

Subdivision 1. The rates and premiums charged for insurance policies and fidelity and surety bonds to which this chapter applies ~~must~~ may include amounts sufficient to recoup a sum equal to the amounts paid to the association by the member insurer less any amounts returned to the member insurer by the association. The rates shall not be deemed excessive because they contain an amount reasonably calculated to recoup assessments paid by the member insurer.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 72A.501, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **APPLICATION.** (a) If the authorization is signed to collect information in connection with an application for a property and casualty insurance policy, a policy reinstatement, or a request for a change in benefits, the authorization must not remain valid for longer than one year from the date the authorization is signed or the date the insurer grants or denies coverage, reinstatement, or change in benefits, whichever is sooner.

(b) If the authorization is signed to collect information in connection with an application for a life, disability, and health insurance policy or contract, reinstatement, or request for change in benefits, the authorization may not remain valid for longer than 26 months from the date the authorization is signed.

(c) This section and section 72A.502, subdivisions 1 and 12, do not apply to the collection and use of a numeric product referred to as an insurance score or credit score that is used by a licensed insurance agent exclusively for the purpose of underwriting or rating an insurance policy, if the agent informs the policyholder or prospective policyholder requesting the insurance coverage that an insurance score or credit score will be obtained for the purpose of underwriting or rating the policy.

Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 60C.18, subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 8 and 11 are effective the day following final enactment and apply to unpaid covered claims pending on, and unpaid covered claims arising on or after, that date. Section 10 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 19, 2003

Became law without the governor's signature May 22, 2003

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**CHAPTER 75—H.F.No. 504**

*An act relating to elections; limiting certain ballot questions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 205.10, by adding a subdivision.*

**New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.**

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 205.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. LIMIT ON BALLOT QUESTIONS. The governing body of a city or town may not act to submit a ballot question at a general or special election and may not accept a petition for submission of a ballot question at a general or special election unless all election-related deadlines can be met, including publication deadlines for all required notices. A petition rejected under this subdivision may be resubmitted at a time when compliance with all election-related deadlines is possible. Nothing in this subdivision requires the scheduling of a special election for a ballot question.

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Signed by the governor May 22, 2003, 8:20 p.m.

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#### CHAPTER 76—H.F.No. 503

*An act relating to elections; clarifying certain duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 204D.04, subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 204D.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINTER; PRINTER'S BOND.** (a) The official charged with the preparation and distribution of the ballots shall prepare instructions to the printer for rotation of the names of candidates and for layout of the ballot.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the instructions shall be approved by the legal advisor of the official before delivery to the printer.

(c) The legal advisor of a town official is ~~only~~ not required to approve instructions regarding the rotation of the names of candidates on the ballot or the layout of the ballot.

(d) Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall furnish a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check, acceptable to the official responsible for printing the ballots, conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota Election Law and the instructions delivered. The official responsible for printing the ballots shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

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