.11 (c) Subject to sections 16C.08 and 16C.09, the chief information officer may allow a
76.12 state agency to obtain services specified in paragraph (a) through a contract with an outside
76.13 vendor when the chief information officer and the agency head agree that a contract would
76.14 provide best value, as defined in section 16C.02, under the service-level agreement. The
76.15 chief information officer must require that agency contracts with outside vendors ensure
76.16 that systems and services are compatible with standards established by the Department of
76.17 Information Technology Services.

76.18 (d) The Minnesota State Retirement System, the Public Employees Retirement
76.19 Association, the Teachers Retirement Association, the State Board of Investment, the
76.20 Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, the State Lottery, and the Statewide Radio
76.21 Board are not state agencies for purposes of this section.

76.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.23 Subd. 2. **Chief information officer's responsibility.** The chief information officer shall:

76.24 (1) design a ~~master~~ strategic plan for information and telecommunications technology
76.25 systems and services in the state and shall report on the plan to the governor and legislature
76.26 at the beginning of each regular session;

76.27 (2) coordinate, review, and approve all information and telecommunications technology
76.28 projects and oversee the state's information and telecommunications technology systems
76.29 and services;

76.30 (3) establish and enforce compliance with standards for information and
76.31 telecommunications technology systems and services that are cost-effective and support
76.32 open systems environments and that are compatible with state, national, and international
76.33 standards, including accessibility standards;

77.1 (4) maintain a library of systems and programs developed by the state for use by agencies
77.2 of government;

77.3 (5) direct and manage the shared operations of the state's information and
77.4 telecommunications technology systems and services; and

77.5 (6) establish and enforce standards and ensure acquisition of hardware ~~and~~ software,
77.6 and services necessary to protect data and systems in state agency networks connected to
77.7 the Internet.

77.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.9 Subd. 4. **Cash flow.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget shall make
77.10 appropriate transfers to the revolving fund when requested by the chief information officer.
77.11 The chief information officer may make allotments and encumbrances in anticipation of
77.12 such transfers. In addition, the chief information officer, with the approval of the
77.13 commissioner of management and budget, may require an agency to make advance payments
77.14 to the revolving fund sufficient to cover the office's estimated obligation for a period of at
77.15 least 60 days. All reimbursements and other money received by the chief information officer
77.16 under this section must be deposited in the MNIT services revolving fund.

77.17 (b) Each biennium, the commissioner of management and budget is authorized to provide
77.18 cash flow assistance of up to \$60,000,000 from the special revenue fund or other statutory
77.19 general fund as defined in section 16A.671, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), to the Department
77.20 of Information Technology Services for the purpose of managing revenue and expenditure
77.21 differences. These funds shall be repaid with interest by the end of the closing period of the
77.22 second fiscal year of the same biennium.

77.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

77.24 Subdivision 1. **Account established; appropriation.** The information and
77.25 telecommunications technology systems and services account is created in the special
77.26 revenue fund. Receipts credited to the account are appropriated to the Department of
77.27 Information Technology Services for the purpose of defraying the costs of personnel and
77.28 technology for activities that create government efficiencies, secure state systems, or address
77.29 project or product backlogs in accordance with this chapter.

77.30 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

77.31 Subd. 2. **Charges.** (a) Upon agreement of the participating agency, the Department of
77.32 Information Technology Services may collect a charge or receive a fund transfer under

78.1 section 16E.0466 for purchases of information and telecommunications technology systems
78.2 and services by state agencies and other governmental entities through state contracts for
78.3 purposes described in subdivision 1. Charges collected under this section must be credited
78.4 to the information and telecommunications technology systems and services account.

78.5 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, any unexpended operating balance
78.6 appropriated to a state agency may be transferred to the information and telecommunications
78.7 technology systems and services account for the information technology cost of a specific
78.8 project, product, or services, subject to the review of the Legislative Advisory Commission
78.9 under subdivision 3.

78.10 **Sec. 9. [16E.35] COUNTY AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANTS.**

78.11 Subdivision 1. Cybersecurity grant program established. The Department of IT
78.12 Services may make grants to political subdivisions to support addressing cybersecurity risks
78.13 and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of,
78.14 state, local, or Tribal governments, as provided in section 70612 of Public Law 117-58.

78.15 Subd. 2. Match requirement. The political subdivision receiving a grant must provide
78.16 for the remainder of the costs of the project that exceed available state match appropriated
78.17 funds, or that exceed goals defined in the statewide cybersecurity plan.

78.18 Subd. 3. Criteria. The department may set criteria for program priorities and standards
78.19 of review.

78.20 **Sec. 10. REPEALER.**

78.21 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16E.0466, subdivision 2, is repealed.

78.22 **ARTICLE 5**

78.23 **STATE EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES**

78.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

78.25 Subd. 2. **Precedence of merit principles and nondiscrimination.** It is the policy of
78.26 this state to provide for equal employment opportunity consistent with chapter 363A by
78.27 ensuring that all personnel actions be based on the ability to perform the duties and
78.28 responsibilities assigned to the position without regard to age, race, creed or religion, color,
78.29 disability, sex, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, or
78.30 political affiliation. It is the policy of this state to take affirmative action to eliminate the
78.31 underutilization of qualified members of protected groups in the civil service, where such

79.1 action is not in conflict with other provisions of this chapter or chapter 179, in order to
79.2 correct imbalances and eliminate the ~~present~~ effects of ~~past~~ discrimination and support full
79.3 and equal participation in the social and economic life in the state. Heads of departments
79.4 and agencies must provide training to managers and supervisors that are responsible for
79.5 hiring and evaluating employee performance regarding bias that can be present in the hiring
79.6 and performance evaluation processes.

79.7 No contract executed pursuant to chapter 179A shall modify, waive or abridge this
79.8 section and sections 43A.07 to 43A.121, 43A.15, and 43A.17 to 43A.21, except to the extent
79.9 expressly permitted in those sections.

79.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
79.11 read:

79.12 Subd. 1a. **Accommodation fund.** "Accommodation fund" means the fund created under
79.13 section 16B.4805 for reimbursing state agencies for eligible expenses incurred in providing
79.14 reasonable accommodations to state employees with disabilities.

79.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
79.16 read:

79.17 Subd. 3a. **Americans with Disabilities Act.** "Americans With Disabilities Act" or
79.18 "ADA" means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, United States
79.19 Code title 42, sections 12101 to 12117.

79.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
79.21 read:

79.22 Subd. 18a. **Digital accessibility.** "Digital accessibility" means information and
79.23 communication technology, including products, devices, services, and content that are
79.24 designed and built so people with disabilities can use or participate in them, as defined by
79.25 the accessibility standard adopted under section 16E.03, subdivision 9. Any statutory
79.26 reference to accessible or accessibility in the context of information and communication
79.27 technology includes digital accessibility.

79.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
79.29 read:

79.30 Subd. 35a. **Reasonable accommodation.** "Reasonable accommodation" has the meaning
79.31 given under section 363A.08, subdivision 6.

80.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

80.2 Subd. 1a. **Mission; efficiency.** It is part of the department's mission that within the
80.3 department's resources the commissioner shall endeavor to:

80.4 (1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

80.5 (2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
80.6 and operate the department as efficiently as possible;

80.7 (3) coordinate the department's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of
80.8 other governmental agencies;

80.9 (4) use technology where appropriate to increase agency productivity, improve customer
80.10 service, increase public access to information about government, and increase public
80.11 participation in the business of government;

80.12 (5) ensure that all technology utilized is accessible to employees and provided in a timely
80.13 manner as described in sections 363A.42 and 363A.43 and the accessibility standards under
80.14 section 16E.03, subdivisions 2, clause (3), and 9;

80.15 ~~(5)~~ (6) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent
80.16 otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A;

80.17 ~~(6)~~ (7) report to the legislature on the performance of agency operations and the
80.18 accomplishment of agency goals in the agency's biennial budget according to section 16A.10,
80.19 subdivision 1; ~~and~~

80.20 ~~(7)~~ (8) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out
80.21 the mission and improve the performance of the department; and

80.22 (9) endeavor to use equitable and inclusive practices to attract and recruit protected class
80.23 employees; actively eliminate discrimination against protected group employees; and ensure
80.24 equitable access to development and training, advancement, and promotional opportunities.

80.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

80.26 Subd. 4. **Administrative procedures.** The commissioner shall develop administrative
80.27 procedures, which are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative
80.28 Procedure Act, to effect provisions of chapter 43A which do not directly affect the rights
80.29 of or processes available to the general public. The commissioner may also adopt
80.30 administrative procedures, not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, which concern
80.31 topics affecting the general public if those procedures concern only the internal management

81.1 of the department or other agencies and if those elements of the topics which affect the
81.2 general public are the subject of department rules.

81.3 Administrative procedures shall be reproduced and made available for comment in
81.4 accessible digital formats under section 16E.03 to agencies, employees, and appropriate
81.5 exclusive representatives certified pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25, for at least 15
81.6 days prior to implementation and shall include but are not limited to:

81.7 (1) maintenance and administration of a plan of classification for all positions in the
81.8 classified service and for comparisons of unclassified positions with positions in the classified
81.9 service;

81.10 (2) procedures for administration of collective bargaining agreements and plans
81.11 established pursuant to section 43A.18 concerning total compensation and the terms and
81.12 conditions of employment for employees;

81.13 (3) procedures for effecting all personnel actions internal to the state service such as
81.14 processes and requirements for agencies to publicize job openings and consider applicants
81.15 who are referred or nominate themselves, conduct of selection procedures limited to
81.16 employees, noncompetitive and qualifying appointments of employees and leaves of absence;

81.17 (4) maintenance and administration of employee performance appraisal, training and
81.18 other programs; and

81.19 (5) procedures for pilots of the reengineered employee selection process. Employment
81.20 provisions of this chapter, associated personnel rules adopted under subdivision 3, and
81.21 administrative procedures established under clauses (1) and (3) may be waived for the
81.22 purposes of these pilots. The pilots may affect the rights of and processes available to
81.23 members of the general public seeking employment in the classified service. The
81.24 commissioner will provide public notice of any pilot directly affecting the rights of and
81.25 processes available to the general public and make the administrative procedures available
81.26 for comment to the general public, agencies, employees, and appropriate exclusive
81.27 representatives certified pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 for at least 30 days prior
81.28 to implementation. The commissioner must publish the public notice in an accessible digital
81.29 format under section 16E.03. The commissioner must provide a comment process that allows
81.30 the public to submit comments through multiple formats to ensure accessibility. These
81.31 formats must include telephone, digital content, and email.

82.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.04, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

82.2 Subd. 7. **Reporting.** The commissioner shall issue a written report by February 1 and
82.3 August 1 of each year to the chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The report
82.4 must list the number of appointments made under each of the categories in section 43A.15,
82.5 the number made to the classified service other than under section 43A.15, and the number
82.6 made under section 43A.08, subdivision 2a, during the six-month periods ending June 30
82.7 and December 31, respectively. The report must be posted online and must be accessible
82.8 under section 16E.03. The commissioner shall advertise these reports in multiple formats
82.9 to ensure broad dissemination.

82.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.09, is amended to read:

82.11 **43A.09 RECRUITMENT.**

82.12 The commissioner in cooperation with appointing authorities of all state agencies shall
82.13 maintain an active recruiting program publicly conducted and designed to attract sufficient
82.14 numbers of well-qualified people to meet the needs of the civil service, and to enhance the
82.15 image and public esteem of state service employment. Special emphasis shall be given to
82.16 recruitment of veterans and protected group members, including qualified individuals with
82.17 disabilities, to assist state agencies in meeting affirmative action goals to achieve a balanced
82.18 work force. All technology and digital content related to recruiting and hiring shall be
82.19 accessible to people with disabilities.

82.20 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

82.21 Subd. 2a. **Application requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall establish and maintain
82.22 a database of applicants for state employment. The commissioner shall establish, publicize,
82.23 and enforce minimum requirements for ~~application.~~ applications, and shall ensure that:

82.24 (1) all postings shall be written so as to be relevant to the duties of the job and be
82.25 nondiscriminatory;

82.26 (2) the appointing authority ~~shall enforce~~ enforces the established minimum requirements
82.27 for application;

82.28 (3) the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience is considered an alternative,
82.29 noncompetitive hiring process for classified positions for qualified individuals ~~who express~~
82.30 interest directly to the appointing authority. with disabilities; and

82.31 (4) hiring managers and others involved in the selection process are aware of the
82.32 accommodation fund under section 16B.4805 to ensure that people with disabilities obtain

83.1 timely and appropriate accommodations within the hiring process and the state agency can
83.2 request reimbursement.

83.3 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that all online application processes and all digital
83.4 content relating to the database referenced in paragraph (a) shall be accessible for people
83.5 with disabilities.

83.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.10, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

83.7 Subd. 7. **Selection process accommodations.** Upon request, the commissioner or
83.8 appointing authority shall provide ~~selection process~~ reasonable accommodations to an
83.9 ~~applicant with a disability that does not prevent performance of the duties of the position.~~
83.10 ~~The accommodations must provide an opportunity to fairly assess the ability of the applicant~~
83.11 ~~to perform the duties of the position notwithstanding the disability but must preserve, to the~~
83.12 ~~extent feasible, the validity of the selection process and equitable comparison of results~~
83.13 ~~with the results of competitors without disabilities.~~ a qualified applicant with a disability
83.14 to ensure full participation in the selection process, including use of the accommodation
83.15 fund under section 16B.4805 during the selection process. The commissioner must ensure
83.16 that each agency head is aware of the accommodation fund and its critical function of
83.17 removing cost considerations from interview selection decisions.

83.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.14, is amended to read:

83.19 **43A.14 APPOINTMENTS.**

83.20 All appointments to the classified service shall be based upon merit and ability to perform
83.21 the duties of the position and the needs of the employing agency, including the need to
83.22 achieve and maintain a representative work force, including representation of people with
83.23 disabilities. For employees in a bargaining unit as defined in section 179A.10 appointments
83.24 shall be subject to applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

83.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.15, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

83.26 Subd. 14. ~~**700-hour on-the-job demonstration process and appointment**~~
83.27 ~~**experience.**~~ (a) The commissioner shall ~~establish~~ consult with the Department of Employment
83.28 and Economic Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the
83.29 Blind and other disability experts in establishing, reviewing, and modifying the qualifying
83.30 procedures for applicants whose disabilities are of such a significant nature that the applicants
83.31 are unable to demonstrate their abilities in the selection process. The qualifying procedures
83.32 must consist of up to 700 hours of on-the-job ~~trial work~~ demonstration experience. ~~Up to~~

84.1 ~~three persons with significant disabilities and their job coach may be allowed to demonstrate~~
 84.2 ~~their job competence as a unit through the on-the-job trial work experience selection~~
 84.3 ~~procedure. This~~ The 700-hour on-the-job demonstration process must be limited to applicants
 84.4 ~~for whom there is no reasonable accommodation in the selection process~~ experience is an
 84.5 alternative, noncompetitive hiring process for qualified applicants with disabilities. All
 84.6 permanent executive branch classified positions are eligible for a 700-hour on-the-job
 84.7 demonstration experience, and all permanent classified job postings must provide information
 84.8 regarding the on-the-job demonstration overview and certification process.

84.9 (b) The commissioner may authorize the probationary appointment of an applicant based
 84.10 on the request of the appointing authority that documents that the applicant has successfully
 84.11 demonstrated qualifications for the position through completion of an on-the-job trial work
 84.12 demonstration experience. A qualified applicant should be converted to permanent,
 84.13 probationary appointments at the point in the 700-hour on-the-job experience when the
 84.14 applicant has demonstrated the ability to perform the essential functions of the job with or
 84.15 without reasonable accommodation. The implementation of this subdivision may not be
 84.16 deemed a violation of chapter 43A or 363A.

84.17 (c) The commissioner and the ADA and disability employment director, described in
 84.18 section 43A.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), are responsible for the administration and
 84.19 oversight of the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience, including the establishment
 84.20 of policies and procedures, data collection and reporting requirements, and compliance.

84.21 (d) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design and implement a
 84.22 training curriculum for the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience. All executive
 84.23 leaders, managers, supervisors, human resources professionals, affirmative action officers,
 84.24 and ADA coordinators must receive annual training on the program.

84.25 (e) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall develop, administer, and
 84.26 make public a formal grievance process for individuals in the 700-hour on-the-job
 84.27 demonstration experience under this subdivision and supported work program under section
 84.28 43A.421, subdivision 2.

84.29 (f) An appointing authority must make reasonable accommodations in response to a
 84.30 request from an applicant with a disability, including providing accommodations in a timely
 84.31 manner during the application and hiring process and throughout the 700-hour on-the-job
 84.32 demonstration experience. Requirements for accessibility for public records under section
 84.33 363A.42, continuing education under section 363A.43, and technology under section 16E.03,

85.1 subdivision 2, clauses (3) and (9), apply to an agency filling an appointment during the
85.2 application and hiring process and through the on-the-job demonstration experience period.

85.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to
85.4 read:

85.5 Subd. 14a. **Report and survey.** (a) The commissioner shall annually collect
85.6 enterprise-wide statistics on the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience under
85.7 subdivision 14. The statistics collected and reported annually must include:

85.8 (1) the number of certifications submitted, granted, and rejected;

85.9 (2) the number of applicants interviewed, appointed, and converted to probationary
85.10 status;

85.11 (3) the number of employees retained after one year in state employment;

85.12 (4) the number of employees with terminated appointments and the reason for termination;

85.13 (5) the average length of time in an on-the-job demonstration appointment;

85.14 (6) the number and category of entity certifications; and

85.15 (7) by department or agency, the number of appointments and hires and the number of
85.16 managers and supervisors trained.

85.17 (b) The commissioner shall administer an annual survey of participants in the 700-hour
85.18 on-the-job demonstration experience who are hired and those who are not hired, as well as
85.19 the managers of participants in the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience.

85.20 (c) The commissioner must consult at least annually with the Department of Employment
85.21 and Economic Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the
85.22 Blind and other disability experts to review the survey results, assess program satisfaction,
85.23 and recommend areas for continuous improvement.

85.24 (d) The commissioner shall annually publish a report on the department's website that
85.25 includes the data described in paragraph (a), survey results described in paragraph (b), and
85.26 recommendations for continuous improvement described in paragraph (c).

85.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

85.28 Subdivision 1. **Statewide affirmative action program.** (a) To assure that positions in
85.29 the executive branch of the civil service are equally accessible to all qualified persons, and
85.30 to eliminate the ~~underutilization of qualified members of protected groups~~ effects of past

86.1 and present discrimination, intended or unintended, on the basis of protected group status,
86.2 the commissioner shall adopt and periodically revise, if necessary, a statewide affirmative
86.3 action program. The statewide affirmative action program must consist of at least the
86.4 following:

86.5 (1) objectives, goals, and policies;

86.6 (2) procedures, standards, and assumptions to be used by agencies in the preparation of
86.7 agency affirmative action plans, including methods by which goals and timetables are
86.8 established;

86.9 (3) the analysis of separation patterns to determine the impact on protected group
86.10 members; and

86.11 (4) requirements for annual objectives and submission of affirmative action progress
86.12 reports from heads of agencies.

86.13 Agency heads must report the data in clause (3) to the state Director of Recruitment,
86.14 Retention and Affirmative Action and the state ADA coordinator, in addition to being
86.15 available to anyone upon request. The commissioner must annually post the aggregate and
86.16 agency-level reports under clause (4) on the agency's website.

86.17 (b) The commissioner shall establish statewide affirmative action goals for each of the
86.18 federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) occupational categories applicable to state
86.19 employment, using at least the following factors:

86.20 (1) the percentage of members of each protected class in the recruiting area population
86.21 who have the necessary skills; and

86.22 (2) the availability for promotion or transfer of current employees who are members of
86.23 protected classes.

86.24 (c) The commissioner may use any of the following factors in addition to the factors
86.25 required under paragraph (b):

86.26 (1) the extent of unemployment of members of protected classes in the recruiting area
86.27 population;

86.28 (2) the existence of training programs in needed skill areas offered by employing agencies
86.29 and other institutions; and

86.30 (3) the expected number of available positions to be filled.

86.31 (d) The commissioner shall designate a state director of diversity and equal employment
86.32 opportunity who may be delegated the preparation, revision, implementation, and

87.1 administration of the program. The commissioner of management and budget may place
87.2 the director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria established
87.3 in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

87.4 (e) The commissioner shall designate a statewide ADA and disability employment
87.5 director. The commissioner may delegate the preparation, revision, implementation,
87.6 evaluation, and administration of the program to the director. The director must administer
87.7 the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience under the supported work program and
87.8 disabled veteran's employment programs. The ADA and disability employment director
87.9 shall have education, knowledge, and skills in disability policy, employment, and the ADA.
87.10 The commissioner may place the director's position in the unclassified service if the position
87.11 meets the criteria established in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

87.12 (f) Agency affirmative action plans, including reports and progress, must be posted on
87.13 the agency's public and internal websites within 30 days of being approved. The
87.14 commissioner of management and budget shall post a link to all executive branch
87.15 agency-approved affirmative action plans on its public website. Accessible copies of the
87.16 affirmative action plan must be available to all employees and members of the general public
87.17 upon request.

87.18 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.191, is amended to read:

87.19 **43A.191 AGENCY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS.**

87.20 Subdivision 1. **Affirmative action officers.** (a) Each agency with 1,000 employees or
87.21 more shall have at least one full-time affirmative action officer, who shall have primary
87.22 responsibility for developing and maintaining the agency's affirmative action plan. The
87.23 officer shall devote full time to affirmative action activities. The affirmative action officer
87.24 shall report administratively and on policy issues directly to the agency head. The affirmative
87.25 action officer shall be in the classified service.

87.26 (b) The agency heads shall assign affirmative action officers or designees for agencies
87.27 with fewer than 1,000 employees. The designees shall report administratively and on policy
87.28 issues directly to the agency head.

87.29 (c) An agency may not use authority under section 43A.08, subdivision 1a, to place the
87.30 position of an agency affirmative action officer or designee in the unclassified service.

87.31 Subd. 2. **Agency affirmative action plans.** (a) The head of each agency in the executive
87.32 branch shall prepare and implement an agency affirmative action plan consistent with this
87.33 section and rules issued under section 43A.04, subdivision 3.

88.1 (b) The agency plan must include a plan for the provision of reasonable accommodation
88.2 in the hiring and promotion of qualified ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities. The reasonable
88.3 accommodation plan must consist of at least the following:

88.4 (1) procedures for compliance with sections 16E.03, subdivision 9, 363A.08 to 363A.19,
88.5 and 363A.28, subdivision 10, and, where appropriate, regulations implementing United
88.6 States Code, title 29, section 794, as amended through December 31, 1984, which is section
88.7 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and the Americans with Disabilities Act,
88.8 United States Code, title 42, sections 101 to 108, 201 to 231, 241 to 246, 401, 402, and 501
88.9 to 514;

88.10 (2) methods and procedures for providing timely access to reasonable accommodation
88.11 ~~for disabled job applicants, current employees, and employees~~ accommodations during the
88.12 application process, throughout current employment, and when seeking promotion;

88.13 (3) provisions for funding reasonable accommodations; and

88.14 (4) the number of requests made, the number of requests approved, and the number of
88.15 requests reimbursed from the state accommodation account under section 16B.4805.

88.16 (c) The agency plan must be prepared by the agency head with the assistance of the
88.17 agency affirmative action officer and the director of diversity and equal employment
88.18 opportunity. The agency may consult with the Council on Disability, vocational rehabilitation
88.19 services, state services for the blind, and other disability experts to review and make
88.20 recommendations on recruitment and retention of people with disabilities.

88.21 (d) The agency plan must identify any positions in the agency that can be used for
88.22 supported employment as defined in section 268A.01, subdivision 13, of persons with ~~severe~~
88.23 significant disabilities. The agency shall report this information to the commissioner. An
88.24 agency that hires more than one supported worker in the identified positions must receive
88.25 recognition for each supported worker toward meeting the agency's affirmative action goals
88.26 and objectives.

88.27 (e) An agency affirmative action plan may not be implemented without the
88.28 commissioner's approval.

88.29 **Subd. 2a. Disability recruitment, hiring, and advancement.** (a) Each agency affirmative
88.30 action plan must include a section that provides sufficient assurances, procedures, and
88.31 commitments to provide adequate hiring, placement, and advancement opportunities for
88.32 individuals with disabilities at all levels of state employment. The criteria for this section

89.1 of the agency affirmative action plan must include a section on disability hiring and
89.2 advancement, including the provisions in this subdivision.

89.3 (b) The plan must describe specific actions to ensure that a broad range of individuals
89.4 with disabilities will be aware of and be encouraged to apply for job vacancies when eligible.
89.5 The actions must include, at a minimum:

89.6 (1) the use of programs and resources that identify job applicants with disabilities who
89.7 are eligible to be appointed under a hiring authority that takes disability into account,
89.8 consistent with the demonstration program under section 43A.15, subdivision 14. The
89.9 programs may include the Department of Employment and Economic Development's
89.10 Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the Blind that provide the
89.11 qualifications necessary for positions within the agency to individuals with disabilities.
89.12 Resources may include databases of individuals with disabilities who previously applied to
89.13 the agency but were not hired for the positions they applied for, and training and internship
89.14 programs that lead directly to employment for individuals with disabilities; and

89.15 (2) establishment and maintenance of contacts, that may include formal agreements,
89.16 with organizations that specialize in providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in
89.17 securing and maintaining employment, such as the Department of Employment and Economic
89.18 Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State Services for the Blind, community
89.19 rehabilitation programs, day training and habilitation programs, and employment network
89.20 service providers.

89.21 (c) The plan must ensure that the agency has designated sufficient staff to handle any
89.22 disability-related issues that arise during the application and selection process, and shall
89.23 require the agency to provide staff with sufficient training, support, and other resources to
89.24 carry out the responsibilities under this section. Responsibilities include, at a minimum:

89.25 (1) ensuring that disability-related questions from members of the public regarding the
89.26 agency's application and selection processes are answered promptly and correctly, including
89.27 questions about reasonable accommodations needed by job applicants during the application
89.28 and selection process and questions about how individuals may apply for positions under
89.29 hiring authorities that take disability into account;

89.30 (2) processing requests for reasonable accommodations needed by job applicants during
89.31 the application and placement process and ensuring that the agency provides such
89.32 accommodations when required;

89.33 (3) accepting applications for a position under hiring authorities that take disability into
89.34 account;

90.1 (4) if an individual has applied for appointment to a particular position under a hiring
90.2 authority that takes disability into account, determining whether the individual is eligible
90.3 for appointment under such authority and if so forwarding the individual's application to
90.4 the relevant hiring officials with an explanation of how and when the individual may be
90.5 appointed, consistent with all applicable laws; and

90.6 (5) overseeing any other agency programs designed to increase hiring of individuals
90.7 with disabilities.

90.8 Subd. 3. **Audits; sanctions and incentives.** (a) The commissioner shall annually audit
90.9 the record of each agency to determine the rate of compliance with affirmative action
90.10 requirements. The commissioner must report all audit findings to the governor if a state
90.11 agency fails to meet any of its affirmative action requirements for two consecutive years.

90.12 (b) By March 1 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit a report on
90.13 affirmative action progress of each agency and the state as a whole to the governor and to
90.14 the Finance Committee of the senate, the Ways and Means Committee of the house of
90.15 representatives, the Governmental Operations Committees of both houses of the legislature,
90.16 and the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The report must include noncompetitive
90.17 appointments made under section 43A.08, subdivision 2a, or 43A.15, subdivisions 3 to 7,
90.18 10, and 12, and cover each agency's rate of compliance with affirmative action requirements.
90.19 The report must be made available to the public on the department's website.

90.20 (c) An agency that does not meet its hiring goals must justify its nonaffirmative action
90.21 hires in competitive appointments and noncompetitive appointments made under section
90.22 43A.08, subdivisions 1, clauses (9), (11), and (16), and 2a; and section 43A.15, subdivisions
90.23 3, 10, 12, and 13, according to criteria issued by the department of ~~Management and Budget~~.
90.24 In addition, an agency shall:

90.25 (1) demonstrate a good faith effort to recruit protected group members by following an
90.26 active recruitment plan;

90.27 (2) implement a coordinated retention plan; and

90.28 (3) have an established complaint resolution procedure.

90.29 (d) The commissioner shall develop reporting standards and procedures for measuring
90.30 compliance.

90.31 (e) An agency is encouraged to develop other innovative ways to promote awareness,
90.32 acceptance, and appreciation for diversity and affirmative action. These innovations will
90.33 be considered when evaluating an agency's compliance with this section.

91.1 (f) An agency not in compliance with affirmative action requirements of this section
91.2 must identify methods and programs to improve performance, to reallocate resources
91.3 internally in order to increase support for affirmative action programs, and to submit program
91.4 and resource reallocation proposals to the commissioner for approval. An agency must
91.5 submit these proposals within 120 days of being notified by the commissioner that it is out
91.6 of compliance with affirmative action requirements. The commissioner shall monitor
91.7 quarterly the affirmative action programs of an agency found to be out of compliance.

91.8 (g) The commissioner shall establish a program to recognize an agency that has made
91.9 significant and measurable progress in implementing an affirmative action plan.

91.10 (h) The commissioner must maintain and make available, on an annual basis, summary
91.11 data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, on the percentage of members of each
91.12 protected group as defined in section 43A.02, subdivision 33, that were hired in the executive
91.13 branch in each of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) occupational categories
91.14 applicable to state employment. Nothing in this provision, however, shall require any person
91.15 to disclose their protected group status, nor shall it require the commissioner or any
91.16 appointing authority to determine the protected group status of any person.

91.17 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

91.18 Subdivision 1. **Authority; purpose.** The commissioner, in coordination with the statewide
91.19 ADA and disability employment director and chief inclusion officer, shall develop and
91.20 interpret policy and administer and, to the extent possible, conduct programs in training and
91.21 development for employees to, at a minimum:

91.22 (1) promote individual, group and agency efficiency and effectiveness;

91.23 (2) build employee capacity to deliver accessible and inclusive services to the public,
91.24 including people with disabilities; and

91.25 (3) support an inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities and employees
91.26 of other protected classes.

91.27 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

91.28 Subd. 2. **Responsibilities.** (a) The commissioner is responsible for developing and
91.29 coordinating consistent training policy which shall be binding on all state agencies in the
91.30 executive branch. The policies shall include conditions under which employees may receive
91.31 or be assigned to training; internships and work-training programs; minimum and maximum

92.1 training standards for employee participation and agency reporting requirements. At a
92.2 minimum, state employees must receive annual training on statutes or policies related to:

92.3 (1) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

92.4 (2) the state's affirmative action policy;

92.5 (3) equal opportunity employment; and

92.6 (4) digital accessibility standards.

92.7 (b) Career development training is a permissive subject of collective bargaining. Each
92.8 appointing authority in the executive branch, including the Minnesota State Retirement
92.9 System and the Teachers Retirement Association, is primarily responsible for planning,
92.10 budgeting, conducting and evaluating training programs.

92.11 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

92.12 Subd. 3. **Programs.** (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design
92.13 and implement management training and development programs for the state service. The
92.14 programs shall include but not be limited to mandatory training and development
92.15 requirements for managers and supervisors. No person shall acquire permanent status in a
92.16 management or supervisory position in the classified service until training and development
92.17 requirements have been met.

92.18 (b) All managers and supervisors must receive training on inclusive work environments,
92.19 disability awareness, cultural competence, and other equity and diversity areas.

92.20 (c) Agencies shall conduct an annual Americans with Disabilities Act self-assessment
92.21 to ensure training programs meet the standards for universal design in learning.

92.22 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to
92.23 read:

92.24 Subd. 6. **Accessibility.** The commissioner must ensure that all training content and
92.25 platforms meet the accessibility standards under section 16E.03, subdivisions 2, clause (3),
92.26 and 9. Reasonable accommodations must be implemented in a timely and appropriate manner
92.27 to ensure that all state employees can participate in state-offered trainings. All state
92.28 employees, including ADA coordinators and human resources staff, must have the training
92.29 and resources to implement an accessible and inclusive workplace.

93.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

93.2 Subdivision 1. **Cooperation; state agencies.** (a) The commissioner may delegate
93.3 administrative functions associated with the duties of the commissioner to appointing
93.4 authorities who have the capability to perform such functions when the commissioner
93.5 determines that it is in the best interests of the state civil service. The commissioner shall
93.6 consult with agencies and agencies shall cooperate as appropriate in implementation of this
93.7 chapter.

93.8 (b) The commissioner, in conjunction with appointing authorities, shall analyze and
93.9 assess current and future human resource requirements of the civil service and coordinate
93.10 personnel actions throughout the civil service to meet the requirements. The commissioner
93.11 shall provide recruiting assistance and make the applicant database available to appointing
93.12 authorities to use in making appointments to positions in the unclassified service.

93.13 (c) The head of each agency in the executive branch shall designate an agency personnel
93.14 officer. The agency personnel officer shall be accountable to the agency head for all personnel
93.15 functions prescribed by laws, rules, collective bargaining agreements, the commissioner
93.16 and the agency head. Except when otherwise prescribed by the agency head in a specific
93.17 instance, the personnel officer shall be assumed to be the authority accountable to the agency
93.18 head over any other officer or employee in the agency for personnel functions.

93.19 (d) The head of each agency in the executive branch shall designate an affirmative action
93.20 officer who shall have primary responsibility for the administration of the agency's
93.21 affirmative action plan. The officer shall report directly to the head of the agency on
93.22 affirmative action matters.

93.23 (e) Pursuant to section 43A.431, the head of each agency in the executive branch shall
93.24 designate an ADA coordinator who shall have primary responsibility for the administration
93.25 of ADA policies, procedures, trainings, requests, and arbitration. The coordinator shall
93.26 report directly to the commissioner.

93.27 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.421, is amended to read:

93.28 **43A.421 SUPPORTED WORK PROGRAM.**

93.29 Subdivision 1. Program established. ~~A total of 50 full-time~~ Active positions within
93.30 agencies of state government may be selected for inclusion for a supported work program
93.31 for persons with ~~severe~~ significant disabilities. A full-time position may be shared by up to
93.32 three persons with ~~severe~~ significant disabilities and their job coach. The job coach is not
93.33 a state employee within the scope of section 43A.02, subdivision 21, or 179A.03, subdivision

94.1 14, unless the job coach holds another position within the scope of section 43A.02,
94.2 subdivision 21, or 179A.03, subdivision 14. All classified supported work job postings need
94.3 to link to the overview and application process for the supported work program.

94.4 Subd. 2. Responsibilities. (a) The commissioner is responsible for the administration
94.5 and oversight of the supported work program, including the establishment of policies and
94.6 procedures, data collection and reporting requirements, and compliance.

94.7 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design and implement a
94.8 training curriculum for the supported work program. All executive leaders, managers,
94.9 supervisors, human resources professionals, affirmative action officers, and Americans with
94.10 Disabilities Act coordinators must receive annual training regarding the program.

94.11 (c) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall develop, administer, and
94.12 make public a formal grievance process for individuals in the program.

94.13 Sec. 23. **[43A.431] AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATORS.**

94.14 (a) Each state agency shall designate at least one ADA coordinator who is responsible
94.15 for implementation of Title I of the ADA, to advance the prohibition on discrimination
94.16 against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing,
94.17 advancement, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of
94.18 employment. The ADA coordinator must have demonstrated knowledge and experience in:

94.19 (1) the recruitment, selection, development, and retention of people with disabilities;

94.20 (2) workforce data analysis;

94.21 (3) disability employment laws and regulations; and

94.22 (4) strategy development for universal and inclusive workplaces.

94.23 (b) The ADA coordinator is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation,
94.24 monitoring, and evaluation of effective strategies to attract, engage, and advance people
94.25 with disabilities. This includes assisting employees with identifying, acquiring, and
94.26 maintaining effective accommodations and submitting reimbursement requests to the
94.27 statewide accommodation fund under section 16B.4805.

94.28 (c) The ADA coordinator is responsible for collecting data and preparing reports to
94.29 ensure transparency and accountability and must serve as a key liaison for disability
94.30 employment and training initiatives.

95.1 Sec. 24. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SERVICE WORKER STANDARDS.**

95.2 The commissioner of management and budget shall convene an advisory committee to
95.3 review and make recommendations regarding updates and clarifications to the service worker
95.4 class specifications under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.071. By January 15, 2024, the
95.5 commissioner shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state
95.6 government employees on recommendations for changes to Minnesota Statutes, section
95.7 43A.071.

95.8 **ARTICLE 6**

95.9 **MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE**

95.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.011, is amended by adding a subdivision
95.11 to read:

95.12 Subd. 15a. **Transfer.** A "transfer" means the authorization to move state money from
95.13 one fund, account, or agency to another fund, account, or agency within the state treasury.
95.14 When authorized by law, a transfer must reduce money in one fund, account, or agency and
95.15 increase the same amount to a separate fund, account, or agency.

95.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

95.17 Subdivision 1. **State revenue and expenditures.** In February and November each year,
95.18 the commissioner shall prepare a forecast of state revenue and expenditures. The November
95.19 forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor no later than ~~the end of the first~~
95.20 ~~week of~~ December 6. The February forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor
95.21 by the end of February. Forecasts must be delivered to the legislature and governor on the
95.22 same day. If requested by the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy,
95.23 delivery to the legislature must include a presentation to the commission.

95.24 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, as amended by Laws
95.25 2023, chapter 10, section 2, is amended to read:

95.26 Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application of
95.27 inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of investment
95.28 income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the forecast, the
95.29 commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the senate ~~State~~
95.30 ~~Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means
95.31 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three weeks
95.32 before the forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of the

96.1 forecast, the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the senate
96.2 ~~State Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means
96.3 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff of any changes in these variables from the previous
96.4 forecast.

96.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, is amended by adding a subdivision to
96.6 read:

96.7 Subd. 1i. **Budget close report.** By October 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
96.8 commissioner shall prepare a detailed fund balance analysis of the general fund for the
96.9 previous biennium. The analysis shall include a comparison to the most recent publicly
96.10 available fund balance analysis of the general fund. The commissioner shall provide this
96.11 analysis to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives Ways
96.12 and Means Committee and the senate Finance Committee, and shall post the analysis on
96.13 the agency's website.

96.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

96.15 Subd. 2. **Additional revenues; priority.** (a) If on the basis of a forecast of general fund
96.16 revenues and expenditures, the commissioner of management and budget determines that
96.17 there will be a positive unrestricted budgetary general fund balance at the close of the
96.18 biennium, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate money to the following
96.19 accounts and purposes in priority order:

96.20 (1) the cash flow account established in subdivision 1 until that account reaches
96.21 \$350,000,000;

96.22 (2) the budget reserve account established in subdivision 1a until that account reaches
96.23 ~~\$2,377,399,000~~ \$2,852,098,000;

96.24 (3) the amount necessary to increase the aid payment schedule for school district aids
96.25 and credits payments in section 127A.45 to not more than 90 percent rounded to the nearest
96.26 tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available and with any remaining funds
96.27 deposited in the budget reserve; and

96.28 (4) the amount necessary to restore all or a portion of the net aid reductions under section
96.29 127A.441 and to reduce the property tax revenue recognition shift under section 123B.75,
96.30 subdivision 5, by the same amount;

96.31 ~~(5) the amount necessary to increase the Minnesota 21st century fund by not more than~~
96.32 ~~the difference between \$5,000,000 and the sum of the amounts credited and canceled to it~~

97.1 ~~in the previous 12 months under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 11, until the sum~~
97.2 ~~of all transfers under this section and all amounts credited or canceled under Laws 2020,~~
97.3 ~~chapter 71, article 1, section 11, equals \$20,000,000; and~~

97.4 ~~(6) for a forecast in November only, the amount remaining after the transfer under clause~~
97.5 ~~(5) must be used to reduce the percentage of accelerated June liability sales tax payments~~
97.6 ~~required under section 289A.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), until the percentage equals~~
97.7 ~~zero, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. By March 15 following the November~~
97.8 ~~forecast, the commissioner must provide the commissioner of revenue with the percentage~~
97.9 ~~of accelerated June liability owed based on the reduction required by this clause. By April~~
97.10 ~~15 each year, the commissioner of revenue must certify the percentage of June liability~~
97.11 ~~owed by vendors based on the reduction required by this clause.~~

97.12 (b) The amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section are appropriated
97.13 from the general fund within two weeks after the forecast is released or, in the case of
97.14 transfers under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), as necessary to meet the appropriations
97.15 schedules otherwise established in statute.

97.16 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall certify the total dollar amount
97.17 of the reductions under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), to the commissioner of education.
97.18 The commissioner of education shall increase the aid payment percentage and reduce the
97.19 property tax shift percentage by these amounts and apply those reductions to the current
97.20 fiscal year and thereafter.

97.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.97, is amended to read:

97.22 **16A.97 TOBACCO BONDS.**

97.23 The commissioner may sell and issue debt under ~~either or both of sections 16A.98 and~~
97.24 section 16A.99, but the net proceeds of bonds issued and sold under ~~those sections together~~
97.25 that section must not exceed \$640,000,000 during fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

97.26 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

97.27 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.98, is repealed.

ARTICLE 7

ELECTIONS POLICY

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

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

(1) the law of this state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices in business, commerce, or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Nonprofit Corporation Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination and Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges ~~and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided;~~ and

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

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

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

(1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any year:

(i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

(ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating government relations or government affairs services between two third parties; or

(2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.

99.1 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

99.2 (1) a public official;

99.3 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education
99.4 systems;

99.5 (3) an elected local official;

99.6 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an
99.7 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends
99.8 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,
99.9 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than
99.10 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging
99.11 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring
99.12 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~
99.13 ~~unit~~ political subdivision, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination
99.14 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies
99.15 of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~ political subdivisions;

99.16 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,
99.17 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is
99.18 taking administrative action;

99.19 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public
99.20 funds;

99.21 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or
99.22 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or
99.23 indirectly urge official action;

99.24 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the
99.25 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

99.26 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature
99.27 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents
99.28 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

99.29 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration
99.30 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause
99.31 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

100.1 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary
100.2 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying
100.3 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate
100.4 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

100.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

100.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
100.7 read:

100.8 Subd. 26b. **Official action of political subdivisions.** "Official action of political
100.9 subdivisions" means any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local
100.10 officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or employed
100.11 local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on, as a member of the governing body,
100.12 major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment of public money.

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

100.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

100.15 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board
100.16 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the
100.17 reporting period.

100.18 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by
100.19 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific
100.20 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of
100.21 importance to the entity represented.

100.22 ~~(b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately~~
100.23 ~~listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,~~
100.24 ~~and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a~~
100.25 ~~breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified~~
100.26 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~
100.27 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~
100.28 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~
100.29 ~~expenses. every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~
100.30 to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of
100.31 interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes rule draft number assigned
100.32 to the administrative rulemaking.

101.1 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that
101.2 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must
101.3 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

101.4 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects
101.5 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to
101.6 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence
101.7 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying
101.8 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which
101.9 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting
101.10 period and report only those four subjects.

101.11 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate
101.12 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the
101.13 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the
101.14 reporting period.

101.15 ~~(e)~~ (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,
101.16 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any
101.17 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or
101.18 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to
101.19 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

101.20 ~~(d)~~ (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any
101.21 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,
101.22 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. The list must
101.23 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal
101.24 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

101.25 ~~(e)~~ (i) ~~On the each report due June 15, the~~ a lobbyist must provide a disclose the general
101.26 ~~description of the subjects~~ lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the previous 12
101.27 ~~months~~ reporting period.

101.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

101.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

101.30 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this
101.31 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

101.32 (b) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,
101.33 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000,~~ spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year

102.1 ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan~~
102.2 ~~governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

102.3 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;

102.4 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause

102.5 (3);

102.6 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and
102.7 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

102.8 (4) lobbying to influence official action of political subdivisions.

102.9 ~~(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph

102.10 (b), the principal must report under this subdivision a total amount that includes:

102.11 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal
102.12 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

102.13 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,
102.14 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,
102.15 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative
102.16 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to
102.17 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

102.18 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative
102.19 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence
102.20 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental
102.21 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

102.22 ~~(d) A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~
102.23 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~
102.24 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~
102.25 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~
102.26 ~~(b) and (c).~~

102.27 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed
102.28 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact
102.29 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid
102.30 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.
102.31 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address
102.32 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest
102.33 addressed by the advertisement.

103.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.2 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

103.3 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

103.4 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director
103.5 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously
103.6 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher
103.7 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they
103.8 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,
103.9 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political
103.10 subdivision.

103.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

103.13 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

103.14 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the
103.15 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a
103.16 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is
103.17 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

103.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

103.21 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or
103.22 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received
103.23 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

103.24 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official
103.25 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit.~~

103.26 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for
103.27 an accomplishment.

103.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

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;

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.

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;

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.

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.

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)~~ 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 ~~(e)~~ (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.

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 ~~(e) 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 ~~(e)~~, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

118.7 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.~~

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.

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
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.

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.

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.

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
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 ~~(c)~~ (e) 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.

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.

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
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.

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
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.

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;

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

128.19 Subd. 2. Intimidation. (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,
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.

128.27 Subd. 3. Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election. A person
128.28 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance
128.29 of a duty related to election administration.

128.30 Subd. 4. Dissemination of personal information about an election official. (a) A
128.31 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not

129.1 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election
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
129.9 photographs of that home.

129.10 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct
129.11 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,
129.12 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where
129.13 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

129.14 Subd. 6. **Tampering with voting equipment.** (a) A person may not access without
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.

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.

129.23 Subd. 7. **Tampering with ballot box.** A person may not willfully tamper with or open
129.24 a ballot box, including a ballot drop box, except for the purpose of conducting official duties
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.

130.1 Subd. 9. **Unauthorized access to statewide voter registration system.** A person may
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,
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:

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.

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.

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.

135.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, provided that the designated
135.2 appointing authorities may take actions necessary to name members to serve on the task
135.3 force beginning the day following final enactment.

135.4 Sec. 51. **REPEALER.**

135.5 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is repealed.

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

4A.01 STRATEGIC AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING.

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** The commissioner of administration is the state planning officer and is responsible for the coordination, development, assessment, and communication of information, performance measures, planning, and policy concerning the state's future. The commissioner may contract with another agency for the provision of administrative services.

Subd. 2. **Long-range plan.** By September 15, 2010, and every five years thereafter, the commissioner must develop an integrated long-range plan for the state based upon the plans and strategies of state agencies, public advice about the future, and other information developed under this chapter. The commissioner must coordinate activities among all levels of government and must stimulate public interest and participation in the future of the state.

The commissioner must act in coordination with the commissioner of management and budget, affected state agencies, and the legislature in the planning and financing of major public programs.

Subd. 3. **Report.** The commissioner must submit a report to the governor and chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction on state government finance by January 15 of each year that provides economic, social, and environmental demographic information to assist public and elected officials with long-term management decisions. The report must identify and assess the information important to understanding the state's two-, ten-, and 50-year outlook. The report must include the demographic forecast required by section 4A.02, paragraph (e), and information to assist with the preparation of the milestones report required by section 4A.11, and may include policy recommendations based upon the information and assessment provided.

4A.04 COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS.

(a) The director may apply for, receive, and expend money from municipal, county, regional, and other planning agencies; apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for planning purposes from the federal government and from other public or private sources; and may enter into contracts with agencies of the federal government, local governmental units, the University of Minnesota, and other educational institutions, and private persons as necessary to perform the director's duties. Contracts made pursuant to this section are not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C, as they relate to competitive bidding.

(b) The director may apply for, receive, and expend money made available from federal sources or other sources for the purposes of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the director relating to local and urban affairs.

(c) All money received by the director pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and is appropriated to the director for the purposes for which the money has been received. The money shall not cancel and is available until expended.

4A.06 FIREARMS REPORT REQUIRED.

The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center of the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning shall report to the legislature no later than January 31 of each year on the number of persons arrested, charged, convicted, and sentenced for violations of each state law affecting the use or possession of firearms. The report must include complete statistics, including the make, model, and serial number of each firearm involved, where that information is available, on each crime committed affecting the use or possession of firearms and a breakdown by county of the crimes committed.

4A.07 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Local unit of government" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city, town, or watershed district.

(b) "Sustainable development" means development that maintains or enhances economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment upon which people and economies depend. Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Subd. 2. **Planning guide.** The Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning must develop and publish a planning guide for local units of government to plan for sustainable development, based on the principles of sustainable development adopted by the Environmental Quality Board with advice of the Governor's Round Table on Sustainable Development. The office must make the planning guide available to local units of government within the state.

Subd. 3. **Model ordinance.** The Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, in consultation with appropriate and affected parties, must prepare a model ordinance to guide sustainable development.

Subd. 4. **Specificity and distribution.** The model ordinance must specify the technical and administrative procedures to guide sustainable development. When adopted by a local unit of government, the model ordinance is the minimum regulation to guide sustainable development that may be adopted. Upon completion, the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning must notify local units of government that the model ordinance is available, and must distribute it to interested local units.

Subd. 5. **Periodic review.** At least once every five years, the planning office must review the model ordinance and its use with local units of government to ensure its continued applicability and relevance.

4A.11 MILESTONES REPORT.

The commissioner must review the statewide system of economic, social, and environmental performance measures in use under section 16A.10, subdivision 1c, and known as Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must provide the economic, social, and environmental information necessary to assist public and elected officials with understanding and evaluating Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must report on the trends and their implications for Minnesota milestones each year and provide the commissioner of management and budget with recommendations for the use of Minnesota milestones in budget documents. The commissioner may contract for the development of information and measures.

16A.98 TOBACCO SECURITIZATION BONDS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(a) "Authority" means the Tobacco Securitization Authority created and established under subdivision 3.

(b) "Authorized officer" means any of the members of the authority identified and described in subdivision 3.

(c) "Bond" means any instrument evidencing the obligation to pay money authorized or issued by the authority as provided by this section, including without limitation, bonds, notes, or certificates.

(d) "Bondholder" means, in the case of a bond issued in registered form, the registered owner of the bond and otherwise, the owner of the bond.

(e) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of management and budget.

(f) "Consent judgment" means the consent judgment, as the same has been and may be corrected, amended, or modified, in the action styled as *The State of Minnesota, By Hubert Humphrey, III, Its Attorney General, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota v. Philip Morris Incorporated, et al.*, No. C1-94-8565 (Minnesota District Court, Second Judicial District, May 8, 1998).

(g) "General tobacco subaccount" means the account established by the authority within the tobacco settlement recovery account established under subdivision 12 for the net proceeds of bonds.

(h) "Settlement agreement" means the settlement agreement and stipulation for entry of consent judgment, dated May 8, 1998, between the State of Minnesota, By Hubert Humphrey, III, Its Attorney General, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, on the one hand, and Philip Morris Incorporated, et al., on the other hand, and the subject of the consent judgment.

(i) "Net proceeds of bonds" means the gross proceeds of the sale of bonds issued under subdivision 5, less any amounts applied or to be applied to pay transaction and administrative expenses, including underwriting discount, to pay capitalized interest and to fund any reserves deemed necessary or appropriate by the authority, but does not include any investment earnings realized thereon.

(j) "Participating manufacturer" means a tobacco product manufacturer that is or becomes a signatory to the settlement agreement.

(k) "Pledged tobacco revenues" means the state's tobacco settlement revenues sold to the authority under the sale agreement and pledged by the authority for the payment of bonds and any related bond facility.

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(l) "Related bond facility" means any interest rate exchange or similar agreement or any bond insurance policy, letter of credit or other credit enhancement facility, liquidity facility, guaranteed investment or reinvestment agreement, or other similar agreement, arrangement, or contract.

(m) "Residual amount in tobacco settlement revenues" means any tobacco settlement revenues determined as moneys received but not required for the identified period in which revenues are received, to pay principal or interest on bonds or administrative or transaction expenses of the authority, or to fund reserves or other requirements relating to bonds issued or related bond facilities made under this section.

(n) "Sale agreement" means any agreement authorized as provided in this section in which the state provides for the sale of all or a portion of the tobacco settlement revenues to the authority.

(o) "State" means the state of Minnesota.

(p) "Tobacco settlement bond proceeds fund" is established within the state treasury and consists of the net proceeds from any sale, conveyance, or transfer of the state's tobacco settlement revenues from the authority.

(q) "Tobacco settlement recovery account" is the account established by the authority outside of the state's treasury.

(r) "Tobacco settlement revenues subaccount" means the account established by the authority within the tobacco settlement recovery account established under subdivision 12 for receipt of tobacco settlement revenues and for payment of debt service of bonds authorized under this section.

(s) "Tobacco settlement residual subaccount" means the account established by the authority within the tobacco settlement recovery account established under subdivision 12 for receipt of the residual amount in the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount.

(t) "Tobacco settlement revenues" means all tobacco settlement payments received by the state on and after July 21, 2011, and required to be made under the terms of the settlement agreement by participating manufacturers, and the state's rights to receive the tobacco settlement payments on and after July 21, 2011, exclusive of any payments made with respect to liability to make those payments for calendar years completed before July 21, 2011.

Subd. 2. Ownership, transfer, and sale of state's right to tobacco settlement revenues. All tobacco settlement revenues received and to be received by the state are the property of the state, to be used as provided by law, including a sale, assignment, or transfer of the right to receive the tobacco settlement revenues under this subdivision. During fiscal years 2012 and 2013, the commissioner may sell, convey, or otherwise transfer to the authority, and may take any action necessary to facilitate and complete the sale, conveyance, or transfer to the authority, the tobacco settlement revenues in exchange for the net proceeds of bonds and a right to the residual amount in the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount. Unless otherwise directed by statute, the net proceeds of any such sale, conveyance, or transfer shall be deposited in the general tobacco subaccount. The authority's purchased interest in tobacco settlement revenues received by the state from time to time shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount, and the residual amount in tobacco settlement revenues received by the state from time to time shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement residual subaccount, in each case to be applied for the purposes and in the manner described in this section.

Any sale, conveyance, or other transfer authorized by this subdivision shall be evidenced by an instrument or agreement in writing signed on behalf of the state by the commissioner. A certified copy of the instrument or agreement shall be filed with the commissioner and the chairs of the senate Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee promptly upon execution and delivery thereof. The instrument or agreement shall require, as a condition of the sale, conveyance, or other transfer, that the authority notify the commissioner promptly upon the issuance, sale, and delivery thereof if any bonds are issued that are secured by any of the tobacco settlement revenues and provide the commissioner with all information on the distribution of the bond proceeds. The commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the senate Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee that includes all of the information provided to the commissioner by the authority under this subdivision. The instrument or agreement may include an irrevocable direction to pay all or a specified portion of the tobacco settlement revenues directly to or upon the order of the authority, or to any escrow agent or any trustee under an indenture or other agreement securing any bonds issued or related bond facilities made under this section. Upon execution and delivery of the sale agreement as provided in this section, the sale, conveyance, or other transfer of the right to receive the tobacco settlement revenues, shall, for all

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purposes, be a true sale and absolute conveyance of all right, title, and interest therein and not as a pledge or other security interest for any borrowing, valid, binding, and enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof and such instrument or agreements and any related instrument, agreement, or other arrangement, including any pledge, grant of security interest, or other encumbrance made by authority to secure any bonds issued by the authority, and shall not be subject to disavowal, disaffirmance, cancellation, or avoidance by reason of insolvency of any party, lack of consideration, or any other fact, occurrence, or rule of law. On and after the effective date of the sale of any portion, including all of the tobacco settlement revenues, the state shall have no right, title, or interest in or to the portion of the tobacco settlement revenues sold, and the portion of the tobacco settlement revenues sold shall be the property of the authority, and shall be received, held, and disbursed by the authority in a trust fund outside the state treasury. Any portions of the tobacco settlement revenues sold to the authority and held in trust may be invested in investments and deposit accounts or certificates, and with security, agreed upon with the bondholders or a trustee for the bondholders.

The procedures and requirements set forth in this subdivision shall be the sole procedures and requirements applicable to the sale of the tobacco settlement revenues.

Subd. 3. Establishment and powers of authority. (a) The authority is hereby established as a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of, but having a legal existence independent and separate from the state and, accordingly, the assets, liabilities, and funds of the authority shall be neither consolidated nor commingled with those of the state treasury, provided that the assets, liabilities, and funds of the authority shall be held by a duly designated agent or fiduciary of the authority. If the authority does not designate a fiduciary or an agent for the purposes of this subdivision, the assets and funds of the authority shall be held in the state treasury. The authority and its corporate existence shall continue until 12 months after all its liabilities have been met or otherwise discharged. Upon the termination of the existence of the authority, all of its rights and property shall pass to and be vested in the state. The authority shall be established for the express limited public purposes set forth in this section, and no part of the net earnings of the authority shall inure to any private individual.

(b) The authority shall be governed by a three-member board consisting of the commissioner, the commissioner of revenue, and the commissioner of health. The commissioner shall serve as the chair and chief executive officer of the authority, who shall sign instruments or agreements authorized by this section on behalf of the authority; provided that the authority may by resolution authorize a member other than the commissioner to sign authorized instruments or agreements. The authority may elect other officers as necessary from its members. The authority may also appoint a nonremunerated chief financial officer who may or may not be a member of the authority in order to provide financial analysis and advice regarding any transaction of the authority. The powers of the authority shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations contained within this section, and any applicable covenants or agreements of the authority in any indenture or other agreement relating to any then outstanding bonds or related bond facilities. The authority may enter into contracts regarding any matter connected with any corporate purpose within the objects and purposes of this section. The members of the authority shall receive no salary or other compensation, either direct or indirect, for serving as members of the authority, other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such person's duties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority shall not be authorized to make any covenant, pledge, promise, or agreement purporting to bind the state with respect to tobacco settlement revenues, except as otherwise specifically authorized by this section.

(c) A majority of the authority, excluding vacancies, constitutes a quorum to conduct its business, to exercise its powers, and for all other purposes.

(d) The authority may conduct its business as provided under section 13D.015, including teleconference calls or interactive video, that allows for an interaction between members. If a meeting is conducted under this paragraph, a specific location must be available for the public to attend the meeting and at least one member must be present at that location.

(e) The authority may not file a voluntary petition under or be or become a debtor or bankrupt under the federal bankruptcy code or any other federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, or moratorium law or statute as may, from time to time, be in effect, and neither any public officer nor any organization, entity, or other person shall authorize the authority to be or become a debtor or bankrupt under the federal bankruptcy code or any other federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, or moratorium law or statute, as may, from time to time be in effect.

(f) The authority may not guarantee the debts of another.

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(g) The commissioner shall provide administrative services to the authority.

(h) The authority may accept appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests, and devises, and use or dispose of them for its purposes. All gifts, grants, bequests, and revenues from those sources are appropriated to the authority.

(i) Proceeds of the authority's bonds, notes, and other obligations; amounts granted or appropriated to the authority for bond debt service reserves; income from investment; money in the funds; and all revenues from fees and charges of the authority including rentals, royalties, dividends, or other proceeds are annually appropriated to the authority for the accomplishment of its corporate purposes and must be spent, administered, and accounted for in accordance with the applicable provisions of all bond and note resolutions, indentures, and other instruments, contracts, and agreements of the authority. Notwithstanding section 16A.28, these appropriations are available until expended.

Subd. 4. Certain powers of the authority. The authority shall have the power to:

(1) sue and be sued;

(2) have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(3) make and alter bylaws for its organization and internal management;

(4) make and execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions under this subdivision, including without limitation the purchase from the state of all or a portion of the right to receive tobacco settlement revenues, and request the attorney general to commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon it by any law, contract, or other agreement;

(5) retain or contract for the services of underwriters, financial advisors, accountants or other consultants or agents;

(6) pay its operating expenses and its financing costs, including its reasonable costs of issuance and sale of bonds and those of the attorney general, if any;

(7) borrow money in its name, issue negotiable bonds as named by the authority, and provide for the rights of the holders thereof as otherwise provided in this section;

(8) procure insurance against any loss in connection with its activities, properties, and assets in such amount and from such insurers as it deems desirable;

(9) invest any funds or other moneys under its custody and control in investment securities or under any related bond facility;

(10) as security for the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds issued by it under this section and any agreement made in connection therewith and for its obligations under any related bond facility, pledge all or any part of the tobacco settlement revenues;

(11) establish and create debt service reserve funds and capitalized interest accounts and deposit therein proceeds of bonds in such amount or amounts as shall be provided by the resolutions or trust indentures for the bonds; and

(12) do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly given and granted in this section.

Subd. 5. Bonds of the authority. (a) The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized to issue bonds from time to time in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount no greater than \$900,000,000, excluding refunding bonds sold and issued under this section, to provide funds not to exceed \$640,000,000 and subject to the limitation in section 16A.97, for the purchase of all or a portion of the tobacco settlement revenues pursuant to subdivision 2, and also to provide sufficient funds for the establishment of a debt service reserve fund, and the payment or provision for capitalized interest and financing costs, including, without limitation, the cost of any related credit facility.

The issuance of bonds shall be authorized by a resolution of the authority, adopted by a majority of the members of the authority without further authorization or approval. The issue of the bonds of the authority shall be special limited revenue obligations payable from and secured by a pledge of the pledged tobacco revenues, those proceeds of bonds deposited in a debt service reserve fund for the benefit of bondholders, and earnings on funds of the authority, upon terms and conditions

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as specified by the authority in the resolution under which the bonds are issued or in a related trust indenture.

The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue bonds, whenever it deems refunding expedient, to refund any outstanding bonds by the issuance of new bonds, provided that the refunding bonds mature not more than 30 years after the date of issuance as may be determined by the authority. The refunding bonds may be exchanged for the bonds to be refunded or sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase, redemption, or payment of the bonds to be refunded.

(b) The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest, which may be includable in or excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes, at fixed or variable rates, payable at or prior to maturity, and shall mature at such time or times, not more than 30 years after the date of issuance, as may be determined by the authority, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the authority, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the authority. The principal and interest of the bonds may be made payable in any lawful medium. The resolution of the authority approving the issuance of the bonds shall determine the form of the bonds and the manner of execution of the bonds and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at any bank or trust company within or outside the state. If any officer whose signature or a facsimile thereof appears on any bonds shall cease to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds, the signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if the officer had remained in office until such delivery.

(c) The authority may sell such bonds at either public or private sale upon terms as the commissioner shall determine are not inconsistent with this section and the bonds may be sold at any price or percentage of par value. Any bid received may be rejected by the authority. The proceeds of the bonds shall be disbursed for the purposes for which the bonds were issued under the restrictions as the sale agreement and the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the related trust indenture may provide. The bonds shall be issued upon approval of the authority and without any other approvals, filings, proceedings, or the happening of any other conditions or things other than the approvals, findings, proceedings, conditions, and things that are specified and required by this section.

(d) Any pledge made by the authority shall be valid and binding at the time the pledge is made. The assets, property, revenues, reserves, or earnings so pledged shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of any pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the authority, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, neither the resolution nor any indenture or other instrument by which a pledge is created or by which the authority's interest in pledged assets, property, revenues, reserves, or earnings is assigned need be filed, perfected, or recorded in any public records in order to protect the pledge or perfect the lien as against third parties, except that a copy shall be filed in the records of the authority.

(e) Whether or not the bonds of the authority are of such form and character as to be negotiable instruments under the terms of the Uniform Commercial Code, the bonds are hereby made negotiable instruments for all purposes, subject only to the provisions of the bonds for registration.

(f) At the sole discretion of the authority, any bonds issued by the authority and any related bond facility made under the provisions of this section shall be secured by a resolution or trust indenture by and between the authority and the indenture trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company, whether located within or outside the state. The trust indenture or resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds shall, without limitation: (1) provide for the creation and maintenance of reserves as the authority shall determine to be proper; (2) include covenants setting forth the duties of the authority in relation to the bonds, the income of the authority, the related sale agreement, and the related tobacco settlement revenues; (3) contain provisions relating to the transfer of the residual interest upon receipt of the tobacco settlement revenues; (4) contain provisions respecting the custody, safeguarding, and application of all moneys and securities; (5) contain provisions for protecting and enforcing against the authority or the state the rights and remedies pursuant thereto and to the sale agreement of the owners of the bonds and any provider of a related bond facility as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law; and (6) contain other provisions as the authority may deem reasonable and proper for priorities and subordination among the owners of the bonds and providers of related bond facilities. Any reference in this section to a resolution of the authority shall include any trust indenture authorized thereby.

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(g) The net proceeds of any sale, conveyance, or transfer by the state of tobacco settlement revenues shall be deposited into the authority's general tobacco subaccount. The authority shall transfer all moneys in the general tobacco subaccount to the commissioner for deposit in the tobacco settlement bond proceeds fund. Any residual amount in tobacco settlement revenues shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement residual subaccount. The balance in the tobacco residual subaccount shall be transferred to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund, as provided in subdivision 12, paragraph (b).

(h) The authority may enter into, amend, or terminate, as it determines to be necessary or appropriate, any related bond facility (1) to facilitate the issuance, sale, resale, purchase, repurchase, or payment of bonds, interest rate savings or market diversification, or the making or performance of swap contracts, including without limitation bond insurance, letters of credit and liquidity facilities, or (2) to attempt to manage or hedge risk or achieve a desirable effective interest rate or cash flow. Such facility shall be made upon the terms and conditions established by the authority, including without limitation provisions as to security, default, termination, payment, remedy, jurisdiction, and consent to service of process.

(i) The authority may enter into, amend, or terminate, as it deems to be necessary or appropriate, any related bond facility to place the obligations or investments of the authority, as represented by the bonds or the investment of reserves securing the bonds or related bond facilities or other tobacco settlement revenues or its other assets, in whole or in part, on the interest rate, cash flow, or other basis approved by the authority, which facility may include without limitation contracts commonly known as interest rate swap agreements, forward purchase contracts, or guaranteed investment contracts and futures or contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or changes in, interest rates. These contracts or arrangements may be entered into by the authority in connection with, or incidental to, entering into, or maintaining any (1) agreement that secures bonds of the authority or (2) investment or contract providing for investment of reserves or similar facility guaranteeing an investment rate for a period of years not to exceed the underlying term of the bonds. The determination by the authority that a related bond facility or the amendment or termination thereof is necessary or appropriate as aforesaid shall be conclusive. Any related bond facility may contain such provisions as to security, default, termination, payment, remedy, jurisdiction, and consent to service of process, and other terms and conditions as determined by the authority, after giving due consideration to the creditworthiness of the counterparty or other obligated party, including any rating by any nationally recognized rating agency, and any other criteria as may be appropriate.

(j) Bonds or any related bond facility may contain a recital that they are issued or executed, respectively, pursuant to this section, which recital shall be conclusive evidence of their validity, respectively, and the regularity of the proceedings relating thereto.

(k) No member or officer of the authority or any person executing the bonds is liable personally on the bonds or is subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of their issuance, or is liable for any other debt or obligation of the authority.

(l) Information in any register of ownership of bonds or certificates is nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, or private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. The information is open only to the subject of it, except as disclosure:

(1) is necessary for the registrar, the commissioner, or the legislative auditor to perform a duty;

(2) is requested by an authorized representative of the commissioner of revenue, the attorney general, or the United States commissioner of internal revenue to determine the application of a tax; or

(3) is required under section 13.03, subdivision 4.

(m) The bonds of the authority are not subject to chapter 16C.

(n) The commissioner and any other member of the authority charged with the responsibility of issuing bonds for or on behalf of the authority, may enter into written agreements or contracts relating to the continuing disclosure of information necessary to comply with, or facilitate the issuance of bonds in accordance with, federal securities laws, rules, and regulations, including Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations, in Code of Federal Regulations, title 17, section 240.15c 2-12. An agreement may be in the form of covenants with purchasers and holders of bonds set forth in the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds, or a separate document authorized by the order or resolution.

Subd. 6. **State not liable on bonds or related bond facilities.** The state is not liable on bonds of the authority, and no bond or related bond facility shall constitute an indebtedness or an obligation

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of the state or any subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation or provision or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers, if any, of any of them but shall be payable solely from pledged tobacco revenues. No owner of any bond or provider of any related bond facility shall have the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power of the state to pay any principal installment of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the bonds or to make any payment due under any related bond facility. The bonds must contain on their face a statement to the effect of this subdivision.

Subd. 7. **Agreement with the state.** (a) The state pledges and agrees with the authority, and the owners of the bonds of the authority in which the authority has included such pledge and agreement, that the state shall: (1) irrevocably direct the transfer of all pledged tobacco revenues received by the state under and in accordance with the settlement agreement directly to the authority or its assignee; (2) diligently enforce its right to collect all moneys due from the participating manufacturers under the settlement agreement, in each case in the manner and to the extent deemed necessary in the judgment of and consistent with the discretion of the attorney general of the state, provided, however, that the sale agreement shall provide (i) that the remedies available to the authority and the bondholders for any breach of the pledges and agreements of the state set forth in this clause shall be limited to injunctive relief, and (ii) that the state shall be deemed to have diligently enforced this subdivision so long as there has been no judicial determination by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state, in an action commenced by a participating tobacco manufacturer, that the state has failed to diligently enforce this subdivision; (3) in any materially adverse way, neither amend the settlement agreement or take any other action that would (i) impair the authority's right to receive pledged tobacco revenues, or (ii) limit or alter the rights hereby vested in the authority to fulfill the terms of its agreements with the bondholders, or (iii) impair the rights and remedies of the bondholders or the security for such bonds until such bonds, together with the interest thereon and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceedings by or on behalf of the bondholders, are fully paid and discharged, provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the state's regulation of smoking, smoking cessation activities and laws, and taxation and regulation of the sale of cigarettes or the like or to restrict the right of the state to amend, modify, repeal, or otherwise alter statutes imposing or relating to the taxes; and (4) not amend, supersede, or repeal the settlement agreement or this section in any way that would materially adversely affect the amount of any payment to, or the rights to such payments of, the authority or the bondholders. This pledge and agreement may be included in the sale agreement and the authority may include this pledge and agreement in any contract with the bondholders of the authority.

(b) The provisions of this section, the bonds issued pursuant to this section, and the pledges and agreements by the state and the authority to the bondholders shall not be interpreted or construed to limit or impair the authority or discretion of the attorney general to administer and enforce provisions of the settlement agreement or to direct, control, and settle any litigation or arbitration proceeding arising from or relating to the settlement agreement.

Subd. 8. **Enforcement of contract.** The provisions of this section and of any resolution or proceeding authorizing the issuance of bonds or a related bond facility shall constitute a contract with the holders of the bonds or the related bond facility, and the provisions thereof shall be enforceable either by mandamus or other proceeding in any Minnesota court of competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County to enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this section and by any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds a related bond facility adopted in response hereto.

Subd. 9. **Bonds as legal investments.** Any of the following entities may legally invest any sinking funds, money, or other funds belonging to them or under their control in any bonds issued under this section: (1) the state, the investment board, public officers, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and public bodies; (2) banks and bankers, savings and loan associations, credit unions, trust companies, savings banks and institutions, investment companies, insurance companies, insurance associations, and other persons carrying on a banking or insurance business; and (3) personal representatives, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries.

Subd. 10. **Exemption from taxation.** It is hereby determined that the creation of the authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes are in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state and are public purposes. Accordingly, the property of the authority, its income, and its operations shall be exempt from taxation. The authority shall not be required to pay any fees, taxes, or assessments of any kind, whether state or local, including, but not limited to, fees, taxes, ad valorem taxes on real property, sales taxes or other taxes, upon or with respect to any property owned by it or under its jurisdiction, control, or supervision, or upon the uses thereof, or upon or with respect to its activities or operations in furtherance of the powers conferred upon it by this section.

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Subd. 11. **Report; audit.** The authority shall report to the legislature and the governor by the January 15 following the end of each fiscal year. The report must include a complete operating and financial statement covering the authority's operations during the fiscal year, including amounts of income from all sources. Books and records of the authority are subject to audit by the legislative auditor in the manner prescribed for state agencies.

Subd. 12. **Tobacco settlement recovery account.** (a) The authority shall establish the tobacco settlement recovery account, which shall consist of three subaccounts: (1) the general tobacco subaccount, (2) the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount, and (3) the tobacco settlement residual subaccount. The authority shall deposit all moneys paid pursuant to the settlement agreement, and any other moneys as provided by law into the several subaccounts of the tobacco settlement recovery account. Money shall be deposited into the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount and the tobacco settlement residual subaccount as provided by the terms of this section, including any agreement between the state and the authority implementing the same. All other moneys available to be deposited into the tobacco settlement recovery account shall be deposited into the general tobacco subaccount. An investment made from moneys credited to a specific subaccount constitutes part of that subaccount and such subaccount shall be credited with all income from the investment of such moneys. The commissioner may invest the moneys in the several subaccounts of the tobacco settlement recovery account in the same manner, in the same types of investments, and subject to the same limitations provided in section 11A.24. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent necessary to preserve the tax-exempt status of any bonds issued pursuant to this section, the interest on which is intended to be excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes, moneys on deposit in the tobacco settlement revenues subaccount and the tobacco settlement residual subaccount, may be invested in obligations the interest upon which is tax exempt under the provisions of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended, or any successor code or provision.

(b) Moneys on deposit in the tobacco settlement residual subaccount shall be transferred to the commissioner for deposit in the general fund.

(c) The amounts deposited into the tobacco settlement bond proceeds fund from the general tobacco subaccount and interest thereon are appropriated to the commissioner for payment of working capital, debt service on outstanding obligations of the general fund, the funding of debt service reserves for the bonds, each as permitted by state and federal law, nonsalary expenses incurred in conjunction with the sale of the bonds and to supplement the tobacco settlement residual subaccount to pay for appropriated obligations of the tobacco settlement recovery account for state fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The commissioner may transfer the amounts available to reduce debt service on outstanding obligations of the general fund to the state bond fund under section 16A.641.

Subd. 13. **Supplemental nature of section; construction and purpose.** The powers conferred by this section shall be in addition to and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law, general or special, and may be exercised notwithstanding the provisions of any other such law. Insofar as the provisions of this section are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, general or special, the provisions of this section shall be controlling.

Subd. 14. **Severability.** If any provision of this section is held invalid, such provision shall be deemed to be excised and the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this section. If the application of any provision of this section to any person or circumstance is held invalid, it shall not affect the application of such provision to such persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid.

16E.0466 STATE AGENCY TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.

Subd. 2. **Legislative report.** No later than October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the state chief information officer must submit a comprehensive project portfolio report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over state government finance on projects requiring consultation under subdivision 1. The report must itemize:

- (1) each project presented to the office for consultation in the time since the last report;
 - (2) the information technology cost associated with the project, including the information technology cost as a percentage of the project's complete budget;
 - (3) the status of the information technology components of the project's development;
 - (4) the date the information technology components of the project are expected to be completed;
- and

(5) the projected costs for ongoing support and maintenance of the information technology components after the project is complete.

124D.23 FAMILY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVES.

Subd. 9. **Receipt of funds.** The Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning may receive and administer public and private funds for the purposes of Laws 1993, chapter 224.

124D.957 MINNESOTA YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment and membership.** The Minnesota Youth Council Committee is established within and under the auspices of the Minnesota Alliance With Youth. The committee consists of four members from each congressional district in Minnesota and four members selected at-large. Members must be selected through an application and interview process conducted by the Minnesota Alliance With Youth. In making its appointments, the Minnesota Alliance With Youth should strive to ensure gender and ethnic diversity in the committee's membership. Members must be between the ages of 13 and 19 and serve two-year terms, except that one-half of the initial members must serve a one-year term. Members may serve a maximum of two terms.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The Minnesota Youth Council Committee shall:

(1) provide advice and recommendations to the legislature and the governor on issues affecting youth;

(2) serve as a liaison for youth around the state to the legislature and the governor; and

(3) submit an annual report of the council's activities and goals.

Subd. 3. **Partnerships.** The Minnesota Youth Council Committee shall partner with nonprofits, the private sector, and educational resources to fulfill its duties.

Subd. 4. **Youth Council Committee in the legislature.** (a) The Minnesota Youth Council Committee shall meet at least twice each year during the regular session of the legislature.

(b) The committee may:

(1) select introduced bills in the house of representatives and senate for consideration for a public hearing before the committee;

(2) propose youth legislation;

(3) provide advisory opinions to the legislature on bills heard before the committee; and

(4) prepare a youth omnibus bill.

(c) The leaders of the majority and minority parties of the house of representatives and senate shall each appoint one legislator to serve as a legislative liaison to the committee. Leadership of the house of representatives and senate, on rotating years, may appoint a staff member to staff the committee.

203B.081 LOCATIONS AND METHODS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON.

Subd. 2. **Town elections.** Voters casting absentee ballots in person for a town election held in March may do so during the 30 days before the election. The county auditor shall make such designations at least 14 weeks before the election. At least one voting booth in each polling place must be made available by the county auditor for this purpose. The county auditor must also make available at least one electronic ballot marker in each polling place that has implemented a voting system that is accessible for individuals with disabilities pursuant to section 206.57, subdivision 5.

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Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended by Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 2, section 78

Sec. 78. Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, is amended to read:

Sec. 25. PARKING RAMP; REQUIRED USER FINANCING.

The amount equivalent to debt service on the design and construction costs allocated to the parking garage to be located on the block bounded by Sherburne Avenue on the north, Park Street on the west, University Avenue on the south, and North Capitol Boulevard on the east must be transferred from parking fees collected and deposited into the state parking account to the general fund to offset any direct appropriations made to the senate for debt service payments for the legislative parking garage.