

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1426**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/08/2023	742	Introduction and first reading Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans
04/11/2023	3570a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/18/2023	5373a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	5413	Second reading
04/19/2023	5421a	Referred to for comparison with HF1830 Rule 45-amend, subst. General Orders HF1830, SF indefinitely postponed

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; establishing a task force on ranked

1.16 choice voting and voter engagement; amending requirements related to soliciting

1.17 near the polling place; prohibiting election judge intimidation; authorizing

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

1.19 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 2, 4, 6, by adding a subdivision; 1.141,

1.20 subdivision 1; 3.07; 3.09; 3.98, subdivision 2; 4.045; 5.30, subdivision 2; 6.91,

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

1.22 10A.04, subdivisions 4, 6; 10A.05; 10A.06; 10A.071, subdivision 1; 10A.31,

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

1.24 16A.103, subdivisions 1, 1b, as amended, by adding a subdivision; 16A.126,

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

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

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

1.28 16E.016; 16E.03, subdivision 2; 16E.14, subdivision 4; 16E.21, subdivisions 1,

1.29 2; 43A.01, subdivision 2; 43A.02, by adding subdivisions; 43A.04, subdivisions

1.30 1a, 4, 7; 43A.08, subdivision 1; 43A.09; 43A.10, subdivisions 2a, 7; 43A.14;

1.31 43A.15, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 43A.18, subdivision 6; 43A.19,

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

1.33 43A.36, subdivision 1; 43A.421; 145.951; 155A.23, subdivisions 8, 18, by adding

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

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

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

1.37 203B.001; 203B.01, by adding a subdivision; 203B.03, subdivision 1; 203B.05,

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



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

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

3.8 \$200,000 each year is for the Office on the  
 3.9 Economic Status of Women.

3.10 \$141,000 the first year and \$91,000 the second  
 3.11 year are to support the Legislative Task Force  
 3.12 on Aging established in article 3, section 50.  
 3.13 This is a onetime appropriation.

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

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

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

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

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

3.31 **Sec. 3. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**  
 3.32 **GOVERNOR**

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

4.1 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of  
 4.2 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

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

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

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

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

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

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
4.24 <u>General</u>	<u>50,880,000</u>	<u>40,909,000</u>
4.25 <u>State Government</u>		
4.26 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>
4.27 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
4.28 <u>Remediation</u>	<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.

5.1	Sec. 7. <b><u>STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT</u></b>	\$	<u>139,000</u>	\$	<u>139,000</u>
5.2	Sec. 8. <b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</u></b>	\$	<u>12,278,000</u>	\$	<u>10,260,000</u>
5.3	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
5.4			<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>
5.5	<u>General</u>		<u>2,510,000</u>		<u>444,000</u>
5.6	<u>Workers'</u>				
5.7	<u>Compensation</u>		<u>9,768,000</u>		<u>9,816,000</u>
5.8	<u>\$263,000 each year is for municipal boundary</u>				
5.9	<u>adjustments.</u>				
5.10	Sec. 9. <b><u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u></b>				
5.11	<b><u>SERVICES</u></b>	\$	<u>73,515,000</u>	\$	<u>82,640,000</u>
5.12	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$11,303,000</u>				
5.13	<u>in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,322,000 in fiscal</u>				
5.14	<u>year 2027.</u>				
5.15	<b><u>(a) Cybersecurity Grant Program.</u></b>				
5.16	<u>\$2,204,000 the first year and \$3,521,000 the</u>				
5.17	<u>second year are for a state and local</u>				
5.18	<u>cybersecurity improvement grant program for</u>				
5.19	<u>political subdivisions and Minnesota Tribal</u>				
5.20	<u>governments, as established in Minnesota</u>				
5.21	<u>Statutes, section 16E.35. This is a onetime</u>				
5.22	<u>appropriation and is available until June 30,</u>				
5.23	<u>2027.</u>				
5.24	<b><u>(b) Statewide Cybersecurity Enhancements.</u></b>				
5.25	<u>\$10,280,000 the first year and \$16,875,000</u>				
5.26	<u>the second year are to procure, implement,</u>				
5.27	<u>and support advanced cybersecurity tools that</u>				
5.28	<u>combat persistent and evolving cybersecurity</u>				
5.29	<u>threats. This is a onetime appropriation and is</u>				
5.30	<u>available until June 30, 2027.</u>				
5.31	<b><u>(c) Executive Branch Cloud</u></b>				
5.32	<b><u>Transformation.</u></b> <u>\$10,685,000 the first year</u>				
5.33	<u>and \$22,910,000 the second year are to</u>				
5.34	<u>support planning, migration, modernization,</u>				

6.1 infrastructure, training, and services required  
6.2 for executive branch cloud transformation to  
6.3 modernize enterprise information technology  
6.4 delivery for state agency business partners.

6.5 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
6.6 available until June 30, 2027.

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

6.8 \$20,000,000 each year is to modernize  
6.9 targeted applications to improve user  
6.10 experiences with digital services provided by  
6.11 state agencies, enable service delivery  
6.12 transformation, and systematically address  
6.13 aging technology. This is a onetime  
6.14 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
6.15 2027.

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

6.17 \$2,000,000 each year is to provide technology  
6.18 capabilities that support centering Minnesota  
6.19 children and their families over agency  
6.20 structures and provides dedicated information  
6.21 technology resources to deliver innovative  
6.22 digital services to children and families. This  
6.23 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
6.24 until June 30, 2027.

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

6.26 **Decision Making with GIS Data. \$358,000**  
6.27 the first year and \$376,000 the second year  
6.28 are to enhance the state's ability to lead  
6.29 collaborative geographic data collection and  
6.30 to produce additional publicly available data.  
6.31 The base for this appropriation is \$395,000 in  
6.32 fiscal year 2026 and \$414,000 in fiscal year  
6.33 2027.

7.1 (g) Supporting Accessible Technology in  
7.2 State Government. \$300,000 each year is to  
7.3 support accessible government in Minnesota.

7.4 (h) Digital Media Services. \$1,000,000 in  
7.5 fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year  
7.6 2025 are for the creation, staffing, and  
7.7 operation of a digital media services office for  
7.8 the executive branch. The base for this  
7.9 appropriation is \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026  
7.10 and each fiscal year thereafter.

7.11 (i) Public Land Survey System. \$16,000,000  
7.12 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year  
7.13 are for the grant program authorized by  
7.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 381.125. Up to  
7.15 four percent of this appropriation may be used  
7.16 by the chief geospatial information officer for  
7.17 the administration of the grant program. This  
7.18 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
7.19 until June 30, 2027.

7.20 \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to counties  
7.21 to employ county technical staff to aid  
7.22 surveyors marking public land survey corners.  
7.23 This is a onetime appropriation.

7.24 (j) During the biennium ending June 30, 2025,  
7.25 the Office of MN.IT Services must not charge  
7.26 fees to a public noncommercial educational  
7.27 television broadcast station eligible for funding  
7.28 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for  
7.29 access to the state broadcast infrastructure. If  
7.30 the access fees not charged to public  
7.31 noncommercial educational television  
7.32 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000  
7.33 for the biennium, the office may charge for  
7.34 access fees in excess of these amounts.



- 9.1 Portal. The base in fiscal year 2026 is  
9.2 \$193,000 and \$205,000 in fiscal year 2027  
9.3 and each year thereafter.
- 9.4 **Disparity Study.** \$500,000 the first year and  
9.5 \$1,000,000 the second year are to conduct a  
9.6 study on disparities in state procurement. This  
9.7 is a onetime appropriation.
- 9.8 **Grants Administration Oversight.**  
9.9 \$2,411,000 the first year and \$1,782,000 the  
9.10 second year are for grants administration  
9.11 oversight. The base for this appropriation in  
9.12 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is  
9.13 \$1,581,000.
- 9.14 \$735,000 the first year and \$201,000 the  
9.15 second year are for a study to develop a road  
9.16 map on the need for an enterprise grants  
9.17 management system and to implement the  
9.18 study's recommendation. This is a onetime  
9.19 appropriation.
- 9.20 **Small Agency Resource Team.** \$940,000 the  
9.21 first year and \$856,000 the second year are  
9.22 for the Small Agency Resource Team.
- 9.23 Of these amounts, \$102,000 the first year is  
9.24 to complete the study required under article  
9.25 3, section 53. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 9.26 **State Historic Preservation Office.**  
9.27 \$1,274,000 the first year and \$1,352,000 the  
9.28 second year are for the State Historic  
9.29 Preservation Office. The base for this  
9.30 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and each year  
9.31 thereafter is \$1,012,000.
- 9.32 Of these amounts, \$485,000 the first year and  
9.33 \$500,000 the second year are for electronic  
9.34 project systems and critical database

10.1 integration and are available through June 30,  
10.2 2027. The base for this appropriation in fiscal  
10.3 year 2026 and each year thereafter is  
10.4 \$160,000.

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

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

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

10.21 **Capitol Campus Design Framework**  
10.22 **Implementation.** \$5,000,000 the first year is  
10.23 for facilities management to implement the  
10.24 updated Capitol Campus Design Framework  
10.25 Plan established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.26 15B.18.

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

10.31 **Procurement; Environmental Analysis and**  
10.32 **Task Force.** \$522,000 the first year and  
10.33 \$367,000 the second year are to implement

11.1 the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section  
 11.2 16B.312.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11.18 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 each year  
 11.19 is for matching grants for public television.

11.20 (b) \$250,000 each year is for public television  
 11.21 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 11.22 section 129D.13.

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

11.29 (d) The commissioner of administration must  
 11.30 consider the recommendations of the  
 11.31 Minnesota Public Television Association  
 11.32 before allocating the amounts appropriated in

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



14.1 onetime appropriation and is available until  
 14.2 June 30, 2027.

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

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

14.10 **Sec. 12. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**  
 14.11 **BUDGET**

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

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

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

14.18 This amount is available until June 30, 2027.

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

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

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

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



16.1	<u>The general fund base for this appropriation</u>		
16.2	<u>is \$196,968,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each</u>		
16.3	<u>fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
16.4	<b><u>Subd. 2. Tax System Management</u></b>	<u>161,715,000</u>	<u>168,851,000</u>
16.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
16.6	<u>General</u>	<u>157,455,000</u>	<u>164,591,000</u>
16.7	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>
16.8	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
16.9	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>
16.10	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>
16.11	<u>The general fund base for this appropriation</u>		
16.12	<u>is \$161,989,000 in fiscal year 2026 and</u>		
16.13	<u>\$162,063,000 in fiscal year 2027 and each</u>		
16.14	<u>fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
16.15	<b><u>Taxpayer Assistance. (a) \$750,000 each year</u></b>		
16.16	<u>is for the commissioner of revenue to make</u>		
16.17	<u>grants to one or more eligible organizations,</u>		
16.18	<u>qualifying under section 7526A(e)(2)(B) of</u>		
16.19	<u>the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to</u>		
16.20	<u>coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and aid in</u>		
16.21	<u>the provision of taxpayer assistance services.</u>		
16.22	<u>The unencumbered balance in the first year</u>		
16.23	<u>does not cancel but is available for the second</u>		
16.24	<u>year.</u>		
16.25	<b><u>(b) For purposes of this section, "taxpayer</u></b>		
16.26	<b><u>assistance services" means accounting and tax</u></b>		
16.27	<b><u>preparation services provided by volunteers</u></b>		
16.28	<b><u>to low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged</u></b>		
16.29	<b><u>Minnesota residents to help them file federal</u></b>		
16.30	<b><u>and state income tax returns and Minnesota</u></b>		
16.31	<b><u>property tax refund claims and to provide</u></b>		
16.32	<b><u>personal representation before the Department</u></b>		
16.33	<b><u>of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service.</u></b>		
16.34	<b><u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u></b>	<u>32,851,000</u>	<u>34,927,000</u>

17.1 The base for this appropriation is \$34,979,000  
 17.2 in fiscal year 2026 and \$34,905,000 in fiscal  
 17.3 year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

17.4 **Sec. 14. GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD**      \$      **6,365,000** \$      **6,334,000**

17.5 These appropriations are from the lawful  
 17.6 gambling regulation account in the special  
 17.7 revenue fund.

17.8 **Sec. 15. RACING COMMISSION**      \$      **1,933,000** \$      **954,000**

17.9                                      Appropriations by Fund

17.10 General                                      1,000,000                                      -0-

17.11 Special Revenue                                      933,000                                      954,000

17.12 The special revenue fund appropriations are  
 17.13 from the racing and card playing regulation  
 17.14 accounts in the special revenue fund.

17.15 **Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act**

17.16 **Compliance.** \$1,000,000 the first year is from  
 17.17 the general fund for costs related to the federal  
 17.18 Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. This  
 17.19 appropriation is onetime and is available until  
 17.20 June 30, 2024.

17.21 **Sec. 16. STATE LOTTERY**

17.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 17.23 349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's  
 17.24 operating budget must not exceed \$40,000,000  
 17.25 in fiscal year 2024 and \$40,000,000 in fiscal  
 17.26 year 2025.

17.27 **Sec. 17. AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION**      \$      **379,000** \$      **391,000**

17.28 **Sec. 18. COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF**  
 17.29 **AFRICAN HERITAGE**      \$      **795,000** \$      **816,000**

17.30 **Sec. 19. COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS**      \$      **664,000** \$      **680,000**

17.31 **Sec. 20. COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC**  
 17.32 **MINNESOTANS**      \$      **748,000** \$      **770,000**

18.1	<u>Sec. 21. COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA</u>		
18.2	<u>MINNESOTANS</u>	\$	<u>500,000</u> \$ <u>499,000</u>
18.3	<u>Sec. 22. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>517,000</u> \$ <u>515,000</u>
18.4	<u>Sec. 23. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>1,337,000</u> \$ <u>1,360,000</u>
18.5	<u>Sec. 24. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u>		
18.6	<u>SOCIETY</u>		
18.7	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>44,923,000</u> \$ <u>26,932,000</u>
18.8	<u>The base for this appropriation in fiscal year</u>		
18.9	<u>2026 and each year thereafter is \$26,457,000.</u>		
18.10	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
18.11	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
18.12	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
18.13	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Programs</u>		<u>44,502,000</u> <u>26,511,000</u>
18.14	<u>The base for this appropriation in fiscal year</u>		
18.15	<u>2026 and each year thereafter is \$26,136,000.</u>		
18.16	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
18.17	<u>138.668, the Minnesota Historical Society may</u>		
18.18	<u>not charge a fee for its general tours at the</u>		
18.19	<u>Capitol, but may charge fees for special</u>		
18.20	<u>programs other than general tours.</u>		
18.21	<u>(a) \$375,000 each year is to support statewide</u>		
18.22	<u>historic sites and museums and enhance</u>		
18.23	<u>in-person school programs.</u>		
18.24	<u>(b) \$18,957,000 the first year is for capital</u>		
18.25	<u>improvements and betterments at state historic</u>		
18.26	<u>sites, buildings, landscaping at historic</u>		
18.27	<u>buildings, exhibits, markers, and monuments,</u>		
18.28	<u>to be spent in accordance with Minnesota</u>		
18.29	<u>Statutes, section 16B.307. The society shall</u>		
18.30	<u>determine project priorities as appropriate</u>		
18.31	<u>based on need. This amount is available until</u>		
18.32	<u>June 30, 2027.</u>		

19.1 (c) \$35,000 the first year is to support the work  
 19.2 of the State Emblems Redesign Commission  
 19.3 established under article 3, section 48.

19.4 **Subd. 3. Fiscal Agent** 421,000 421,000

19.5 (a) Global Minnesota 39,000 39,000

19.6 (b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum 17,000 17,000

19.7 (c) Hockey Hall of Fame 100,000 100,000

19.8 (d) Farmamerica 215,000 215,000

19.9 The base for this appropriation is \$115,000 in  
 19.10 fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

19.11 (e) Minnesota Military Museum 50,000 50,000

19.12 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this  
 19.13 subdivision the first year does not cancel but  
 19.14 is available for the second year of the  
 19.15 biennium.

19.16 **Sec. 25. BOARD OF THE ARTS**

19.17 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 7,774,000 \$ 7,787,000

19.18 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 19.19 purpose are specified in the following  
 19.20 subdivisions.

19.21 **Subd. 2. Operations and Services** 835,000 848,000

19.22 **Subd. 3. Grants Program** 4,800,000 4,800,000

19.23 **Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils** 2,139,000 2,139,000

19.24 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this  
 19.25 section the first year does not cancel, but is  
 19.26 available for the second year.

19.27 Money appropriated in this section and  
 19.28 distributed as grants may only be spent on  
 19.29 projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of  
 19.30 a grant funded by an appropriation in this  
 19.31 section must not use more than ten percent of

20.1 the total grant for costs related to travel outside  
 20.2 the state of Minnesota.

20.3 **Sec. 26. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES**  
 20.4 **CENTER**

**\$ 1,145,000 \$ 1,145,000**

20.5 \$675,000 each year is for grants under  
 20.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912. This  
 20.7 amount is available until June 30, 2027. The  
 20.8 base for this appropriation is \$325,000 in fiscal  
 20.9 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter. No  
 20.10 more than four percent of the appropriation  
 20.11 may be used for the nonprofit administration  
 20.12 of the program.

20.13 **Sec. 27. BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**\$ 844,000 \$ 859,000**

20.14 **Sec. 28. BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE**  
 20.15 **ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,**  
 20.16 **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,**  
 20.17 **GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

**\$ 893,000 \$ 913,000**

20.18 **Sec. 29. BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST**  
 20.19 **EXAMINERS**

**\$ 3,470,000 \$ 3,599,000**

20.20 **Sec. 30. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS**

**\$ 442,000 \$ 452,000**

20.21 **Sec. 31. GENERAL CONTINGENT**  
 20.22 **ACCOUNTS**

**\$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000**

20.23 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
20.24 <u>General</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
20.25 <u>State Government</u>		
20.26 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
20.27 <u>Workers'</u>		
20.28 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

20.30 (a) The general fund base for this  
 20.31 appropriation is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026  
 20.32 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year  
 20.33 thereafter.

20.34 (b) The appropriations in this section may only  
 20.35 be spent with the approval of the governor  
 20.36 after consultation with the Legislative



22.1 the judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent  
 22.2 funding as determined by an actuarial  
 22.3 valuation prepared according to Minnesota  
 22.4 Statutes, section 356.214.

22.5 **Sec. 34. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT**  
 22.6 **ASSOCIATION**

**\$ 25,000,000 \$ 25,000,000**

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

22.11 (b) State payments from the general fund to  
 22.12 the Public Employees Retirement Association  
 22.13 on behalf of the former MERF division  
 22.14 account are \$16,000,000 on September 15,  
 22.15 2024, and \$16,000,000 on September 15,  
 22.16 2025. These amounts are estimated to be  
 22.17 needed under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 22.18 353.505.

22.19 **Sec. 35. TEACHERS RETIREMENT**  
 22.20 **ASSOCIATION**

**\$ 29,831,000 \$ 29,831,000**

22.21 The amounts estimated to be needed are as  
 22.22 follows:

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

22.26 **Special Direct State Matching Aid.**  
 22.27 \$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state  
 22.28 matching aid authorized under Minnesota  
 22.29 Statutes, section 354.435.

22.30 **Sec. 36. ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT**  
 22.31 **FUND**

**\$ 14,827,000 \$ 14,827,000**

22.32 The amounts estimated to be needed for  
 22.33 special direct state aid to the first class city  
 22.34 teachers retirement fund association authorized

23.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,  
 23.2 subdivisions 3a and 3c.

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

23.4 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** ~~(a)~~ The amount necessary to fund obligations under subdivision  
 23.5 2 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue.

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

23.9 Sec. 38. **APPROPRIATION; BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES.**

23.10 \$50,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner  
 23.11 of the Bureau of Mediation Services to conduct unit determinations.

23.12 Sec. 39. **CANCELLATION; COVID-19 MANAGEMENT.**

23.13 \$58,334,000 of the general fund appropriation in Minnesota Laws 2022, chapter 50,  
 23.14 article 3, section 1, is canceled to the general fund.

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

23.16 Sec. 40. **APPROPRIATION REDUCTION FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.**

23.17 (a) The commissioner of management and budget must reduce general fund appropriation  
 23.18 to executive agencies for agency operations for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, by  
 23.19 \$8,672,000 due to savings from reduced transfers to the Governor's Office account in the  
 23.20 special revenue fund.

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

23.27 **ARTICLE 2**

23.28 **ELECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

23.29 Section 1. **STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

24.1 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
 24.2 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
 24.3 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.  
 24.4 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
 24.5 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.  
 24.6 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"  
 24.7 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Available for the Year**

**Ending June 30**

**2024**

**2025**

24.12 **Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE** **\$ 244,000 \$ 245,000**

24.13 These amounts are for the Legislative  
 24.14 Coordinating Commission to support the  
 24.15 Ranked Choice Voting and Voter Engagement  
 24.16 Advisory Task Force established under article  
 24.17 7, section 50. This is a onetime appropriation.

24.18 **Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF STATE** **\$ 1,698,000 \$ 549,000**

24.19 The base for this appropriation is \$538,000 in  
 24.20 fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.  
 24.21 \$800,000 the first year is for the secretary of  
 24.22 state to make grants to counties and  
 24.23 municipalities to improve access to polling  
 24.24 places for individuals with disabilities and to  
 24.25 provide the same opportunity for access and  
 24.26 participation in the electoral process, including  
 24.27 privacy and independence, to voters with  
 24.28 disabilities as that which exists for voters with  
 24.29 no disabilities. Funds may be used to purchase  
 24.30 equipment or to make capital improvements  
 24.31 to publicly owned facilities. This is a onetime  
 24.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 24.33 2027.

25.1 \$200,000 the first year is to develop and  
 25.2 implement an educational campaign relating  
 25.3 to the restoration of the right to vote to  
 25.4 formerly incarcerated individuals, including  
 25.5 voter education materials and outreach to  
 25.6 affected individuals.

25.7 **Sec. 4. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC**  
 25.8 **DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**\$**      **1,743,000** **\$**      **1,731,000**

25.9 **Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS**

**\$**      **165,000** **\$**      **33,000**

25.10 For changes to the report required under  
 25.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 201.145,  
 25.12 subdivision 3.

25.13 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; HELP AMERICA VOTE**  
 25.14 **ACT STATE MATCHING FUNDS.**

25.15 \$461,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the Help America  
 25.16 Vote Act (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, and is credited  
 25.17 to the state match requirement of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, Public Law  
 25.18 117-103, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328. This is a  
 25.19 onetime transfer.

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

25.21 **Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE; COURT ORDERED**  
 25.22 **ATTORNEY FEES.**

25.23 \$495,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of  
 25.24 state for the payment of attorney fees and costs awarded by court order in the legislative  
 25.25 and congressional redistricting cases Peter Wattson, et al.; Paul Anderson, et al.; and Frank  
 25.26 Sachs, et al. v. Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, Nos. A21-0243 and A21-0546,  
 25.27 and interest thereon. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

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

26.2 \$3,899,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the general fund to the general account  
 26.3 of the state elections campaign account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.31.  
 26.4 This is a onetime transfer.

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

26.6 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** ~~Notwithstanding section 4.07,~~ Money in the Help America  
 26.7 Vote Act account ~~may be spent only pursuant to direct appropriations enacted from time to~~  
 26.8 ~~time by law. Money in the account must be spent~~ is appropriated to the secretary of state  
 26.9 to improve the administration of elections in accordance with the Help America Vote Act,  
 26.10 the state plan certified by the governor under the act, and for reporting and administrative  
 26.11 requirements under the act and plan. To the extent required by federal law, money in the  
 26.12 account must be used in a manner that is consistent with the maintenance of effort  
 26.13 requirements of section 254(a)(7) of the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252,  
 26.14 based on the level of state expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

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

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

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

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

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

26.27 **ARTICLE 3**

26.28 **MISCELLANEOUS POLICY**

26.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

26.30 Subd. 2. **Official seal.** The seal described in subdivision ~~3~~ 3a is the "Great Seal of the  
 26.31 State of Minnesota." When the seal, the impression of the seal, the scene within the seal,

27.1 or its likeness is reproduced at state expense, it must conform to subdivision 3 and section  
 27.2 4.04. A seal, impression, scene, or likeness which does not conform to these provisions is  
 27.3 not official.

27.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

27.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 27.6 read:

27.7 Subd. 3a. **Official seal; May 11, 2024, and thereafter.** The Great Seal of the State of  
 27.8 Minnesota is the design as certified in the report of the State Emblems Redesign Commission,  
 27.9 as established by a law enacted in 2023.

27.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

27.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

27.12 Subd. 4. **Additional effects; size.** Every effort shall be made to reproduce the seal with  
 27.13 justification to the 12 o'clock position ~~and with attention to the authenticity of the illustrations~~  
 27.14 ~~used to create the scene within the seal. The description of the scene in this section does~~  
 27.15 ~~not preclude the graphic inclusion of the effects of movement, sunlight, or falling water~~  
 27.16 ~~when the seal is reproduced. Nor does~~ This section does not prohibit the enlargement,  
 27.17 proportioned reduction, or embossment of the seal for its use in unofficial acts.

27.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

27.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.135, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

27.20 Subd. 6. **State's duties.** State agencies and departments using the seal, its impression,  
 27.21 ~~the scene within the seal~~ or its likeness shall make every effort to bring any seal, impression,  
 27.22 ~~scene,~~ or likeness currently fixed to a permanent object into accordance with this section  
 27.23 and section 4.04. Expendable material to which the seal in effect prior to May 11, 2024, or  
 27.24 any impression, scene, or likeness of that seal is currently affixed may be used until the  
 27.25 supply is exhausted or until January 1, 2025, whichever occurs first. All unused dies and  
 27.26 engravings of the Great Seal shall be given to the Minnesota Historical Society, along with  
 27.27 all historical information available about the seal, to be retained in the society's permanent  
 27.28 collection.

27.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

28.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 1.141, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.2 Subdivision 1. **Adoption.** The design of the state flag ~~proposed by the Legislative Interim~~  
28.3 ~~Commission acting under Laws 1955, chapter 632,~~ as certified in the report of the State  
28.4 Emblems Redesign Commission, as established in section 48, is adopted as the official state  
28.5 flag.

28.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, 2024.

28.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.07, is amended to read:

28.8 **3.07 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES.**

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

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

28.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.09, is amended to read:

28.17 **3.09 COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.**

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

28.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

28.23 (1) cite the effect in dollar amounts;

28.24 (2) cite the statutory provisions affected;

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

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

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

28.28 (6) specify any long-range implication.

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

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

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

29.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.045, is amended to read:

29.7 **4.045 CHILDREN'S CABINET.**

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

29.14 Sec. 10. **[15.0146] MINNESOTA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

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

29.25 (c) Four legislators are voting members of the council. The speaker of the house and the  
 29.26 house minority leader must each appoint one member to the council. The majority leader  
 29.27 of the senate must appoint one member of the majority caucus and the minority leader of  
 29.28 the senate must appoint one member of the minority caucus to the council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31.31 (3) advise the governor and the legislature of administrative and legislative changes  
31.32 needed to improve the economic and social condition of the youth community. This may

32.1 include but is not limited to working with legislators to develop legislation to address these  
 32.2 issues and to work for passage of the legislation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32.25 **Subd. 7. Reports.** The council must report on the measurable outcomes achieved in the  
 32.26 council's current strategic plan to meet its statutory duties, along with the specific objectives  
 32.27 and outcome measures proposed for the following year. The council must submit the report  
 32.28 by January 15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 32.29 committees with primary jurisdiction over state government operations and other committees  
 32.30 as the council determines appropriate. Each report must cover the calendar year of the year  
 32.31 before the report is submitted. The specific objectives and outcome measures for the  
 32.32 following current year must focus on three or four achievable objectives, action steps, and  
 32.33 measurable outcomes for which the council must be held accountable. The strategic plan

33.1 may include other items that support the statutory purposes of the council but must not  
 33.2 distract from the primary statutory proposals presented. The biennial budget of the council  
 33.3 must be submitted to the commissioner of administration by February 1 in each  
 33.4 odd-numbered year.

33.5 Sec. 11. [15.0147] COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA MINNESOTANS.

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

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

33.11 (c) Four legislators shall be appointed to the council. The speaker of the house and the  
 33.12 minority leader of the house of representatives shall each appoint one member of the house  
 33.13 of representatives to the council. The senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee  
 33.14 on Rules and Administration shall appoint one member of the senate majority caucus and  
 33.15 one member of the senate minority caucus.

33.16 Subd. 2. Appointments; terms; removal. (a) In making appointments to the council,  
 33.17 the governor shall consider an appointee's proven dedication and commitment to Minnesota's  
 33.18 LGBTQIA community and any expertise possessed by the appointee that might be beneficial  
 33.19 to the council, such as experience in public policy, legal affairs, social work, business, or  
 33.20 management. The executive director and legislative members may offer advice to the  
 33.21 governor on applicants seeking appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35.1 (d) Once appointed, the council is responsible for supervising the work of the executive  
35.2 director. The council chair must report to the chair of the Legislative Coordinating  
35.3 Commission regarding the performance of the executive director, including recommendations  
35.4 regarding any disciplinary actions. The executive director must appoint and supervise the  
35.5 work of other staff necessary to carry out the duties of the council. The executive director  
35.6 must consult with the council chair prior to taking the following disciplinary actions with  
35.7 council staff: written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or discharge. The executive director  
35.8 and other council staff are executive branch employees.

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

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

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

35.19 (c) The council shall advise the governor and the legislature of administrative and  
35.20 legislative changes needed to improve the economic and social condition of Minnesota's  
35.21 LGBTQIA community. This may include but is not limited to working with legislators to  
35.22 develop legislation to address issues and to work for passage of legislation. This may also  
35.23 include making recommendations regarding the state's affirmative action program and the  
35.24 state's targeted group small business program or working with state agencies and  
35.25 organizations to develop business opportunities and promote economic development for  
35.26 the LGBTQIA community.

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

35.31 (e) The council shall serve as a liaison between state government and organizations that  
35.32 serve Minnesota's LGBTQIA community. This may include but is not limited to working  
35.33 with these organizations to carry out the duties in paragraphs (a) to (d) and working with

36.1 these organizations to develop informational programs or publications to involve and  
 36.2 empower the community in seeking improvement in their economic and social conditions.

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

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

36.9 Subd. 6. Duties of council members. A council member shall:

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

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

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

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

36.17 Subd. 7. Reports. The council must report on the measurable outcomes achieved in the  
 36.18 council's current strategic plan to meet its statutory duties, along with the specific objectives  
 36.19 and outcome measures proposed for the following year. The council must submit the report  
 36.20 by January 15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 36.21 committees with primary jurisdiction over state government operations. Each report must  
 36.22 cover the calendar year of the year before the report is submitted. The specific objectives  
 36.23 and outcome measures for the following current year must focus on three or four achievable  
 36.24 objectives, action steps, and measurable outcomes for which the council will be held  
 36.25 accountable. The strategic plan may include other items that support the statutory purposes  
 36.26 of the council but should not distract from the primary statutory proposals presented. The  
 36.27 biennial budget of the council must be submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
 36.28 by February 1 in each odd-numbered year.

36.29 Sec. 12. [15B.18] CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN FRAMEWORK.

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

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

37.1 (i) the southwest corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of  
 37.2 20,700 square feet;

37.3 (ii) the northeast corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of  
 37.4 32,000 square feet; and

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

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

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

37.14 (b) The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must contract with one or more  
 37.15 professional design consultants with expertise on horticulture, landscape architecture, civic  
 37.16 space design, infrastructure assessment, and operations and maintenance planning to develop  
 37.17 the framework updates. The board must additionally consult with the commissioners of  
 37.18 administration and public safety and the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house  
 37.19 or their designees before any proposed framework update is approved. The board must  
 37.20 approve the updated design framework no later than December 31, 2023.

37.21 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.055, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 37.22 to read:

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

37.27 Sec. 14. [16A.091] PLANNING, STRATEGY, AND PERFORMANCE  
 37.28 MANAGEMENT.

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

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

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

38.6 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.126, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

38.7 Subdivision 1. **Set rates.** The commissioner shall approve the rates an agency must pay  
 38.8 to a revolving fund for services. Funds subject to this subdivision include, but are not limited  
 38.9 to, the revolving funds established in sections 14.46; 14.53; 16B.2975, subdivision 4; 16B.48;  
 38.10 16B.54; 16B.58; 16B.85; 16E.14; 43A.55; and 176.591; ~~and the fund established in section~~  
 38.11 ~~43A.30; and the account established in section 16A.1286.~~

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

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

38.14 Subd. 2. **Billing procedures.** The commissioner may bill up to \$10,000,000 in each  
 38.15 fiscal year for statewide systems services provided to state agencies, ~~judicial branch agencies,~~  
 38.16 ~~the University of Minnesota~~ in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches, the Minnesota  
 38.17 State Colleges and Universities, and other entities. Each agency shall transfer from agency  
 38.18 operating appropriations to the statewide systems account the amount billed by the  
 38.19 commissioner. ~~Billing policies and procedures related to statewide systems services must~~  
 38.20 ~~be developed by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioners of management~~  
 38.21 ~~and budget and administration, the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota State Colleges~~  
 38.22 ~~and Universities.~~ The commissioner shall develop billing policies and procedures.

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

38.24 Sec. 17. **[16B.312] CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS; ENVIRONMENTAL**  
 38.25 **ANALYSIS.**

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

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

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

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

39.3 (d) "Eligible material" means:

39.4 (1) carbon steel rebar;

39.5 (2) structural steel;

39.6 (3) concrete; or

39.7 (4) asphalt paving mixtures.

39.8 (e) "Eligible project" means:

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

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

39.13 or

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

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

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

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

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

39.23 (g) "Global warming potential" has the meaning given in section 216H.10, subdivision  
39.24 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40.16 Subd. 2. **Standard; maximum global warming potential.** (a) The commissioner must,  
40.17 based upon a recommendation from the Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force  
40.18 in subdivision 5, establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for  
40.19 each eligible material used in an eligible project, in accordance with the following schedule:

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

40.21 (2) for carbon steel rebar and structural steel and, after conferring with the commissioner  
40.22 of transportation, for asphalt paving mixtures and concrete pavement, no later than January  
40.23 15, 2028.

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

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

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

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

41.9 Subd. 3. **Procurement process.** The commissioners of administration and transportation  
 41.10 must, based upon the recommendations of the Environmental Procurement Task Force,  
 41.11 establish processes for incorporating the maximum allowable global warming potential of  
 41.12 eligible materials into their bidding processes by the effective dates established in subdivision  
 41.13 2.

41.14 Subd. 4. **Pilot program.** (a) No later than July 1, 2024, the commissioner of  
 41.15 administration must establish a pilot program that seeks to obtain from vendors an estimate  
 41.16 of the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of products selected by the department from  
 41.17 among those procured. The pilot program must encourage, but may not require, a vendor  
 41.18 to submit the following data for each selected product that represents at least 90 percent of  
 41.19 the total cost of the materials or components composing the selected product:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41.31 Subd. 5. **Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force.** (a) No later than October  
 41.32 1, 2023, the commissioners of administration and transportation must establish an  
 41.33 Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force to examine issues surrounding the

42.1 implementation of a program requiring vendors of certain construction materials purchased  
42.2 by the state to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 43.1 (2) what incentive structures can be included in bidding processes to encourage the use  
43.2 of materials below the maximum global warming potential;
- 43.3 (3) how a successful bidder for a contract will notify the commissioner of the specific  
43.4 environmental product declaration for a material used on a project;
- 43.5 (4) a process for waiving the requirements to procure materials below the maximum  
43.6 global warming potential in case of product supply problems, geographic impracticability,  
43.7 or financial hardship;
- 43.8 (5) a system for awarding grants to manufacturers of eligible materials located in  
43.9 Minnesota to offset the cost of obtaining environmental product declarations or otherwise  
43.10 collect environmental product declaration data from manufacturers based in Minnesota;
- 43.11 (6) whether to use an industry average or a different method to set the maximum allowable  
43.12 global warming potential, or whether that average could be used for some materials but not  
43.13 others; and
- 43.14 (7) any other items it deems appropriate for the implementation of this section.
- 43.15 (d) Members of the task force must include, but may not be limited to, representatives  
43.16 of:
- 43.17 (1) the Departments of Administration and Transportation;
- 43.18 (2) the Center for Sustainable Building Research at the University of Minnesota;
- 43.19 (3) the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota;
- 43.20 (4) the Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota;
- 43.21 (5) the Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association;
- 43.22 (6) the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape  
43.23 Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design;
- 43.24 (7) a representative of the Minnesota steel industry;
- 43.25 (8) building and transportation construction firms;
- 43.26 (9) suppliers of eligible materials;
- 43.27 (10) organized labor in the construction trades;
- 43.28 (11) organized labor in the manufacturing or industrial sectors;
- 43.29 (12) environmental advocacy organizations; and
- 43.30 (13) environmental justice organizations.

44.1 (e) The Department of Administration must provide meeting space and serve as staff to  
 44.2 the task force.

44.3 (f) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, must serve as chair of the task  
 44.4 force. The task force must meet at least four times annually, and must convene additional  
 44.5 meetings at the call of the chair.

44.6 (g) The commissioner must summarize the findings and recommendations of the task  
 44.7 force in a report submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and  
 44.8 house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction for state government,  
 44.9 transportation, and energy no later than December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until the  
 44.10 task force expires.

44.11 (h) The task force is subject to section 15.059, subdivision 6.

44.12 (i) The task force must sunset on January 1, 2029.

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

44.14 Sec. 18. **[16B.372] ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNMENT**  
 44.15 **OPERATIONS; OFFICE CREATED.**

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

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

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

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

44.28 Subd. 2. **State agency responsibilities.** Each cabinet-level agency is required to  
 44.29 participate in the sustainability effort by developing a sustainability plan and by making  
 44.30 measurable progress toward improving associated sustainability outcomes. State agencies  
 44.31 and boards that are not members of the cabinet shall take steps toward improving

45.1 sustainability outcomes. However, they are not required to participate at the level of  
 45.2 cabinet-level agencies.

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

45.5 Sec. 19. [16B.373] OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TRANSLATIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

45.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.4805, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

45.26 (3) reasonable accommodations that involve onetime expenses that total more than  
 45.27 ~~\$1,000~~ \$500 for an employee in a fiscal year.

45.28 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.29 Subd. 2. **Grants governance.** The commissioner shall provide leadership and direction  
 45.30 for policy related to grants management in Minnesota in order to foster more consistent,

46.1 streamlined interaction between executive agencies, funders, and grantees that will enhance  
 46.2 access to grant opportunities and information and lead to greater program accountability  
 46.3 and transparency. The commissioner has the duties and powers stated in this section. ~~An~~  
 46.4 ~~executive agency~~ Executive agencies shall fully cooperate with the commissioner in the  
 46.5 creation, management, and oversight of state grants and must do what the commissioner  
 46.6 requires under this section. The commissioner may adopt rules to carry out grants governance,  
 46.7 oversight, and management.

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

46.9 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.97, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47.29 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

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

48.4 ~~(2)~~ (3) the accounting system shows an encumbrance for the amount of the grant in  
48.5 accordance with policy approved by the commissioner except as provided in subdivision  
48.6 11; and

48.7 ~~(3)~~ (4) the grant agreement includes an effective date that references either section  
48.8 16C.05, subdivision 2, or 16B.98, subdivisions 5 and 7, as determined by the granting  
48.9 agency.

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

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

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

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

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

48.23 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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

49.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

49.10 (b) If the granting agency is a local unit of government, and the governing body of the  
49.11 local unit of government requests that the state auditor examine the books, records,  
49.12 documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the grantee or other party according  
49.13 to this subdivision, the granting agency shall be liable for the cost of the examination. If  
49.14 the granting agency is a local unit of government, and the grantee or other party requests  
49.15 that the state auditor examine all books, records, documents, and accounting procedures  
49.16 and practices related to the grant, the grantee or other party that requested the examination  
49.17 shall be liable for the cost of the examination.

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

49.20 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.98, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
49.21 read:

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

49.25 (b) The report must:

49.26 (1) summarize the purpose of the grant;

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

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

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

50.3 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.991, is amended to read:

50.4 **16B.991 TERMINATION OF GRANT.**

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

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

50.12 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

50.13 **Subdivision 1. Unclassified positions.** Unclassified positions are held by employees  
50.14 who are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50.28 (8) employees of the legislature and of legislative committees or commissions; provided  
50.29 that employees of the Legislative Audit Commission, except for the legislative auditor, the

51.1 deputy legislative auditors, and their confidential secretaries, shall be employees in the  
51.2 classified service;

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

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

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

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

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

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

51.22 (15) student workers;

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

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

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

51.28 (19) the administrators and the deputy administrators at the State Academies for the  
51.29 Deaf and the Blind; and

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

52.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.18, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

52.2 Subd. 6. **Legislative and judicial branch compensation.** Total compensation plans for  
 52.3 unclassified employees of the legislature and of legislative commissions shall be determined  
 52.4 by the legislature consistent with chapter 3 and consistent with terms and conditions of  
 52.5 employment under applicable collective bargaining agreements, provided that insurance  
 52.6 benefits for these employees and for legislators shall be determined by the Legislative  
 52.7 Coordinating Commission, consistent with sections 43A.22 to 43A.30. Total compensation  
 52.8 plans for unclassified employees of the judicial branch shall be determined by the appointing  
 52.9 authority, unless other law provides a different method for establishing this compensation.  
 52.10 Judicial branch compensation plans shall be consistent with sections 43A.22 to 43A.30.

52.11 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 145.951, is amended to read:

52.12 **145.951 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES.**

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

52.23 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

52.28 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

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

53.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.23, is amended by adding a subdivision  
53.2 to read:

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

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

53.9 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

53.13 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

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

53.17 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.27, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

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

53.27 (b) If an individual has less than the required number of school hours, the individual  
53.28 must have had a current active license in another state or country for at least three years and  
53.29 have passed a board-approved theory and practice-based examination, and the  
53.30 Minnesota-specific written operator examination for cosmetologist, hair technician, nail  
53.31 technician, ~~or~~ esthetician. If a test is used to verify the qualifications of trained  
53.32 cosmetologists, the test should be translated into the nonresident's native language within

54.1 the limits of available resources. Licenses must not be issued under this subdivision for  
 54.2 managers or instructors.

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

54.5 **Sec. 38. [155A.2705] HAIR TECHNICIAN REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING.**

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

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

54.10 (1) a completed application form;

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

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

54.14 (i) the general theory test;

54.15 (ii) the written practical test; and

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

54.17 and

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

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

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

54.27 (i) student orientation;

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

54.29 (A) muscle and bone structure and function;

54.30 (B) properties of the hair and scalp;

- 55.1 (C) disorders and diseases of the hair and scalp;
- 55.2 (D) chemistry as related to hair technology; and
- 55.3 (E) electricity and light related to the practice of hair technology;
- 55.4 (iii) theory and preclinical instruction on client and service safety prior to students  
55.5 offering services;
- 55.6 (iv) introductory service skills that are limited to the observation of an instructor  
55.7 demonstration, student use of mannequins, or student-to-student application of basic services  
55.8 related to hair technology;
- 55.9 (v) Minnesota statutes and rules pertaining to the regulation of hair technology;
- 55.10 (vi) health and safety instruction that includes:
- 55.11 (A) chemical safety;
- 55.12 (B) safety data sheets;
- 55.13 (C) personal protective equipment (PPE);
- 55.14 (D) hazardous substances; and
- 55.15 (E) laws and regulations related to health and public safety; and
- 55.16 (vii) infection control to protect the health and safety of the public and technician that  
55.17 includes:
- 55.18 (A) disinfectants;
- 55.19 (B) disinfectant procedures;
- 55.20 (C) cleaning and disinfection;
- 55.21 (D) single use items;
- 55.22 (E) storage of tools, implements, and linens; and
- 55.23 (F) other implements and equipment used in salons and schools;
- 55.24 (2) 200 hours in hair cutting and styling that includes hair and scalp analysis, cleaning,  
55.25 scalp and hair conditioning, hair design and shaping, drying, arranging, curling, dressing,  
55.26 waving, and nonchemical straightening; and
- 55.27 (3) 300 hours in chemical hair services that includes hair and scalp analysis, dying,  
55.28 bleaching, reactive chemicals, keratin, hair coloring, permanent straightening, permanent

56.1 waving, predisposition and strand tests, safety precautions, chemical mixing, color  
 56.2 formulation, and the use of dye removers.

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

56.4 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.271, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.5 Subdivision 1. **Continuing education requirements.** (a) To qualify for license renewal  
 56.6 under this chapter as an individual cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, esthetician,  
 56.7 advanced practice esthetician, eyelash technician, or salon manager, the applicant must  
 56.8 complete four hours of continuing education credits from a board-approved continuing  
 56.9 education provider during the three years prior to the applicant's renewal date. One credit  
 56.10 hour of the requirement must include instruction pertaining to state laws and rules governing  
 56.11 the practice of cosmetology. Three credit hours must include instruction pertaining to health,  
 56.12 safety, and infection control matters consistent with the United States Department of Labor's  
 56.13 Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards applicable to the practice of  
 56.14 cosmetology, or other applicable federal health, infection control, and safety standards, and  
 56.15 must be regularly updated so as to incorporate newly developed standards and accepted  
 56.16 professional best practices. Credit hours earned are valid for three years and may be applied  
 56.17 simultaneously to all individual licenses held by a licensee under this chapter.

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

56.24 (1) product chemistry and chemical interaction;

56.25 (2) proper use and maintenance of machines and instruments;

56.26 (3) business management, professional ethics, and human relations; or

56.27 (4) techniques relevant to the type of license held.

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

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

57.3 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 155A.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

57.9 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 179A.01, is amended to read:

57.10 **179A.01 PUBLIC POLICY.**

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

57.15 (b) The relationships between the public, public employees, and employer governing  
57.16 bodies involve responsibilities to the public and a need for cooperation and employment  
57.17 protection which are different from those found in the private sector. The importance or  
57.18 necessity of some services to the public can create imbalances in the relative bargaining  
57.19 power between public employees and employers. As a result, unique approaches to  
57.20 negotiations and resolutions of disputes between public employees and employers are  
57.21 necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

58.6 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 179A.03, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

58.16 ~~(5)~~ (6) Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.; and

58.17 ~~(6)~~ (7) notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of a political  
 58.18 subdivision or its agency or instrumentality which has final budgetary approval authority  
 58.19 for its employees. However, the views of elected appointing authorities who have standing  
 58.20 to initiate interest arbitration, and who are responsible for the selection, direction, discipline,  
 58.21 and discharge of individual employees shall be considered by the employer in the course  
 58.22 of the discharge of rights and duties under sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

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

58.28 (c) "Public employer" or "employer" does not include a "charitable hospital" as defined  
 58.29 in section 179.35, subdivision 2, except that a charitable hospital as defined by section  
 58.30 179.35, subdivision 2, is a public employer for purposes of sections 179A.051, 179A.052,  
 58.31 and 179A.13.

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

59.6 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 307.08, is amended to read:

59.7 **307.08 DAMAGES; ILLEGAL MOLESTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS;**  
 59.8 **BURIALS; CEMETERIES; PENALTY; ~~AUTHENTICATION~~ ASSESSMENT.**

59.9 Subdivision 1. **Legislative intent; scope.** It is a declaration and statement of legislative  
 59.10 intent that all human burials, human remains, and human burial grounds shall be accorded  
 59.11 equal treatment and respect for human dignity without reference to their ethnic origins,  
 59.12 cultural backgrounds, or religious affiliations. The provisions of this section shall apply to  
 59.13 all human burials, human remains, or human burial grounds found on or in all public or  
 59.14 private lands or waters in Minnesota. Within the boundaries of Tribal Nation reservations,  
 59.15 nothing in this section should be interpreted to conflict with federal law, including the Native  
 59.16 American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), United States Code, title  
 59.17 25, section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations, Code of Federal Regulations,  
 59.18 title 43, part 10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60.12 Subd. 3a. ~~**Authentication Cemeteries; records and condition assessments.**~~ The state  
60.13 ~~archaeologist shall authenticate all burial grounds for purposes of this section. The state~~  
60.14 ~~archaeologist may retain the services of a qualified professional archaeologist, a qualified~~  
60.15 ~~physical anthropologist, or other appropriate experts for the purpose of gathering information~~  
60.16 ~~that the state archaeologist can use to authenticate or identify burial grounds. If probable~~  
60.17 ~~Indian burial grounds are to be disturbed or probable Indian remains analyzed, the Indian~~  
60.18 ~~Affairs Council must approve the professional archaeologist, qualified anthropologist, or~~  
60.19 ~~other appropriate expert. Authentication is at the discretion of the state archaeologist based~~  
60.20 ~~on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency, a landowner, or other~~  
60.21 ~~appropriate authority.~~ (a) Cemeteries shall be assessed according to this subdivision.

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

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

60.28 (d) The cemetery condition assessment of American Indian cemeteries is at the discretion  
60.29 of the Indian Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request  
60.30 by an agency, a landowner, or other appropriate authority. If the Indian Affairs Council has  
60.31 possession or takes custody of remains they may follow United States Code, title 25, sections  
60.32 3001 to 3013.

60.33 (e) The cemetery condition assessment of cemeteries that include American Indian and  
60.34 non-American Indian remains or include remains whose ancestry cannot be determined

61.1 shall be assessed at the discretion of the state archaeologist in collaboration with the Indian  
 61.2 Affairs Council based on the needs identified in this section or upon request by an agency,  
 61.3 a landowner, or other appropriate authority.

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

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

61.11 Subd. 5. ~~Cost; use of data.~~ The cost of ~~authentication~~ condition assessment, recording,  
 61.12 surveying, and marking burial grounds and the cost of identification, analysis, rescue, and  
 61.13 reburial of human remains on public lands or waters shall be the responsibility of the state  
 61.14 or political subdivision controlling the lands or waters. On private lands or waters these  
 61.15 costs ~~shall~~ may be borne by the state, ~~but may be borne by~~ or the landowner upon mutual  
 61.16 agreement with the state. ~~The state archaeologist must make the data collected for this~~  
 61.17 ~~activity available using standards adopted by the Department of Information Technology~~  
 61.18 ~~Services and geospatial technology standards and guidelines published by the Minnesota~~  
 61.19 ~~Geospatial Information Office. Costs associated with this data delivery must be borne by~~  
 61.20 ~~the state.~~

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

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

61.29 (c) If such burials are American Indian, as determined by the state archaeologist and  
 61.30 Indian Affairs Council, efforts shall be made ~~by the state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs~~  
 61.31 ~~Council to ascertain their tribal identity. If their probable tribal identity can be determined~~  
 61.32 ~~and the remains have been removed from their original context, such remains shall be turned~~  
 61.33 ~~over to contemporary tribal leaders for disposition. If tribal identity cannot be determined,~~  
 61.34 ~~the Indian remains must be dealt with in accordance with provisions established by the state~~

62.1 ~~archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council if they are from public land. If removed Indian~~  
 62.2 ~~remains are from private land they shall be dealt with in accordance with provisions~~  
 62.3 ~~established by the Indian Affairs Council. If it is deemed desirable by the state archaeologist~~  
 62.4 ~~or the Indian Affairs Council, removed remains shall be studied in a timely and respectful~~  
 62.5 ~~manner by a qualified professional archaeologist or a qualified physical anthropologist~~  
 62.6 ~~before being delivered to tribal leaders or before being reburied~~ to follow procedures as  
 62.7 defined in United States Code, title 25, section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations,  
 62.8 Code of Federal Regulations, title 43, part 10, within reservation boundaries. For burials  
 62.9 outside of reservation boundaries, the procedures defined in United States Code, title 25,  
 62.10 section 3001 et seq., and its implementing regulations, Code of Federal Regulations, title  
 62.11 43, part 10, are at the discretion of the Indian Affairs Council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

62.32 (b) The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and all  
 62.33 other state agencies and local governmental units whose activities may be affected, shall

63.1 cooperate with the state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council to carry out the  
63.2 provisions of this section.

63.3 Subd. 10. **Construction and development plan review.** When human burials are known  
63.4 or suspected to exist, on public lands or waters, the state or political subdivision controlling  
63.5 the lands or waters or, in the case of private lands, the landowner or developer, shall submit  
63.6 construction and development plans to the state archaeologist for review ~~prior to the time~~  
63.7 ~~bids are advertised~~ before plans are finalized and prior to any disturbance within the burial  
63.8 area. If the known or suspected burials are thought to be American Indian, plans shall also  
63.9 be submitted to the Indian Affairs Council. The state archaeologist and the Indian Affairs  
63.10 Council shall review the plans within ~~30~~ 45 days of receipt and make recommendations for  
63.11 the preservation in place or removal of the human burials or remains, which may be  
63.12 endangered by construction or development activities.

63.13 Subd. 11. **Burial sites data.** ~~(a) Burial sites locational and related data maintained by~~  
63.14 data under the authority of the Office of the State Archaeologist and accessible through the  
63.15 ~~office's "Unplatted Burial Sites and Earthworks in Minnesota" website~~ or Indian Affairs  
63.16 Council are security information for purposes of section 13.37. Persons who gain access to  
63.17 ~~the data maintained on the site~~ this data are subject to liability under section 13.08 and the  
63.18 penalty established by section 13.09 if they improperly use or further disseminate the data.  
63.19 Use of this information must be approved by the appropriate authority.

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

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

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

63.32 (b) "Appropriate authority" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

65.15 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 381.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

65.26 Sec. 45. **[381.125] PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM MONUMENT GRANT**  
 65.27 **PROGRAM.**

65.28 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The chief geospatial information officer, through the  
 65.29 Geospatial Advisory Council established under section 16E.30, subdivision 8, shall work  
 65.30 with the stakeholders licensed as land surveyors under section 326.02, to develop a process  
 65.31 for accepting applications from counties for funding for the perpetuation of monuments

66.1 established by the United States in the public lands survey to mark public land survey  
 66.2 corners, as provided in section 381.12, subdivision 2, clause (1). Grants may also be used  
 66.3 to update records and data regarding monuments. The chief geospatial information officer  
 66.4 must establish criteria for prioritizing applicants when resources available for grants are not  
 66.5 sufficient to award grants to all applicants. The criteria must favor providing grants to  
 66.6 counties that demonstrate financial need for assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

66.19 Sec. 46. Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 1, is amended by adding an effective date to read:

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

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

66.22 Sec. 47. Laws 2023, chapter 5, section 2, is amended by adding an effective date to read:

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

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

66.25 Sec. 48. **STATE EMBLEMS REDESIGN COMMISSION.**

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

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

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

- 67.1 (2) one member appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 67.2 (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 67.3 (4) one member appointed by the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;
- 67.4 (5) one member representing the Dakota community and one member representing the
- 67.5 Ojibwe community, appointed by the executive board of the Indian Affairs Council;
- 67.6 (6) the secretary of state or the secretary's designee;
- 67.7 (7) the executive director of the Minnesota Historical Society or the director's designee;
- 67.8 (8) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;
- 67.9 (9) the chair of the Minnesota Arts Board or the chair's designee; and
- 67.10 (10) the executive director of Explore Minnesota Tourism or the director's designee.
- 67.11 (b) The following serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: (1) two
- 67.12 members of the house of representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house
- 67.13 and the minority leader of the house; and (2) two members of the senate, one representing
- 67.14 the majority caucus appointed by the senate majority leader and one representing the minority
- 67.15 caucus appointed by the senate minority leader.
- 67.16 (c) Appointments to the commission must be made no later than August 1, 2023. The
- 67.17 voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair. An appointee designated
- 67.18 by the governor shall convene the commission's first meeting. Decisions of the commission
- 67.19 must be made by majority vote. The Minnesota Historical Society must provide office space
- 67.20 and administrative support to the commission.
- 67.21 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** Meetings of the commission are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 67.22 chapter 13D.
- 67.23 Subd. 4. **Duties; form and style of recommended state emblems.** The commission
- 67.24 shall develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the
- 67.25 official state flag. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared
- 67.26 history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that
- 67.27 represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may
- 67.28 not be included in a design. The commission may solicit and secure the voluntary service
- 67.29 and aid of vexillologists and other persons who have either technical or artistic skill in flag
- 67.30 construction and design, or the design of official seals, to assist in the work. The commission
- 67.31 must also solicit public feedback and suggestions to inform its work.

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

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

68.5 Sec. 49. LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AGING.

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

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

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

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

68.13 Subd. 2. Duties. The task force shall review:

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

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

68.17 (3) current public and private strategies to:

68.18 (i) support family caregivers for older adults;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70.10 Sec. 50. **INITIAL APPOINTMENTS; YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

70.15 Sec. 51. **INITIAL APPOINTMENTS; COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA MINNESOTANS.**

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

70.20 Sec. 52. **ENTERPRISE GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

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

70.24 (1) an analysis of available technology options;

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

70.27 (3) staffing and other resource needs;

70.28 (4) high-level system requirements;

70.29 (5) estimated costs; and

71.1 (6) an implementation roadmap.

71.2 **Sec. 53. OFFICE OF SMALL AGENCIES; STUDY.**

71.3 Subdivision 1. **Study; requirements.** The commissioner of administration must review  
 71.4 the unique issues faced by small agencies other than departments of the state as defined in  
 71.5 section 15.01. These include boards, commissions, councils, task forces, and authorities.  
 71.6 The study will assess whether the current support model provides adequate support for the  
 71.7 agencies as well as their volunteer board members. The study will also examine how other  
 71.8 states support their small agencies and provide recommendations on how to most effectively  
 71.9 support these small agencies in their delivery of important functions of government.

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

71.14 **Sec. 54. SALARIES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.**

71.15 The salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state,  
 71.16 and state auditor shall be increased by nine percent effective July 1, 2023. The salaries of  
 71.17 the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor shall  
 71.18 be increased by 7.5 percent effective July 1, 2024.

71.19 **Sec. 55. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF GRANT AND BUSINESS SUBSIDY**  
 71.20 **RECIPIENTS.**

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

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

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

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

71.29 (1) the grantee's history of performing duties similar to those required by the grant,  
 71.30 whether the size of the grant requires the grantee to perform services at a significantly

72.1 increased scale, and whether the size of the grant will require significant changes to the  
 72.2 operation of the grantee's organization;

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

72.9 (3) for a for-profit business, three years of federal and state tax returns, current financial  
 72.10 statements, certification that the business is not under bankruptcy proceedings, and disclosure  
 72.11 of any liens on its assets. If a business has not been in business long enough to have three  
 72.12 years of tax returns, the grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee  
 72.13 has appropriate internal financial controls;

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

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

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

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

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

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

73.1 Subd. 6. **Legislatively named grantees.** If an agency determines that there is an  
73.2 appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a legislatively named grant cannot or would not  
73.3 perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency must notify the grantee,  
73.4 the commissioner of administration, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
73.5 Ways and Means Committee in the house of representatives, the chairs and ranking minority  
73.6 members of the Finance Committee in the senate, and the chairs and ranking minority  
73.7 members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with primary  
73.8 jurisdiction over the bill in which the money for the grant was appropriated. The agency  
73.9 must give the grantee an opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee  
73.10 does not satisfy the agency's concerns within 45 days, the agency must delay award of the  
73.11 grant until adjournment of the next regular or special legislative session.

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

73.17 Subd. 8. **Effect.** The requirements of this section are in addition to other requirements  
73.18 imposed by law; the commissioner of administration under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
73.19 16B.97 and 16B.98; or agency grant policy.

73.20 **Sec. 56. REPEALER.**

73.21 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135, subdivisions 3 and 5; and 1.141, subdivisions  
73.22 3, 4, and 6, are repealed.

73.23 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.957, is repealed.

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

73.26 (d) Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended by Laws 2015, chapter 77, article  
73.27 2, section 78, is repealed.

73.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective May 11, 2024.

74.1

**ARTICLE 4**

74.2

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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

74.4 Subd. 1a. **Responsibilities.** The department shall provide oversight, leadership, and  
74.5 direction for information and telecommunications technology policy and the management,  
74.6 delivery, accessibility, and security of executive branch information and telecommunications  
74.7 technology systems and services in Minnesota. The department shall partner with executive  
74.8 branch state agencies to manage strategic investments in information and telecommunications  
74.9 technology systems and services to ensure sufficient access to and efficient delivery of  
74.10 accessible government services and to maximize benefits for the state government as an  
74.11 enterprise.

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

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

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

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

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

74.22 (2) approve state agency and intergovernmental information and telecommunications  
74.23 technology systems and services development efforts involving state or intergovernmental  
74.24 funding, including federal funding, provide information to the legislature regarding projects  
74.25 reviewed, and recommend projects for inclusion in the governor's budget under section  
74.26 16A.11;

74.27 (3) promote cooperation and collaboration among state and local governments in  
74.28 developing intergovernmental information and telecommunications technology systems  
74.29 and services;

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

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

75.3 ~~(6)~~ (5) promote and coordinate public information access and network initiatives,  
 75.4 consistent with chapter 13, to connect Minnesota's citizens and communities to each other,  
 75.5 to their governments, and to the world;

75.6 ~~(7)~~ (6) manage and promote the regular and periodic reinvestment in the information  
 75.7 and telecommunications technology systems and services infrastructure so that state and  
 75.8 local government agencies can effectively and efficiently serve their customers;

75.9 ~~(8)~~ (7) facilitate the cooperative development of and ensure compliance with standards  
 75.10 and policies for information and telecommunications technology systems and services and  
 75.11 electronic data practices and privacy within the executive branch;

75.12 ~~(9)~~ (8) eliminate unnecessary duplication of existing information and telecommunications  
 75.13 technology systems and services provided by state agencies;

75.14 ~~(10)~~ (9) identify, sponsor, develop, and execute shared information and  
 75.15 telecommunications technology projects and ongoing operations;

75.16 ~~(11)~~ (10) ensure overall security of the state's information and technology systems and  
 75.17 services; and

75.18 ~~(12)~~ (11) manage and direct compliance with accessibility standards for informational  
 75.19 technology, including hardware, software, websites, online forms, and online surveys.

75.20 (b) The chief information officer, in consultation with the commissioner of management  
 75.21 and budget, must determine when it is cost-effective for agencies to develop and use shared  
 75.22 information and telecommunications technology systems, platforms, and services for the  
 75.23 delivery of ~~electronic~~ digital government services. The chief information officer may require  
 75.24 agencies to use shared information and telecommunications technology systems and services.  
 75.25 The chief information officer shall establish reimbursement rates in cooperation with the  
 75.26 commissioner of management and budget to be billed to agencies and other governmental  
 75.27 entities sufficient to cover the actual development, operating, maintenance, and administrative  
 75.28 costs of the shared systems. The methodology for billing may include the use of interagency  
 75.29 agreements, or other means as allowed by law.

75.30 (c) A state agency that has an information and telecommunications technology project,  
 75.31 whether funded as part of the biennial budget or by any other means, shall register with the  
 75.32 department by submitting basic project startup documentation as specified by the chief  
 75.33 information officer in both format and content. State agency project leaders, in accordance

76.1 with policies and standards set forth by the chief information officer, must demonstrate that  
 76.2 the project will be properly managed, provide updates to the project documentation as  
 76.3 changes are proposed, and regularly report on the current status of the project on a schedule  
 76.4 agreed to with the chief information officer. The chief information officer has the authority  
 76.5 to define a project for the purposes of this chapter.

76.6 (d) The chief information officer shall monitor progress on any active information and  
 76.7 telecommunications technology project with a total expected project cost of more than  
 76.8 \$5,000,000 and report on the performance of the project in comparison with the plans for  
 76.9 the project in terms of time, scope, and budget. The chief information officer may conduct  
 76.10 an independent project audit of the project. The audit analysis and evaluation of the projects  
 76.11 subject to paragraph (c) must be presented to agency executive sponsors, the project  
 76.12 governance bodies, and the chief information officer. All reports and responses must become  
 76.13 part of the project record.

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

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

- 76.23 (1) each project in the IT portfolio whose status is either active or on hold;  
 76.24 (2) each project presented to the office for consultation in the time since the last report;  
 76.25 (3) the information technology cost associated with the project;  
 76.26 (4) the current status of the information technology project;  
 76.27 (5) the date the information technology project is expected to be completed; and  
 76.28 (6) the projected costs for ongoing support and maintenance after the project is complete.

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

77.2 **16E.016 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**  
 77.3 **AND EQUIPMENT.**

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

77.7 (1) state data centers;

77.8 (2) mainframes including system software;

77.9 (3) servers including system software;

77.10 (4) desktops including system software;

77.11 (5) laptop computers including system software;

77.12 (6) a data network including system software;

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

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

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

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

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

77.21 (12) network-connected output devices.

77.22 (b) All state agency employees whose work primarily involves functions specified in  
 77.23 paragraph (a) are employees of the Department of Information Technology Services. This  
 77.24 includes employees who directly perform the functions in paragraph (a), as well as employees  
 77.25 whose work primarily involves managing, supervising, or providing administrative services  
 77.26 or support services to employees who directly perform these functions. The chief information  
 77.27 officer may assign employees of the department to perform work exclusively for another  
 77.28 state agency.

77.29 (c) Subject to sections 16C.08 and 16C.09, the chief information officer may allow a  
 77.30 state agency to obtain services specified in paragraph (a) through a contract with an outside  
 77.31 vendor when the chief information officer and the agency head agree that a contract would

78.1 provide best value, as defined in section 16C.02, under the service-level agreement. The  
 78.2 chief information officer must require that agency contracts with outside vendors ensure  
 78.3 that systems and services are compatible with standards established by the Department of  
 78.4 Information Technology Services.

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

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

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

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

78.14 (2) coordinate, review, and approve all information and telecommunications technology  
 78.15 projects and oversee the state's information and telecommunications technology systems  
 78.16 and services;

78.17 (3) establish and enforce compliance with standards for information and  
 78.18 telecommunications technology systems and services that are cost-effective and support  
 78.19 open systems environments and that are compatible with state, national, and international  
 78.20 standards, including accessibility standards;

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

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

78.25 (6) establish and enforce standards and ensure acquisition of hardware ~~and~~ <sub>2</sub> software,  
 78.26 and services necessary to protect data and systems in state agency networks connected to  
 78.27 the Internet.

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

78.29 Subd. 4. **Cash flow.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget shall make  
 78.30 appropriate transfers to the revolving fund when requested by the chief information officer.  
 78.31 The chief information officer may make allotments and encumbrances in anticipation of

79.1 such transfers. In addition, the chief information officer, with the approval of the  
79.2 commissioner of management and budget, may require an agency to make advance payments  
79.3 to the revolving fund sufficient to cover the office's estimated obligation for a period of at  
79.4 least 60 days. All reimbursements and other money received by the chief information officer  
79.5 under this section must be deposited in the MNIT services revolving fund.

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

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

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

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

79.20 Subd. 2. **Charges.** (a) Upon agreement of the participating agency, the Department of  
79.21 Information Technology Services may collect a charge or receive a fund transfer under  
79.22 section 16E.0466 for purchases of information and telecommunications technology systems  
79.23 and services by state agencies and other governmental entities through state contracts for  
79.24 purposes described in subdivision 1. Charges collected under this section must be credited  
79.25 to the information and telecommunications technology systems and services account.

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

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

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

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

80.9 **Subd. 3. Criteria.** The department may set criteria for program priorities and standards  
 80.10 of review.

80.11 **Sec. 10. REPEALER.**

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

80.13 **ARTICLE 5**

80.14 **STATE EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES**

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

80.16 **Subd. 2. Precedence of merit principles and nondiscrimination.** It is the policy of  
 80.17 this state to provide for equal employment opportunity consistent with chapter 363A by  
 80.18 ensuring that all personnel actions be based on the ability to perform the duties and  
 80.19 responsibilities assigned to the position without regard to age, race, creed or religion, color,  
 80.20 disability, sex, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, or  
 80.21 political affiliation. It is the policy of this state to take affirmative action to eliminate the  
 80.22 underutilization of qualified members of protected groups in the civil service, where such  
 80.23 action is not in conflict with other provisions of this chapter or chapter 179, in order to  
 80.24 correct imbalances and eliminate the ~~present~~ effects of ~~past~~ discrimination and support full  
 80.25 and equal participation in the social and economic life in the state. Heads of departments  
 80.26 and agencies must provide training to managers and supervisors that are responsible for  
 80.27 hiring and evaluating employee performance regarding bias that can be present in the hiring  
 80.28 and performance evaluation processes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

82.7 ~~(5)~~ (6) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent  
 82.8 otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A;

82.9 ~~(6)~~ (7) report to the legislature on the performance of agency operations and the  
 82.10 accomplishment of agency goals in the agency's biennial budget according to section 16A.10,  
 82.11 subdivision 1; ~~and~~

82.12 ~~(7)~~ (8) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out  
 82.13 the mission and improve the performance of the department; and

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

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

82.18 Subd. 4. **Administrative procedures.** The commissioner shall develop administrative  
 82.19 procedures, which are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative  
 82.20 Procedure Act, to effect provisions of chapter 43A which do not directly affect the rights  
 82.21 of or processes available to the general public. The commissioner may also adopt  
 82.22 administrative procedures, not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, which concern  
 82.23 topics affecting the general public if those procedures concern only the internal management  
 82.24 of the department or other agencies and if those elements of the topics which affect the  
 82.25 general public are the subject of department rules.

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

82.30 (1) maintenance and administration of a plan of classification for all positions in the  
 82.31 classified service and for comparisons of unclassified positions with positions in the classified  
 82.32 service;

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

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

83.8 (4) maintenance and administration of employee performance appraisal, training and  
83.9 other programs; and

83.10 (5) procedures for pilots of the reengineered employee selection process. Employment  
83.11 provisions of this chapter, associated personnel rules adopted under subdivision 3, and  
83.12 administrative procedures established under clauses (1) and (3) may be waived for the  
83.13 purposes of these pilots. The pilots may affect the rights of and processes available to  
83.14 members of the general public seeking employment in the classified service. The  
83.15 commissioner will provide public notice of any pilot directly affecting the rights of and  
83.16 processes available to the general public and make the administrative procedures available  
83.17 for comment to the general public, agencies, employees, and appropriate exclusive  
83.18 representatives certified pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 for at least 30 days prior  
83.19 to implementation. The commissioner must publish the public notice in an accessible digital  
83.20 format under section 16E.03. The commissioner must provide a comment process that allows  
83.21 the public to submit comments through multiple formats to ensure accessibility. These  
83.22 formats must include telephone, digital content, and email.

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

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

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

84.2 **43A.09 RECRUITMENT.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

84.22 (4) hiring managers and others involved in the selection process are aware of the  
 84.23 accommodation fund under section 16B.4805 to ensure that people with disabilities obtain  
 84.24 timely and appropriate accommodations within the hiring process and the state agency can  
 84.25 request reimbursement.

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

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

84.30 Subd. 7. **Selection process accommodations.** Upon request, the commissioner or  
 84.31 appointing authority shall provide ~~selection process~~ reasonable accommodations to an

85.1 ~~applicant with a disability that does not prevent performance of the duties of the position.~~  
 85.2 ~~The accommodations must provide an opportunity to fairly assess the ability of the applicant~~  
 85.3 ~~to perform the duties of the position notwithstanding the disability but must preserve, to the~~  
 85.4 ~~extent feasible, the validity of the selection process and equitable comparison of results~~  
 85.5 ~~with the results of competitors without disabilities.~~ a qualified applicant with a disability  
 85.6 to ensure full participation in the selection process, including use of the accommodation  
 85.7 fund under section 16B.4805 during the selection process. The commissioner must ensure  
 85.8 that each agency head is aware of the accommodation fund and its critical function of  
 85.9 removing cost considerations from interview selection decisions.

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

85.11 **43A.14 APPOINTMENTS.**

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

85.17 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.15, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

85.18 Subd. 14. ~~**700-hour on-the-job demonstration process and appointment**~~  
 85.19 ~~**experience.**~~ (a) The commissioner shall ~~establish~~ consult with the Department of Employment  
 85.20 and Economic Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the  
 85.21 Blind and other disability experts in establishing, reviewing, and modifying the qualifying  
 85.22 procedures for applicants whose disabilities are of such a significant nature that the applicants  
 85.23 are unable to demonstrate their abilities in the selection process. The qualifying procedures  
 85.24 must consist of up to 700 hours of on-the-job ~~trial work~~ demonstration experience. ~~Up to~~  
 85.25 ~~three persons with significant disabilities and their job coach may be allowed to demonstrate~~  
 85.26 ~~their job competence as a unit through the on-the-job trial work experience selection~~  
 85.27 ~~procedure. This~~ The 700-hour on-the-job demonstration process must be limited to applicants  
 85.28 for whom there is no reasonable accommodation in the selection process experience is an  
 85.29 alternative, noncompetitive hiring process for qualified applicants with disabilities. All  
 85.30 permanent executive branch classified positions are eligible for a 700-hour on-the-job  
 85.31 demonstration experience, and all permanent classified job postings must provide information  
 85.32 regarding the on-the-job demonstration overview and certification process.

86.1 (b) The commissioner may authorize the probationary appointment of an applicant based  
86.2 on the request of the appointing authority that documents that the applicant has successfully  
86.3 demonstrated qualifications for the position through completion of an on-the-job ~~trial work~~  
86.4 demonstration experience. A qualified applicant should be converted to permanent,  
86.5 probationary appointments at the point in the 700-hour on-the-job experience when the  
86.6 applicant has demonstrated the ability to perform the essential functions of the job with or  
86.7 without reasonable accommodation. The implementation of this subdivision may not be  
86.8 deemed a violation of chapter 43A or 363A.

86.9 (c) The commissioner and the ADA and disability employment director, described in  
86.10 section 43A.19, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), are responsible for the administration and  
86.11 oversight of the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience, including the establishment  
86.12 of policies and procedures, data collection and reporting requirements, and compliance.

86.13 (d) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design and implement a  
86.14 training curriculum for the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience. All executive  
86.15 leaders, managers, supervisors, human resources professionals, affirmative action officers,  
86.16 and ADA coordinators must receive annual training on the program.

86.17 (e) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall develop, administer, and  
86.18 make public a formal grievance process for individuals in the 700-hour on-the-job  
86.19 demonstration experience under this subdivision and supported work program under section  
86.20 43A.421, subdivision 2.

86.21 (f) An appointing authority must make reasonable accommodations in response to a  
86.22 request from an applicant with a disability, including providing accommodations in a timely  
86.23 manner during the application and hiring process and throughout the 700-hour on-the-job  
86.24 demonstration experience. Requirements for accessibility for public records under section  
86.25 363A.42, continuing education under section 363A.43, and technology under section 16E.03,  
86.26 subdivision 2, clauses (3) and (9), apply to an agency filling an appointment during the  
86.27 application and hiring process and through the on-the-job demonstration experience period.

86.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
86.29 read:

86.30 Subd. 14a. **Report and survey.** (a) The commissioner shall annually collect  
86.31 enterprise-wide statistics on the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience under  
86.32 subdivision 14. The statistics collected and reported annually must include:

86.33 (1) the number of certifications submitted, granted, and rejected;

87.1 (2) the number of applicants interviewed, appointed, and converted to probationary  
 87.2 status;

87.3 (3) the number of employees retained after one year in state employment;

87.4 (4) the number of employees with terminated appointments and the reason for termination;

87.5 (5) the average length of time in an on-the-job demonstration appointment;

87.6 (6) the number and category of entity certifications; and

87.7 (7) by department or agency, the number of appointments and hires and the number of  
 87.8 managers and supervisors trained.

87.9 (b) The commissioner shall administer an annual survey of participants in the 700-hour  
 87.10 on-the-job demonstration experience who are hired and those who are not hired, as well as  
 87.11 the managers of participants in the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience.

87.12 (c) The commissioner must consult at least annually with the Department of Employment  
 87.13 and Economic Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the  
 87.14 Blind and other disability experts to review the survey results, assess program satisfaction,  
 87.15 and recommend areas for continuous improvement.

87.16 (d) The commissioner shall annually publish a report on the department's website that  
 87.17 includes the data described in paragraph (a), survey results described in paragraph (b), and  
 87.18 recommendations for continuous improvement described in paragraph (c).

87.19 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.20 Subdivision 1. **Statewide affirmative action program.** (a) To assure that positions in  
 87.21 the executive branch of the civil service are equally accessible to all qualified persons, and  
 87.22 to eliminate the ~~underutilization of qualified members of protected groups~~ effects of past  
 87.23 and present discrimination, intended or unintended, on the basis of protected group status,  
 87.24 the commissioner shall adopt and periodically revise, if necessary, a statewide affirmative  
 87.25 action program. The statewide affirmative action program must consist of at least the  
 87.26 following:

87.27 (1) objectives, goals, and policies;

87.28 (2) procedures, standards, and assumptions to be used by agencies in the preparation of  
 87.29 agency affirmative action plans, including methods by which goals and timetables are  
 87.30 established;

88.1 (3) the analysis of separation patterns to determine the impact on protected group  
88.2 members; and

88.3 (4) requirements for annual objectives and submission of affirmative action progress  
88.4 reports from heads of agencies.

88.5 Agency heads must report the data in clause (3) to the state Director of Recruitment,  
88.6 Retention and Affirmative Action and the state ADA coordinator, in addition to being  
88.7 available to anyone upon request. The commissioner must annually post the aggregate and  
88.8 agency-level reports under clause (4) on the agency's website.

88.9 (b) The commissioner shall establish statewide affirmative action goals for each of the  
88.10 federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) occupational categories applicable to state  
88.11 employment, using at least the following factors:

88.12 (1) the percentage of members of each protected class in the recruiting area population  
88.13 who have the necessary skills; and

88.14 (2) the availability for promotion or transfer of current employees who are members of  
88.15 protected classes.

88.16 (c) The commissioner may use any of the following factors in addition to the factors  
88.17 required under paragraph (b):

88.18 (1) the extent of unemployment of members of protected classes in the recruiting area  
88.19 population;

88.20 (2) the existence of training programs in needed skill areas offered by employing agencies  
88.21 and other institutions; and

88.22 (3) the expected number of available positions to be filled.

88.23 (d) The commissioner shall designate a state director of diversity and equal employment  
88.24 opportunity who may be delegated the preparation, revision, implementation, and  
88.25 administration of the program. The commissioner of management and budget may place  
88.26 the director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria established  
88.27 in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

88.28 (e) The commissioner shall designate a statewide ADA and disability employment  
88.29 director. The commissioner may delegate the preparation, revision, implementation,  
88.30 evaluation, and administration of the program to the director. The director must administer  
88.31 the 700-hour on-the-job demonstration experience under the supported work program and  
88.32 disabled veteran's employment programs. The ADA and disability employment director

89.1 shall have education, knowledge, and skills in disability policy, employment, and the ADA.  
 89.2 The commissioner may place the director's position in the unclassified service if the position  
 89.3 meets the criteria established in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

89.4 (f) Agency affirmative action plans, including reports and progress, must be posted on  
 89.5 the agency's public and internal websites within 30 days of being approved. The  
 89.6 commissioner of management and budget shall post a link to all executive branch  
 89.7 agency-approved affirmative action plans on its public website. Accessible copies of the  
 89.8 affirmative action plan must be available to all employees and members of the general public  
 89.9 upon request.

89.10 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.191, is amended to read:

89.11 **43A.191 AGENCY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS.**

89.12 Subdivision 1. **Affirmative action officers.** (a) Each agency with 1,000 employees or  
 89.13 more shall have at least one full-time affirmative action officer, who shall have primary  
 89.14 responsibility for developing and maintaining the agency's affirmative action plan. The  
 89.15 officer shall devote full time to affirmative action activities. The affirmative action officer  
 89.16 shall report administratively and on policy issues directly to the agency head. The affirmative  
 89.17 action officer shall be in the classified service.

89.18 (b) The agency heads shall assign affirmative action officers or designees for agencies  
 89.19 with fewer than 1,000 employees. The designees shall report administratively and on policy  
 89.20 issues directly to the agency head.

89.21 (c) An agency may not use authority under section 43A.08, subdivision 1a, to place the  
 89.22 position of an agency affirmative action officer or designee in the unclassified service.

89.23 Subd. 2. **Agency affirmative action plans.** (a) The head of each agency in the executive  
 89.24 branch shall prepare and implement an agency affirmative action plan consistent with this  
 89.25 section and rules issued under section 43A.04, subdivision 3.

89.26 (b) The agency plan must include a plan for the provision of reasonable accommodation  
 89.27 in the hiring and promotion of qualified ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities. The reasonable  
 89.28 accommodation plan must consist of at least the following:

89.29 (1) procedures for compliance with sections 16E.03, subdivision 9, 363A.08 to 363A.19,  
 89.30 and 363A.28, subdivision 10, and, where appropriate, regulations implementing United  
 89.31 States Code, title 29, section 794, as amended through December 31, 1984, which is section  
 89.32 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and the Americans with Disabilities Act,

90.1 United States Code, title 42, sections 101 to 108, 201 to 231, 241 to 246, 401, 402, and 501  
90.2 to 514;

90.3 (2) methods and procedures for providing timely access to reasonable accommodation  
90.4 ~~for disabled job applicants, current employees, and employees~~ accommodations during the  
90.5 application process, throughout current employment, and when seeking promotion;

90.6 (3) provisions for funding reasonable accommodations; and

90.7 (4) the number of requests made, the number of requests approved, and the number of  
90.8 requests reimbursed from the state accommodation account under section 16B.4805.

90.9 (c) The agency plan must be prepared by the agency head with the assistance of the  
90.10 agency affirmative action officer and the director of diversity and equal employment  
90.11 opportunity. The agency may consult with the Council on Disability, vocational rehabilitation  
90.12 services, state services for the blind, and other disability experts to review and make  
90.13 recommendations on recruitment and retention of people with disabilities.

90.14 (d) The agency plan must identify any positions in the agency that can be used for  
90.15 supported employment as defined in section 268A.01, subdivision 13, of persons with ~~severe~~  
90.16 significant disabilities. The agency shall report this information to the commissioner. An  
90.17 agency that hires more than one supported worker in the identified positions must receive  
90.18 recognition for each supported worker toward meeting the agency's affirmative action goals  
90.19 and objectives.

90.20 (e) An agency affirmative action plan may not be implemented without the  
90.21 commissioner's approval.

90.22 **Subd. 2a. Disability recruitment, hiring, and advancement.** (a) Each agency affirmative  
90.23 action plan must include a section that provides sufficient assurances, procedures, and  
90.24 commitments to provide adequate hiring, placement, and advancement opportunities for  
90.25 individuals with disabilities at all levels of state employment. The criteria for this section  
90.26 of the agency affirmative action plan must include a section on disability hiring and  
90.27 advancement, including the provisions in this subdivision.

90.28 (b) The plan must describe specific actions to ensure that a broad range of individuals  
90.29 with disabilities will be aware of and be encouraged to apply for job vacancies when eligible.  
90.30 The actions must include, at a minimum:

90.31 (1) the use of programs and resources that identify job applicants with disabilities who  
90.32 are eligible to be appointed under a hiring authority that takes disability into account,  
90.33 consistent with the demonstration program under section 43A.15, subdivision 14. The

91.1 programs may include the Department of Employment and Economic Development's  
 91.2 Vocational Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the Blind that provide the  
 91.3 qualifications necessary for positions within the agency to individuals with disabilities.  
 91.4 Resources may include databases of individuals with disabilities who previously applied to  
 91.5 the agency but were not hired for the positions they applied for, and training and internship  
 91.6 programs that lead directly to employment for individuals with disabilities; and

91.7 (2) establishment and maintenance of contacts, that may include formal agreements,  
 91.8 with organizations that specialize in providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in  
 91.9 securing and maintaining employment, such as the Department of Employment and Economic  
 91.10 Development's Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State Services for the Blind, community  
 91.11 rehabilitation programs, day training and habilitation programs, and employment network  
 91.12 service providers.

91.13 (c) The plan must ensure that the agency has designated sufficient staff to handle any  
 91.14 disability-related issues that arise during the application and selection process, and shall  
 91.15 require the agency to provide staff with sufficient training, support, and other resources to  
 91.16 carry out the responsibilities under this section. Responsibilities include, at a minimum:

91.17 (1) ensuring that disability-related questions from members of the public regarding the  
 91.18 agency's application and selection processes are answered promptly and correctly, including  
 91.19 questions about reasonable accommodations needed by job applicants during the application  
 91.20 and selection process and questions about how individuals may apply for positions under  
 91.21 hiring authorities that take disability into account;

91.22 (2) processing requests for reasonable accommodations needed by job applicants during  
 91.23 the application and placement process and ensuring that the agency provides such  
 91.24 accommodations when required;

91.25 (3) accepting applications for a position under hiring authorities that take disability into  
 91.26 account;

91.27 (4) if an individual has applied for appointment to a particular position under a hiring  
 91.28 authority that takes disability into account, determining whether the individual is eligible  
 91.29 for appointment under such authority and if so forwarding the individual's application to  
 91.30 the relevant hiring officials with an explanation of how and when the individual may be  
 91.31 appointed, consistent with all applicable laws; and

91.32 (5) overseeing any other agency programs designed to increase hiring of individuals  
 91.33 with disabilities.

92.1 Subd. 3. **Audits; sanctions and incentives.** (a) The commissioner shall annually audit  
92.2 the record of each agency to determine the rate of compliance with affirmative action  
92.3 requirements. The commissioner must report all audit findings to the governor if a state  
92.4 agency fails to meet any of its affirmative action requirements for two consecutive years.

92.5 (b) By March 1 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall submit a report on  
92.6 affirmative action progress of each agency and the state as a whole to the governor and to  
92.7 the Finance Committee of the senate, the Ways and Means Committee of the house of  
92.8 representatives, the Governmental Operations Committees of both houses of the legislature,  
92.9 and the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The report must include noncompetitive  
92.10 appointments made under section 43A.08, subdivision 2a, or 43A.15, subdivisions 3 to 7,  
92.11 10, and 12, and cover each agency's rate of compliance with affirmative action requirements.  
92.12 The report must be made available to the public on the department's website.

92.13 (c) An agency that does not meet its hiring goals must justify its nonaffirmative action  
92.14 hires in competitive appointments and noncompetitive appointments made under section  
92.15 43A.08, subdivisions 1, clauses (9), (11), and (16), and 2a; and section 43A.15, subdivisions  
92.16 3, 10, 12, and 13, according to criteria issued by the department of ~~Management and Budget~~.  
92.17 In addition, an agency shall:

92.18 (1) demonstrate a good faith effort to recruit protected group members by following an  
92.19 active recruitment plan;

92.20 (2) implement a coordinated retention plan; and

92.21 (3) have an established complaint resolution procedure.

92.22 (d) The commissioner shall develop reporting standards and procedures for measuring  
92.23 compliance.

92.24 (e) An agency is encouraged to develop other innovative ways to promote awareness,  
92.25 acceptance, and appreciation for diversity and affirmative action. These innovations will  
92.26 be considered when evaluating an agency's compliance with this section.

92.27 (f) An agency not in compliance with affirmative action requirements of this section  
92.28 must identify methods and programs to improve performance, to reallocate resources  
92.29 internally in order to increase support for affirmative action programs, and to submit program  
92.30 and resource reallocation proposals to the commissioner for approval. An agency must  
92.31 submit these proposals within 120 days of being notified by the commissioner that it is out  
92.32 of compliance with affirmative action requirements. The commissioner shall monitor  
92.33 quarterly the affirmative action programs of an agency found to be out of compliance.

93.1 (g) The commissioner shall establish a program to recognize an agency that has made  
 93.2 significant and measurable progress in implementing an affirmative action plan.

93.3 (h) The commissioner must maintain and make available, on an annual basis, summary  
 93.4 data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, on the percentage of members of each  
 93.5 protected group as defined in section 43A.02, subdivision 33, that were hired in the executive  
 93.6 branch in each of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) occupational categories  
 93.7 applicable to state employment. Nothing in this provision, however, shall require any person  
 93.8 to disclose their protected group status, nor shall it require the commissioner or any  
 93.9 appointing authority to determine the protected group status of any person.

93.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

93.11 Subdivision 1. **Authority; purpose.** The commissioner, in coordination with the statewide  
 93.12 ADA and disability employment director and chief inclusion officer, shall develop and  
 93.13 interpret policy and administer and, to the extent possible, conduct programs in training and  
 93.14 development for employees to, at a minimum:

93.15 (1) promote individual, group and agency efficiency and effectiveness;

93.16 (2) build employee capacity to deliver accessible and inclusive services to the public,  
 93.17 including people with disabilities; and

93.18 (3) support an inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities and employees  
 93.19 of other protected classes.

93.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

93.21 Subd. 2. **Responsibilities.** (a) The commissioner is responsible for developing and  
 93.22 coordinating consistent training policy which shall be binding on all state agencies in the  
 93.23 executive branch. The policies shall include conditions under which employees may receive  
 93.24 or be assigned to training; internships and work-training programs; minimum and maximum  
 93.25 training standards for employee participation and agency reporting requirements. At a  
 93.26 minimum, state employees must receive annual training on statutes or policies related to:

93.27 (1) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

93.28 (2) the state's affirmative action policy;

93.29 (3) equal opportunity employment; and

93.30 (4) digital accessibility standards.

94.1 (b) Career development training is a permissive subject of collective bargaining. Each  
94.2 appointing authority in the executive branch, including the Minnesota State Retirement  
94.3 System and the Teachers Retirement Association, is primarily responsible for planning,  
94.4 budgeting, conducting and evaluating training programs.

94.5 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

94.6 Subd. 3. **Programs.** (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design  
94.7 and implement management training and development programs for the state service. The  
94.8 programs shall include but not be limited to mandatory training and development  
94.9 requirements for managers and supervisors. No person shall acquire permanent status in a  
94.10 management or supervisory position in the classified service until training and development  
94.11 requirements have been met.

94.12 (b) All managers and supervisors must receive training on inclusive work environments,  
94.13 disability awareness, cultural competence, and other equity and diversity areas.

94.14 (c) Agencies shall conduct an annual Americans with Disabilities Act self-assessment  
94.15 to ensure training programs meet the standards for universal design in learning.

94.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
94.17 read:

94.18 Subd. 6. **Accessibility.** The commissioner must ensure that all training content and  
94.19 platforms meet the accessibility standards under section 16E.03, subdivisions 2, clause (3),  
94.20 and 9. Reasonable accommodations must be implemented in a timely and appropriate manner  
94.21 to ensure that all state employees can participate in state-offered trainings. All state  
94.22 employees, including ADA coordinators and human resources staff, must have the training  
94.23 and resources to implement an accessible and inclusive workplace.

94.24 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

94.25 Subdivision 1. **Cooperation; state agencies.** (a) The commissioner may delegate  
94.26 administrative functions associated with the duties of the commissioner to appointing  
94.27 authorities who have the capability to perform such functions when the commissioner  
94.28 determines that it is in the best interests of the state civil service. The commissioner shall  
94.29 consult with agencies and agencies shall cooperate as appropriate in implementation of this  
94.30 chapter.

94.31 (b) The commissioner, in conjunction with appointing authorities, shall analyze and  
94.32 assess current and future human resource requirements of the civil service and coordinate

95.1 personnel actions throughout the civil service to meet the requirements. The commissioner  
 95.2 shall provide recruiting assistance and make the applicant database available to appointing  
 95.3 authorities to use in making appointments to positions in the unclassified service.

95.4 (c) The head of each agency in the executive branch shall designate an agency personnel  
 95.5 officer. The agency personnel officer shall be accountable to the agency head for all personnel  
 95.6 functions prescribed by laws, rules, collective bargaining agreements, the commissioner  
 95.7 and the agency head. Except when otherwise prescribed by the agency head in a specific  
 95.8 instance, the personnel officer shall be assumed to be the authority accountable to the agency  
 95.9 head over any other officer or employee in the agency for personnel functions.

95.10 (d) The head of each agency in the executive branch shall designate an affirmative action  
 95.11 officer who shall have primary responsibility for the administration of the agency's  
 95.12 affirmative action plan. The officer shall report directly to the head of the agency on  
 95.13 affirmative action matters.

95.14 (e) Pursuant to section 43A.431, the head of each agency in the executive branch shall  
 95.15 designate an ADA coordinator who shall have primary responsibility for the administration  
 95.16 of ADA policies, procedures, trainings, requests, and arbitration. The coordinator shall  
 95.17 report directly to the commissioner.

95.18 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 43A.421, is amended to read:

95.19 **43A.421 SUPPORTED WORK PROGRAM.**

95.20 Subdivision 1. Program established. ~~A total of 50 full-time~~ Active positions within  
 95.21 agencies of state government may be selected for inclusion for a supported work program  
 95.22 for persons with ~~severe~~ significant disabilities. A full-time position may be shared by up to  
 95.23 three persons with ~~severe~~ significant disabilities and their job coach. The job coach is not  
 95.24 a state employee within the scope of section 43A.02, subdivision 21, or 179A.03, subdivision  
 95.25 14, unless the job coach holds another position within the scope of section 43A.02,  
 95.26 subdivision 21, or 179A.03, subdivision 14. All classified supported work job postings need  
 95.27 to link to the overview and application process for the supported work program.

95.28 Subd. 2. Responsibilities. (a) The commissioner is responsible for the administration  
 95.29 and oversight of the supported work program, including the establishment of policies and  
 95.30 procedures, data collection and reporting requirements, and compliance.

95.31 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall design and implement a  
 95.32 training curriculum for the supported work program. All executive leaders, managers,

96.1 supervisors, human resources professionals, affirmative action officers, and Americans with  
 96.2 Disabilities Act coordinators must receive annual training regarding the program.

96.3 (c) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall develop, administer, and  
 96.4 make public a formal grievance process for individuals in the program.

96.5 **Sec. 23. [43A.431] AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATORS.**

96.6 (a) Each state agency shall designate at least one ADA coordinator who is responsible  
 96.7 for implementation of Title I of the ADA, to advance the prohibition on discrimination  
 96.8 against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing,  
 96.9 advancement, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of  
 96.10 employment. The ADA coordinator must have demonstrated knowledge and experience in:

96.11 (1) the recruitment, selection, development, and retention of people with disabilities;

96.12 (2) workforce data analysis;

96.13 (3) disability employment laws and regulations; and

96.14 (4) strategy development for universal and inclusive workplaces.

96.15 (b) The ADA coordinator is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation,  
 96.16 monitoring, and evaluation of effective strategies to attract, engage, and advance people  
 96.17 with disabilities. This includes assisting employees with identifying, acquiring, and  
 96.18 maintaining effective accommodations and submitting reimbursement requests to the  
 96.19 statewide accommodation fund under section 16B.4805.

96.20 (c) The ADA coordinator is responsible for collecting data and preparing reports to  
 96.21 ensure transparency and accountability and must serve as a key liaison for disability  
 96.22 employment and training initiatives.

96.23 **Sec. 24. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SERVICE WORKER STANDARDS.**

96.24 The commissioner of management and budget shall convene an advisory committee to  
 96.25 review and make recommendations regarding updates and clarifications to the service worker  
 96.26 class specifications under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.071. By January 15, 2024, the  
 96.27 commissioner shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state  
 96.28 government employees on recommendations for changes to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 96.29 43A.071.

97.1

**ARTICLE 6**

97.2

**MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE**

97.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
97.4 to read:

97.5 Subd. 15a. **Transfer.** A "transfer" means the authorization to move state money from  
97.6 one fund, account, or agency to another fund, account, or agency within the state treasury.  
97.7 When authorized by law, a transfer must reduce money in one fund, account, or agency and  
97.8 increase the same amount to a separate fund, account, or agency.

97.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

97.10 Subdivision 1. **State revenue and expenditures.** In February and November each year,  
97.11 the commissioner shall prepare a forecast of state revenue and expenditures. The November  
97.12 forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor no later than ~~the end of the first~~  
97.13 ~~week of December 6.~~ The February forecast must be delivered to the legislature and governor  
97.14 by the end of February. Forecasts must be delivered to the legislature and governor on the  
97.15 same day. If requested by the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy,  
97.16 delivery to the legislature must include a presentation to the commission.

97.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, subdivision 1b, as amended by Laws  
97.18 2023, chapter 10, section 2, is amended to read:

97.19 Subd. 1b. **Forecast variable.** In determining the rate of inflation, the application of  
97.20 inflation, the amount of state bonding as it affects debt service, the calculation of investment  
97.21 income, and the other variables to be included in the expenditure part of the forecast, the  
97.22 commissioner must consult with the chairs and lead minority members of the senate ~~State~~  
97.23 ~~Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means  
97.24 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff. This consultation must occur at least three weeks  
97.25 before the forecast is to be released. No later than two weeks prior to the release of the  
97.26 forecast, the commissioner must inform the chairs and lead minority members of the senate  
97.27 ~~State Government~~ Finance Committee and the house of representatives Ways and Means  
97.28 Committee, and legislative fiscal staff of any changes in these variables from the previous  
97.29 forecast.

98.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.103, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 98.2 read:

98.3 Subd. 1i. **Budget close report.** By October 15 of each odd-numbered year, the  
 98.4 commissioner shall prepare a detailed fund balance analysis of the general fund for the  
 98.5 previous biennium. The analysis shall include a comparison to the most recent publicly  
 98.6 available fund balance analysis of the general fund. The commissioner shall provide this  
 98.7 analysis to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives Ways  
 98.8 and Means Committee and the senate Finance Committee, and shall post the analysis on  
 98.9 the agency's website.

98.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

98.11 Subd. 2. **Additional revenues; priority.** (a) If on the basis of a forecast of general fund  
 98.12 revenues and expenditures, the commissioner of management and budget determines that  
 98.13 there will be a positive unrestricted budgetary general fund balance at the close of the  
 98.14 biennium, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate money to the following  
 98.15 accounts and purposes in priority order:

98.16 (1) the cash flow account established in subdivision 1 until that account reaches  
 98.17 \$350,000,000;

98.18 (2) the budget reserve account established in subdivision 1a until that account reaches  
 98.19 ~~\$2,377,399,000~~ \$2,852,098,000;

98.20 (3) the amount necessary to increase the aid payment schedule for school district aids  
 98.21 and credits payments in section 127A.45 to not more than 90 percent rounded to the nearest  
 98.22 tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available and with any remaining funds  
 98.23 deposited in the budget reserve; and

98.24 (4) the amount necessary to restore all or a portion of the net aid reductions under section  
 98.25 127A.441 and to reduce the property tax revenue recognition shift under section 123B.75,  
 98.26 subdivision 5, by the same amount;

98.27 ~~(5) the amount necessary to increase the Minnesota 21st century fund by not more than~~  
 98.28 ~~the difference between \$5,000,000 and the sum of the amounts credited and canceled to it~~  
 98.29 ~~in the previous 12 months under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 11, until the sum~~  
 98.30 ~~of all transfers under this section and all amounts credited or canceled under Laws 2020,~~  
 98.31 ~~chapter 71, article 1, section 11, equals \$20,000,000; and~~

98.32 (6) for a forecast in November only, the amount remaining after the transfer under clause  
 98.33 ~~(5) must be used to reduce the percentage of accelerated June liability sales tax payments~~

99.1 ~~required under section 289A.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), until the percentage equals~~  
 99.2 ~~zero, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. By March 15 following the November~~  
 99.3 ~~forecast, the commissioner must provide the commissioner of revenue with the percentage~~  
 99.4 ~~of accelerated June liability owed based on the reduction required by this clause. By April~~  
 99.5 ~~15 each year, the commissioner of revenue must certify the percentage of June liability~~  
 99.6 ~~owed by vendors based on the reduction required by this clause.~~

99.7 (b) The amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section are appropriated  
 99.8 from the general fund within two weeks after the forecast is released or, in the case of  
 99.9 transfers under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), as necessary to meet the appropriations  
 99.10 schedules otherwise established in statute.

99.11 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall certify the total dollar amount  
 99.12 of the reductions under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), to the commissioner of education.  
 99.13 The commissioner of education shall increase the aid payment percentage and reduce the  
 99.14 property tax shift percentage by these amounts and apply those reductions to the current  
 99.15 fiscal year and thereafter.

99.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.97, is amended to read:

99.17 **16A.97 TOBACCO BONDS.**

99.18 The commissioner may sell and issue debt under ~~either or both of sections 16A.98 and~~  
 99.19 section 16A.99, but the net proceeds of bonds issued and sold under ~~those sections together~~  
 99.20 that section must not exceed \$640,000,000 during fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

99.21 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

99.22 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.98, is repealed.

99.23 **ARTICLE 7**  
 99.24 **ELECTIONS POLICY**

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

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

99.29 (1) the law of this state respecting unfair, discriminatory, and other unlawful practices  
 99.30 in business, commerce, or trade, and specifically, but not exclusively, the Nonprofit  
 99.31 Corporation Act (sections 317A.001 to 317A.909), the Act Against Unfair Discrimination

100.1 and Competition (sections 325D.01 to 325D.07), the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (sections  
 100.2 325D.09 to 325D.16), the Antitrust Act (sections 325D.49 to 325D.66), section 325F.67  
 100.3 and other laws against false or fraudulent advertising, the antidiscrimination acts contained  
 100.4 in section 325D.67, the act against monopolization of food products (section 325D.68), the  
 100.5 act regulating telephone advertising services (section 325E.39), the Prevention of Consumer  
 100.6 Fraud Act (sections 325F.68 to 325F.70), and chapter 53A regulating currency exchanges  
 100.7 ~~and assist in the enforcement of those laws as in this section provided;~~ and

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

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

100.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

100.12 Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

100.13 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any  
 100.14 year:

100.15 (i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the  
 100.16 official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating  
 100.17 or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

100.18 (ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating  
 100.19 government relations or government affairs services between two third parties; or

100.20 (2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses  
 100.21 and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or  
 100.22 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political  
 100.23 subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.

100.24 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

100.25 (1) a public official;

100.26 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education  
 100.27 systems;

100.28 (3) an elected local official;

100.29 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an  
 100.30 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends  
 100.31 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,

101.1 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than  
 101.2 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging  
 101.3 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring  
 101.4 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~  
 101.5 ~~unit~~ political subdivision, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination  
 101.6 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies  
 101.7 of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~ political subdivisions;

101.8 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,  
 101.9 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is  
 101.10 taking administrative action;

101.11 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public  
 101.12 funds;

101.13 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or  
 101.14 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or  
 101.15 indirectly urge official action;

101.16 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the  
 101.17 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

101.18 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature  
 101.19 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents  
 101.20 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

101.21 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration  
 101.22 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause  
 101.23 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

101.24 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary  
 101.25 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying  
 101.26 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate  
 101.27 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

101.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

101.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 101.30 read:

101.31 **Subd. 26b. Official action of political subdivisions.** "Official action of political  
 101.32 subdivisions" means any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local

102.1 officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or employed  
 102.2 local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on, as a member of the governing body,  
 102.3 major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment of public money.

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

102.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

102.6 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board  
 102.7 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the  
 102.8 reporting period.

102.9 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by  
 102.10 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific  
 102.11 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of  
 102.12 importance to the entity represented.

102.13 ~~(b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately~~  
 102.14 ~~listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,~~  
 102.15 ~~and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a~~  
 102.16 ~~breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified~~  
 102.17 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~  
 102.18 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~  
 102.19 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~  
 102.20 ~~expenses. every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~  
 102.21 to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of  
 102.22 interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes rule draft number assigned  
 102.23 to the administrative rulemaking.

102.24 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that  
 102.25 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must  
 102.26 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

102.27 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects  
 102.28 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to  
 102.29 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence  
 102.30 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying  
 102.31 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which  
 102.32 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting  
 102.33 period and report only those four subjects.

103.1 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate  
 103.2 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the  
 103.3 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the  
 103.4 reporting period.

103.5 ~~(e)~~ (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,  
 103.6 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any  
 103.7 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or  
 103.8 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to  
 103.9 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

103.10 ~~(d)~~ (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any  
 103.11 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,  
 103.12 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. The list must  
 103.13 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal  
 103.14 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

103.15 ~~(e)~~ (i) On ~~the each~~ report ~~due June 15, the~~ a lobbyist must ~~provide a~~ disclose the general  
 103.16 ~~description of the subjects~~ lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the ~~previous 12~~  
 103.17 ~~months~~ reporting period.

103.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.19 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

103.20 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this  
 103.21 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

103.22 (b) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,  
 103.23 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000,~~ spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year  
 103.24 ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan~~  
 103.25 ~~governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

103.26 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;

103.27 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause  
 103.28 (3);

103.29 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and  
 103.30 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

103.31 (4) lobbying to influence official action of political subdivisions.

104.1 (c) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph  
 104.2 (b), the principal must report under this subdivision a total amount that includes:

104.3 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal  
 104.4 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

104.5 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,  
 104.6 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,  
 104.7 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative  
 104.8 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to  
 104.9 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

104.10 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative  
 104.11 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence  
 104.12 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental  
 104.13 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

104.14 (d) ~~A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~  
 104.15 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~  
 104.16 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~  
 104.17 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~  
 104.18 ~~(b) and (c).~~

104.19 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed  
 104.20 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact  
 104.21 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid  
 104.22 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.  
 104.23 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address  
 104.24 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest  
 104.25 addressed by the advertisement.

104.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

104.27 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

104.28 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

104.29 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director  
 104.30 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously  
 104.31 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher  
 104.32 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they  
 104.33 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,

105.1 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political  
 105.2 subdivision.

105.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

105.4 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

105.5 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

105.6 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the  
 105.7 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a  
 105.8 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is  
 105.9 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

105.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

105.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

105.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

105.13 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or  
 105.14 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received  
 105.15 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

105.16 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official  
 105.17 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit~~.

105.18 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for  
 105.19 an accomplishment.

105.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

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

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

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

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

- 106.1 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;
- 106.2 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the  
106.3 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;
- 106.4 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;
- 106.5 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state  
106.6 identification number, and last four digits of the Social Security number for each voter  
106.7 record;
- 106.8 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;
- 106.9 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the  
106.10 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;
- 106.11 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state  
106.12 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search  
106.13 capabilities;
- 106.14 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration  
106.15 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;
- 106.16 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;
- 106.17 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should  
106.18 be assigned for voting purposes;
- 106.19 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,  
106.20 state identification numbers, or last four digits of the Social Security numbers submitted on  
106.21 voter registration applications that have been verified as accurate by the secretary of state;  
106.22 ~~and~~
- 106.23 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and  
106.24 cast by voters under section 203B.16; and
- 106.25 (15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

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

106.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
106.29 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
106.30 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
106.31 later.

107.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws  
107.2 2023, chapter 12, section 2, is amended to read:

107.3 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must  
107.4 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration  
107.5 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,  
107.6 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's  
107.7 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;  
107.8 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid  
107.9 Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification number, or if the voter  
107.10 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification, the  
107.11 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper  
107.12 registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The  
107.13 electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The  
107.14 registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if  
107.15 indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter  
107.16 eligibility:

107.17 "I certify that I:

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

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

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

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

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

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

107.26 (7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

107.27 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a  
107.28 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than  
107.29 \$10,000, or both."

107.30 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

107.31 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

107.32 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

108.1 And the instruction:

108.2 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

108.3 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility  
108.4 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter  
108.5 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted  
108.6 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not  
108.7 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

108.8 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in  
108.9 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

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

108.11 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

108.12 Subd. 4a. **Presidential primary political party list.** The secretary of state must maintain  
108.13 a list of the voters who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party  
108.14 each voter selected. Information maintained on the list is private data on individuals as  
108.15 defined under section 13.02, subdivision 12, except that the secretary of state must provide  
108.16 ~~the list~~ to the chair of each major political party the list of voters who selected that party.

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

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

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

108.23 ~~(1) serving incarcerated for felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction; or~~

108.24 ~~(2) on probation for felony offenses that resulted in the loss of civil rights, as indicated~~  
108.25 ~~by the statewide supervision system established under section 241.065.~~

108.26 ~~(e)~~ (b) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
108.27 each individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional  
108.28 facility, and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's:  
108.29 corrections' state identification number, last four digits of the Social Security number,  
108.30 driver's license or state identification card number, ~~date of sentence, effective date of the~~

109.1 ~~sentence, county in which the conviction occurred, and date of discharge~~ and most recent  
 109.2 date of incarceration.

109.3 ~~(d)~~ (c) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 109.4 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered  
 109.5 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven  
 109.6 calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must  
 109.7 determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (a) is  
 109.8 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 109.9 than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor  
 109.10 must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each  
 109.11 individual named in the list.

109.12 ~~(e)~~ (d) The county auditor must identify an individual who ~~registered to vote or voted~~  
 109.13 ~~while serving~~ incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or  
 109.14 ~~while on probation for a felony offense that resulted in the loss of civil rights during a period~~  
 109.15 ~~when the individual's civil rights were revoked.~~ The county auditor must immediately send  
 109.16 notice to the county attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any  
 109.17 other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual ~~registered~~  
 109.18 ~~to vote or voted during the period when the individual's civil rights were revoked~~ of  
 109.19 incarceration.

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

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

109.22 Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must  
 109.23 report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to  
 109.24 vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317  
 109.25 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph  
 109.26 (a).

109.27 ~~(b) The state court administrator must report on individuals previously convicted of a~~  
 109.28 ~~felony whose civil rights have been restored.~~

109.29 ~~(e)~~ The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were ~~serving~~  
 109.30 incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or who were on  
 109.31 probation for a felony offense under the commissioner's jurisdiction that resulted in the loss  
 109.32 of civil rights but who have been discharged from the sentence and have been released from  
 109.33 incarceration.

110.1 ~~(d)~~ (c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for  
 110.2 each individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the  
 110.3 Social Security number. For ~~reports~~ the report required by ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (b) and  
 110.4 ~~(e)~~, ~~each~~ the report must also include the individual's, if available: corrections' state  
 110.5 identification number, driver's license or state identification card number, date of ~~sentene~~;  
 110.6 ~~effective date of the sentene~~ incarceration, county in which the conviction occurred, and  
 110.7 date of discharge.

110.8 ~~(e)~~ (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision,  
 110.9 the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) ~~or (b)~~ is  
 110.10 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later  
 110.11 than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of  
 110.12 state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph  
 110.13 ~~(e)~~ (b) is registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor.  
 110.14 No later than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the  
 110.15 county auditor must remove the challenge status on the record in the statewide voter  
 110.16 registration system of each individual named in the list.

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

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

110.19 **203B.001 ELECTION LAW APPLICABILITY.**

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

110.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 110.23 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 110.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 110.25 later.

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

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

110.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 110.31 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,

111.1 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 111.2 later.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

111.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 111.24 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 111.25 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 111.26 later.

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

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

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

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

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

112.5 A clerk of a city that is located in more than one county may only administer the  
112.6 provisions of sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has been designated  
112.7 by each of the county auditors or has provided notice to each of the county auditors that the  
112.8 city will administer absentee voting. A clerk may only administer the provisions of sections  
112.9 203B.04 to 203B.15 and 203B.30 if the clerk has technical capacity to access the statewide  
112.10 voter registration system in the secure manner prescribed by the secretary of state. The  
112.11 secretary of state must identify hardware, software, security, or other technical prerequisites  
112.12 necessary to ensure the security, access controls, and performance of the statewide voter  
112.13 registration system. A clerk must receive training approved by the secretary of state on the  
112.14 use of the statewide voter registration system before administering this section. A clerk may  
112.15 not use the statewide voter registration system until the clerk has received the required  
112.16 training. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of any municipal clerk who  
112.17 will be administering the provisions of this section and the duties that the clerk will  
112.18 administer.

112.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
112.20 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
112.21 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
112.22 later.

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

112.24 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing for absentee voting.** An eligible voter may vote by  
112.25 absentee ballot in the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated  
112.26 by the county auditor during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this  
112.27 section.

112.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
112.29 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
112.30 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
112.31 later.

113.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, is amended by adding a subdivision  
113.2 to read:

113.3 Subd. 1a. **Location; timing for early voting.** An eligible voter may vote using early  
113.4 voting during the 18 days before a federal, state, or county election, and during the 18 days  
113.5 before a municipal election if authorized under section 203B.05, in the office of the county  
113.6 auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county auditor. In elections in which  
113.7 early voting is provided, the alternative voting procedure authorized by subdivision 3 must  
113.8 not be provided.

113.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
113.10 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
113.11 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
113.12 later.

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

113.14 Subd. 3. **Alternative procedure.** (a) The county auditor may make available a ballot  
113.15 counter and ballot box for use by the voters during the ~~seven~~ 18 days before the election.  
113.16 If a ballot counter and ballot box is provided, a voter must be given the option either (1) to  
113.17 vote using the process provided in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, or (2) to vote in the  
113.18 manner provided in this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

114.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
114.27 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
114.28 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
114.29 later.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

116.9 **203B.085 COUNTY AUDITOR'S AND MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICES TO**  
116.10 **REMAIN OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS PRECEDING ELECTION.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

116.20 Subd. 2. **Other elections.** In elections other than the state general election, the county  
116.21 auditor's office in each county and the clerk's office in each city or town authorized under  
116.22 section 203B.05 to administer ~~absentee balloting~~ voting before election day must be open  
116.23 for ~~acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots~~ voting as  
116.24 authorized under section 203B.081 from ~~10:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until  
116.25 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding a primary, special, or general election unless  
116.26 that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Town clerks' offices, and county auditors' offices if  
116.27 the county auditor has agreed to perform those duties on behalf of the township, must be  
116.28 open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the Saturday before a town  
116.29 general election held in March. The school district clerk, when performing the county  
116.30 auditor's election duties, need not comply with this section.

117.1 Subd. 3. Voters in line. All voters in line at a time when a polling place is scheduled to  
 117.2 close must be allowed to vote in the same manner as provided in section 204C.05, subdivision  
 117.3 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

117.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 117.20 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 117.21 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 117.22 later.

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

117.24 Subdivision 1. Establishment; applicable laws. (a) The governing body of each county,  
 117.25 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or  
 117.26 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The  
 117.27 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections  
 117.28 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks  
 117.29 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member  
 117.30 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of  
 117.31 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee

118.1 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,  
118.2 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,  
118.3 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

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

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

118.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
118.9 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
118.10 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
118.11 later.

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

118.13 **Subd. 2. Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board  
118.14 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section  
118.15 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,  
118.16 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall  
118.17 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges  
118.18 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they  
118.19 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,  
118.20 subdivision 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

119.32 (2) the reason for rejection; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

120.27 Subd. 3. **Record of voting.** (a) When applicable, the county auditor or municipal clerk  
120.28 must immediately record that a voter's absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter  
120.29 has cast a ballot pursuant to the early voting procedures provided in this chapter. After the  
120.30 close of business on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, a voter whose record indicates  
120.31 that an absentee ballot has been accepted or that the voter has cast an early ballot must not

121.1 be permitted to cast another ballot at that election. In a state primary, general, or state special  
 121.2 election for federal ~~or~~, state, or county office, the auditor or clerk must also record this  
 121.3 information in the statewide voter registration system.

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

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

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

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

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

121.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 121.15 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 121.16 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 121.17 later.

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

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

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

121.27 Sec. 35. **[203B.30] PROCEDURES FOR EARLY VOTING.**

121.28 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "early voting official" means  
 121.29 the county auditor, city clerk, a deputy of the auditor or clerk, or an election judge.

121.30 Subd. 2. Voting procedure. (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place,  
 121.31 the voter must state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to

122.1 the early voting official. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration  
 122.2 is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast  
 122.3 a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge  
 122.4 as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote or whose name  
 122.5 or address has changed must register in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision  
 122.6 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot.

122.7 (b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of  
 122.8 an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence  
 122.9 of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification,  
 122.10 two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must  
 122.11 immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to  
 122.12 mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils  
 122.13 the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot.  
 122.14 After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and  
 122.15 ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the  
 122.16 manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

122.17 Subd. 3. **Processing of ballots.** Early voting officials must remove and secure ballots  
 122.18 cast during the early voting period following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision  
 122.19 5, paragraph (a). The absentee ballot board must count the ballots after the polls have closed  
 122.20 on election day following the procedures in section 203B.121, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

122.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 122.22 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 122.23 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 122.24 later.

122.25 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

122.26 Subd. 3. **Write-in candidates.** (a) A candidate for county, state, or federal office who  
 122.27 wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the  
 122.28 filing office for the office sought not more than 84 days before the primary and no later  
 122.29 than the seventh day before the general election. The filing officer shall provide copies of  
 122.30 the form to make the request. The filing officer shall not accept a written request later than  
 122.31 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a written request.

122.32 (b) The governing body of a statutory or home rule charter city may adopt a resolution  
 122.33 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may:

123.1 (1) require the candidate to file a written request with the chief election official no later  
 123.2 than the seventh day before the city election if the candidate wants to have the candidate's  
 123.3 write-in votes individually recorded; or

123.4 (2) require that write-in votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded  
 123.5 if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest  
 123.6 number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate.

123.7 If the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter city adopts a resolution authorized  
 123.8 by this paragraph, the resolution must be adopted before the first day of filing for office. A  
 123.9 resolution adopted under this paragraph remains in effect until a subsequent resolution on  
 123.10 the same subject is adopted by the governing body of the statutory or home rule charter  
 123.11 city.

123.12 (c) The governing body of a township, school board, hospital district, park district, soil  
 123.13 and water district, or other ancillary elected district may adopt a resolution governing the  
 123.14 counting of write-in votes for local elective office. The resolution may require that write-in  
 123.15 votes for an individual candidate only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in  
 123.16 votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for  
 123.17 a ballot candidate.

123.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) A candidate for president of the United States who files a request under this  
 123.19 subdivision must ~~file jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for~~  
 123.20 ~~vice president of the United States. A candidate for vice president of the United States who~~  
 123.21 ~~files a request under this subdivision must file jointly with another individual seeking~~  
 123.22 ~~nomination as~~ include the name of a candidate for vice president of the United States. The  
 123.23 request must also include the name of at least one candidate for presidential elector. The  
 123.24 total number of names of candidates for presidential elector on the request may not exceed  
 123.25 the total number of electoral votes to be cast by Minnesota in the presidential election.

123.26 ~~(e)~~ (e) A candidate for governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 123.27 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor.  
 123.28 A candidate for lieutenant governor who files a request under this subdivision must file  
 123.29 jointly with another individual seeking nomination as a candidate for governor.

123.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.26, is amended to read:

123.31 **204B.26 ELECTION JUDGES; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

123.32 A county auditor or municipal clerk may remove any precinct election official at any  
 123.33 time if the official engages in a neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct in office, or for

124.1 other cause. Any individual who serves as an election judge in violation of any of the  
 124.2 provisions of sections 204B.19 to 204B.25, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

124.4 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.5 Subd. 2. **Election supplies; duties of county auditors and clerks.** (a) Except as  
 124.6 otherwise provided in this section and for absentee ballots in section 204B.35, subdivision  
 124.7 4, the county auditor shall complete the preparation of the election materials for which the  
 124.8 auditor is responsible at least four days before every state primary and state general election.  
 124.9 At any time after all election materials are available from the county auditor but not later  
 124.10 than four days before the election each municipal clerk shall secure from the county auditor:

124.11 ~~(a)~~ (1) the forms that are required for the conduct of the election;

124.12 ~~(b)~~ (2) any printed voter instruction materials furnished by the secretary of state;

124.13 ~~(c)~~ (3) any other instructions for election officers; and

124.14 ~~(d)~~ (4) a sufficient quantity of the official ballots, registration files, envelopes for ballot  
 124.15 returns, and other supplies and materials required for each precinct in order to comply with  
 124.16 the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law. The county auditor may furnish the election  
 124.17 supplies to the municipal clerks in the same manner as the supplies are furnished to precincts  
 124.18 in unorganized territory pursuant to section 204B.29, subdivision 1.

124.19 (b) The county auditor must prepare and make available election materials for early  
 124.20 voting to municipal clerks designated to administer early voting under section 203B.05 on  
 124.21 or before the 19th day before the election.

124.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the revisor of statutes's receipt of  
 124.23 the certification described in section 49 and applies to elections held on or after January 1,  
 124.24 2024, or the 85th day after the revisor of statutes receives the certification, whichever is  
 124.25 later.

124.26 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

124.27 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~  
 124.28 ~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1  
 124.29 of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~  
 124.30 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling  
 124.31 place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor

125.1 or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct  
125.2 balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized  
125.3 territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any  
125.4 precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county  
125.5 auditor.

125.6 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor  
125.7 or municipal clerk.

125.8 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

125.9 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given  
125.10 at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before  
125.11 a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14 days before any  
125.12 other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered  
125.13 in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the  
125.14 auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after  
125.15 the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered  
125.16 at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot  
125.17 return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk  
125.18 and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk.  
125.19 The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot  
125.20 return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if  
125.21 there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are  
125.22 more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or  
125.23 deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail  
125.24 ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing  
125.25 the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt  
125.26 from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an  
125.27 envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope  
125.28 must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot  
125.29 and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days  
125.30 of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board  
125.31 must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's  
125.32 ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

125.33 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
125.34 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business

126.1 on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
126.2 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
126.3 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

126.4 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
126.5 and counting of ballots apply.

126.6 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
126.7 one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the  
126.8 close of voting on election day.

126.9 The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter  
126.10 ~~resides~~ maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election  
126.11 must be counted.

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

126.13 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

126.14 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

126.15 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special  
126.16 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the  
126.17 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school  
126.18 and municipal jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the  
126.19 jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Notice of the election must be given to the  
126.20 county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the  
126.21 requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must  
126.22 be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days  
126.23 prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all  
126.24 voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before  
126.25 the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters  
126.26 who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election.  
126.27 Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant  
126.28 to chapter 203B. The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and  
126.29 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days  
126.30 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if  
126.31 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county  
126.32 auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training  
126.33 in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major

127.1 political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different  
 127.2 major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075,  
 127.3 subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before  
 127.4 the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must  
 127.5 provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.  
 127.6 If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed  
 127.7 and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone  
 127.8 or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must  
 127.9 document the attempts made to contact the voter.

127.10 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to  
 127.11 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business  
 127.12 on the ~~seventh~~ 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked  
 127.13 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86,  
 127.14 subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

127.15 In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit  
 127.16 and counting of ballots apply.

127.17 The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as  
 127.18 one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting  
 127.19 on election day.

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

127.21 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.49, is amended to read:

127.22 **204B.49 "I VOTED" STICKERS.**

127.23 The secretary of state, county auditor, municipal clerk, school district clerk, or an election  
 127.24 judge may provide a sticker containing the words "I VOTED," and nothing more, to an  
 127.25 individual who:

127.26 (1) has successfully deposited a ballot into a ballot box, ~~under section 203B.081,~~  
 127.27 ~~subdivision 3, or 204C.13, subdivision 5;~~

127.28 (2) is provided an absentee ballot under section 203B.07, subdivision 1, or 203B.21,  
 127.29 subdivision 2; or

127.30 (3) is provided a ballot by mail under section 204B.45 or 204B.46.

128.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter  
128.2 12, section 5, is amended to read:

128.3 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**  
128.4 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

128.5 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature  
128.6 certificate which states that the individual:

128.7 (1) is at least 18 years ~~of age~~ old;

128.8 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

128.9 (3) has ~~resided~~ maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding  
128.10 the election;

128.11 (4) maintains residence at the address shown;

128.12 (5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to  
128.13 vote;

128.14 (6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote;

128.15 (7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the individual  
128.16 is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

128.17 (8) is registered; and

128.18 (9) has not already voted in the election.

128.19 The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information  
128.20 is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than  
128.21 \$10,000, or both."

128.22 (b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I  
128.23 am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to  
128.24 vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a).  
128.25 The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

128.26 (c) A judge may, before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate,  
128.27 confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth.

128.28 (d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give  
128.29 the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in  
128.30 charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to

129.1 the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of  
129.2 filing an election contest.

129.3 (e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge  
129.4 must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than  
129.5 the voter whose status is challenged.

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

129.7 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 206.845, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

129.8 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited connections.** The county auditor and municipal clerk must  
129.9 secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against  
129.10 unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording  
129.11 and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any  
129.12 electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the  
129.13 World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording  
129.14 or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No  
129.15 connection by modem is permitted.

129.16 Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system  
129.17 for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means  
129.18 of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording  
129.19 or vote tabulating system. A county auditor or municipal clerk may not create or disclose,  
129.20 or permit any other person to create or disclose, an electronic image of the hard drive of  
129.21 any vote recording or tabulating system or any other component of an electronic voting  
129.22 system, except as authorized in writing by the secretary of state or for the purpose of  
129.23 conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

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

129.25 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

129.26 Subdivision 1. **When and where filed by committees.** (a) A committee or a candidate  
129.27 who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year  
129.28 shall submit an initial report to the filing officer within 14 days after the candidate or  
129.29 committee receives or makes disbursements of more than \$750 and shall continue to make  
129.30 the reports listed in paragraph (b) until a final report is filed.

130.1 (b) The committee or candidate must file a report by January 31 of each year following  
 130.2 the year when the initial report was filed and in a year when the candidate's name or a ballot  
 130.3 question appears on the ballot, the candidate or committee shall file a report:

130.4 (1) ten days before the primary or special primary. In a jurisdiction where the local  
 130.5 primary is eliminated due to the adoption of ranked choice voting, candidates running in a  
 130.6 ranked choice voting election must file a report in the same manner as if a primary were  
 130.7 being held for such offices;

130.8 (2) ten days before the general election or special election; and

130.9 (3) 30 days after a general or special election.

130.10 Sec. 46. **[211B.076] INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE RELATED TO THE**  
 130.11 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL; PENALTIES.**

130.12 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "election official" means a  
 130.13 member of a canvassing board, the county auditor or municipal clerk charged with duties  
 130.14 relating to elections, a member of a ballot board, an election judge, an election judge trainee,  
 130.15 or any other individual assigned by a state entity or county or municipal government to  
 130.16 perform official duties related to elections.

130.17 Subd. 2. **Intimidation.** (a) A person may not directly or indirectly use or threaten force,  
 130.18 coercion, violence, restraint, damage, harm, or loss, including loss of employment or  
 130.19 economic reprisal, against another with the intent to influence an election official in the  
 130.20 performance of a duty of election administration.

130.21 (b) In a civil action brought to prevent and restrain violations of this subdivision or to  
 130.22 require the payment of civil penalties, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the action or  
 130.23 attempted action would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated. The plaintiff does  
 130.24 not need to show that the defendant intended to cause the victim to feel intimidated.

130.25 Subd. 3. **Interfering with or hindering the administration of an election.** A person  
 130.26 may not intentionally hinder, interfere with, or prevent an election official's performance  
 130.27 of a duty related to election administration.

130.28 Subd. 4. **Dissemination of personal information about an election official.** (a) A  
 130.29 person may not knowingly and without consent make publicly available, including but not  
 130.30 limited to through the Internet, personal information about an election official or an election  
 130.31 official's family or household member if:

131.1 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the  
131.2 safety of an official's family or household member; and

131.3 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should  
131.4 know of any imminent and serious threat.

131.5 (b) As used in this subdivision, "personal information" means the home address of the  
131.6 election official or a member of an election official's family, directions to that home, or  
131.7 photographs of that home.

131.8 Subd. 5. **Obstructing access.** A person may not intentionally and physically obstruct  
131.9 an election official's access to or egress from a polling place, meeting of a canvassing board,  
131.10 place where ballots and elections equipment are located or stored, or any other place where  
131.11 the election official performs a duty related to election administration.

131.12 Subd. 6. **Tampering with voting equipment.** (a) A person may not access without  
131.13 authorization, tamper with, or facilitate unauthorized access to or tampering with an electronic  
131.14 voting system, electromechanical voting equipment, or an election night reporting system  
131.15 before, during, or after any election required by law.

131.16 (b) A person may not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other  
131.17 confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other  
131.18 remedies and penalties provided by this section, the secretary of state, county auditor, or  
131.19 municipal clerk must immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found  
131.20 to be in violation of this paragraph.

131.21 Subd. 7. **Tampering with ballot box.** A person may not willfully tamper with or open  
131.22 a ballot box, including a ballot drop box, except for the purpose of conducting official duties  
131.23 as expressly authorized by law.

131.24 Subd. 8. **Tampering with statewide voter registration system, registration list, or**  
131.25 **polling place roster.** Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly  
131.26 authorized by law, a person may not mutilate, change, or erase any name, figure, or word  
131.27 in the statewide voter registration system, on a voter registration list, or polling place roster;  
131.28 remove or destroy a registration list or polling place roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove  
131.29 any part of a list or roster from the place where it has been deposited with an intention to  
131.30 destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any person, or to prevent any voter from  
131.31 voting.

132.1 Subd. 9. **Unauthorized access to statewide voter registration system.** A person may  
132.2 not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except  
132.3 for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law.

132.4 Subd. 10. **Vicarious liability; conspiracy.** A person may be held vicariously liable for  
132.5 any damages resulting from the violation of this section and may be identified in an order  
132.6 restraining violations of this section if that person:

132.7 (1) intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, abets, incites, compels, or coerces a person  
132.8 to violate any provision of this section or attempts to aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite,  
132.9 compel, or coerce a person to violate any provision of this section; or

132.10 (2) conspires, combines, agrees, or arranges with another to either commit a violation  
132.11 of this section or aid, advise, hire, counsel, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a third person to  
132.12 violate any provision of this section.

132.13 Subd. 11. **Criminal penalties; civil remedies.** (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person  
132.14 who violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

132.15 (b) The attorney general, a county attorney, or an election official may bring a civil  
132.16 action to prevent or restrain a violation of this section.

132.17 (c) The attorney general, or an election official injured by an act prohibited by this  
132.18 section, may bring a civil action pursuant to section 8.31 to recover damages, together with  
132.19 costs of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as  
132.20 determined by the court. An action brought by an election official under section 8.31,  
132.21 subdivision 3a, is in the public interest. In addition to all other damages, the court may  
132.22 impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

132.23 (d) Civil remedies allowable under this section are cumulative and do not restrict any  
132.24 other right or remedy otherwise available. An action for a penalty or remedy under this  
132.25 section must be brought within two years of the date the violation is alleged to have occurred.  
132.26 The complaint process provided in sections 211B.31 to 211B.36 does not apply to violations  
132.27 of this section.

132.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023, and applies to violations  
132.29 occurring on or after that date.

132.30 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.31 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** A person ~~may not display campaign~~  
132.32 ~~material, post signs,~~ must not:

133.1 (1) ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter to vote for or refrain  
 133.2 from voting for a candidate or ballot question; or

133.3 (2) wear, exhibit, or distribute any item that displays:

133.4 (i) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;

133.5 (ii) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the  
 133.6 ballot; or

133.7 (iii) the name, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on the ballot.

133.8 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,  
 133.9 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

133.10 (b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) apply during voting hours:

133.11 (1) throughout the absentee and early voting periods:

133.12 (i) within a polling place; and

133.13 (ii) within 100 feet of the room in which a polling place is situated, to the extent  
 133.14 practicable; and

133.15 (2) on the day of a primary or general election:

133.16 (i) within a polling place ~~or~~;

133.17 (ii) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, ~~or~~; and

133.18 (iii) anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated, ~~on primary~~

133.19 ~~or election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. A person~~

133.20 ~~may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at~~

133.21 ~~or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political~~

133.22 ~~button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary~~

133.23 ~~or election day. This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal~~

133.24 ~~clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.~~

133.25 (c) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as  
 133.26 provided in section 204B.49.

133.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 15, 2023.

133.28 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

133.29 Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~

133.30 paragraphs (b) and (c), a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be

134.1 filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the  
 134.2 alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

134.3 (b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and  
 134.4 associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign  
 134.5 Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

134.6 (c) Violations of section 211B.076 may only be enforced as provided in section 211B.076.

134.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 134.8 applies to violations occurring on or after that date.

134.9 Sec. 49. **CERTIFICATION.**

134.10 The secretary of state must certify to the revisor of statutes that the statewide voter  
 134.11 registration system has been tested and shown to properly allow for tracking of the  
 134.12 information required to conduct early voting and can handle the expected volume of use.

134.13 Sec. 50. **RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY**  
 134.14 **TASK FORCE.**

134.15 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** A Ranked Choice Voting and Voter Engagement Task Force is  
 134.16 established. The purpose of the task force is to engage election officials, state lawmakers,  
 134.17 and community members for the purpose of assessing the adoption and implementation of  
 134.18 ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections and to study voter engagement.

134.19 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of:

134.20 (1) the secretary of state or their designee;

134.21 (2) the state election director or their designee;

134.22 (3) four representatives of counties with experience administering elections, appointed  
 134.23 by the Minnesota Association of County Officers, as follows:

134.24 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;

134.25 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and

134.26 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;

134.27 (4) four representatives of cities with experience administering elections, appointed by  
 134.28 the League of Minnesota Cities, as follows:

134.29 (i) one representative from the seven-county metropolitan area;

- 135.1 (ii) two representatives from outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
- 135.2 (iii) one representative from a jurisdiction that has implemented ranked choice voting;
- 135.3 (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 135.4 of representatives;
- 135.5 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
- 135.6 (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the
- 135.7 house of representatives;
- 135.8 (8) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 135.9 (9) one representative of community-based organizations with demonstrated experience
- 135.10 and interest in voting methods and election administration, appointed by the governor;
- 135.11 (10) one representative who has experience administering elections at the county or city
- 135.12 level, appointed by the governor;
- 135.13 (11) one town clerk with experience administering elections, appointed by the Minnesota
- 135.14 Association of Townships;
- 135.15 (12) one representative appointed by the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans;
- 135.16 (13) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
- 135.17 (14) one representative appointed by the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage;
- 135.18 (15) one representative appointed by the Indian Affairs Council;
- 135.19 (16) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Council on Disability;
- 135.20 (17) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind,
- 135.21 and Hard of Hearing;
- 135.22 (18) three public members appointed by the governor;
- 135.23 (19) two public members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- 135.24 (20) one public member appointed by the senate minority leader;
- 135.25 (21) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 135.26 (22) one public member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 135.27 (b) The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee, serves as the chair of the task force.
- 135.28 Members of the task force and subcommittees are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section
- 135.29 15.059, subdivision 6.

136.1 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than  
136.2 August 1, 2023. No later than August 15, 2023, the secretary of state, or the secretary's  
136.3 designee, must convene the first meeting of the task force. Appointing authorities described  
136.4 in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (18) to (22), must give preference to appointees  
136.5 who are new Americans; seniors; infrequent voters; Black, Indigenous, or people of color;  
136.6 individuals with disabilities; residents of greater Minnesota; or residents of cities that have  
136.7 adopted ranked choice voting. Appointing authorities described in subdivision 2, paragraph  
136.8 (a), clauses (18) to (22), must not appoint political party chairs, officers or employees of a  
136.9 political party, elected officials, family members of elected officials, or registered lobbyists.

136.10 (b) The task force and subcommittees are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

136.11 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide support staff,  
136.12 office space, and administrative services for the task force.

136.13 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The task force must study voter-facing issues related to ranked choice  
136.14 voting, including but not limited to ballot design, voter instructions, usability of equipment,  
136.15 and other aspects of ranked choice voting that involve the voter. The task force must meet  
136.16 at least twice between August 1, 2023, and February 15, 2024, and at least twice between  
136.17 February 16, 2024, and February 15, 2025.

136.18 Subd. 6. **Report.** (a) By February 15, 2024, and February 15, 2025, the task force must  
136.19 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
136.20 with jurisdiction over elections policy and finance. The report must include:

136.21 (1) findings, conclusions, or recommendations relating to the voter-facing issues;

136.22 (2) draft legislation, if any, to implement the task force's recommendations; and

136.23 (3) the reports submitted to the task force chair by the subcommittees as required by  
136.24 subdivisions 7 and 8.

136.25 Subd. 7. **Ranked choice voting technical subcommittee.** (a) A ranked choice voting  
136.26 technical subcommittee is established within the task force. The ranked choice voting  
136.27 technical subcommittee must assess the technical aspects of implementing ranked choice  
136.28 voting for local and statewide elections. Members designated or appointed pursuant to  
136.29 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (11), are the members of the ranked choice voting  
136.30 technical subcommittee. The ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet at  
136.31 least monthly until the first report is submitted as provided in paragraph (d). After submission  
136.32 of the first report, the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must meet regularly.

137.1 (b) One member of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee designated by the  
 137.2 secretary of state and the gubernatorial appointee with experience administering elections  
 137.3 at the county or city level serve as cochairs of the ranked choice voting technical  
 137.4 subcommittee. The cochairs of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee are  
 137.5 encouraged to request the participation of at least two members of Minnesota's congressional  
 137.6 delegation, or their designees, including one member of the United States House of  
 137.7 Representatives and one member of the United States Senate. These members serve as ex  
 137.8 officio, nonvoting members of the ranked choice voting technical subcommittee.

137.9 (c) The ranked choice voting technical subcommittee must:

137.10 (1) assess the feasibility of local governments adopting ranked choice voting in  
 137.11 conjunction with state general elections, including cross-county municipalities and school  
 137.12 districts;

137.13 (2) assess the feasibility of adopting statewide ranked choice voting, particularly the  
 137.14 impact on local election administration and voter experience;

137.15 (3) assess system readiness and any challenges, obstacles, or barriers to adoption or  
 137.16 implementation of ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections;

137.17 (4) make recommendations on the standards and rules that would be needed to implement  
 137.18 ranked choice voting for local and statewide elections;

137.19 (5) assess the technology required to implement ranked choice voting for local and  
 137.20 statewide elections, including an inventory of current voting equipment across the state; an  
 137.21 assessment of the feasibility of ranked choice voting with varied election equipment and  
 137.22 systems; and recommendations for upgrading technology, where necessary or prudent; and

137.23 (6) recommend appropriations required to implement ranked choice voting for local and  
 137.24 statewide elections, including equipment and software, education, and training.

137.25 (d) By February 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025, the ranked choice voting technical  
 137.26 subcommittee must submit a report to the chair of the task force. The report must include:

137.27 (1) findings, conclusions, or recommendations relating to the duties of the subcommittee;  
 137.28 and

137.29 (2) draft legislation, if any, to implement the subcommittee's recommendations.

137.30 Subd. 8. **Voter engagement subcommittee.** (a) A voter engagement subcommittee is  
 137.31 established within the task force. The voter engagement subcommittee must assess voter  
 137.32 engagement. Members designated or appointed pursuant to subdivision 2, paragraph (a),

138.1 clauses (1) and (12) to (22), are the members of the voter engagement subcommittee. The  
138.2 voter engagement subcommittee must meet at least monthly until the first report is submitted  
138.3 as provided in paragraph (d). After submission of the first report, the voter engagement  
138.4 subcommittee must meet regularly.

138.5 (b) The senate majority leader must designate one of the individuals appointed by the  
138.6 senate majority leader as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee. The speaker of  
138.7 the house of representatives must designate one of the individuals appointed by the speaker  
138.8 of the house of representatives as a cochair of the voter engagement subcommittee.

138.9 (c) The voter engagement subcommittee must focus its analysis on eligible voters who  
138.10 are new Americans; seniors; Black, Indigenous, or people of color; low income; and  
138.11 individuals with disabilities. The voter engagement subcommittee must assess:

138.12 (1) current levels of understanding of voting methods used in Minnesota within the  
138.13 communities of focus;

138.14 (2) voter education efforts that were undertaken in Bloomington, Minneapolis,  
138.15 Minnetonka, St. Louis Park, and St. Paul after the adoption of ranked choice voting; and

138.16 (3) best practices for educating and engaging voters in the communities of focus.

138.17 (d) By February 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025, the voter engagement subcommittee  
138.18 must submit a report to the chair of the task force. The report must include:

138.19 (1) recommendations on how to increase voter participation in communities of focus;

138.20 (2) recommendations on how to further educate and engage voters in communities of  
138.21 focus, including whether current voter education and outreach efforts are sufficient or should  
138.22 be modified;

138.23 (3) recommendations on methods of voter outreach and education that should be  
138.24 employed within communities of focus in cases in which a jurisdiction is considering  
138.25 changing its method of voting and if it proceeds with changing its voting method; and

138.26 (4) any other recommendations related to voter engagement or education.

138.27 Subd. 9. **Sunset.** The task force and subcommittees expire March 1, 2025, or upon  
138.28 submission of the final report to the legislature, whichever is earlier.

138.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, provided that the designated  
138.30 appointing authorities may take actions necessary to name members to serve on the task  
138.31 force beginning the day following final enactment.

139.1 Sec. 51. **REPEALER.**

139.2 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.081, subdivision 2, is repealed.

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

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**1.135 STATE SEAL.**

Subd. 3. **Design.** The design of the seal is as described in this subdivision.

(a) The seal is composed of two concentric borders. The outside forms the border of the seal and the inside forms the border for the illustrations within the seal. The area between the two borders contains lettering.

(b) The seal is two inches in diameter. The outside border has a radius of one inch and resembles the serrated edge of a coin. The width of the border is 1/16 of an inch.

(c) The inside border has a radius of three-fourths of an inch and is composed of a series of closely spaced dots measuring 1/32 of an inch in diameter.

(d) Within the area between the borders "The Great Seal of the State of Minnesota" is printed in capital letters. Under that is the date "1858" with two dagger symbols separating the date and the letters. The lettering is 14-point century bold.

(e) In the area within the inside border is the portrayal of an 1858 Minnesota scene made up of various illustrations that serve to depict a settler plowing the ground near the Falls of St. Anthony while he watches an Indian on horseback riding in the distance.

(f) For the purposes of description, when the area within the inside border is divided into quadrants, the following illustrations should be clearly visible in the area described.

(1) In the upper parts of quadrants one and two, the inscription "L'Etoile du Nord" is found on the likeness of a scroll whose length is equal to twice the length of the inscription, but whose ends are twice folded underneath and serve to enhance the inscription. The lettering is 7-point century bold.

(2) In quadrant two is found a likeness of a sun whose ambient rays form a background for a male Indian in loincloth and plume riding on horseback at a gallop. The Indian is sitting erect and is holding a spear in his left hand at an upward 60-degree angle to himself and is looking toward the settler in quadrant four.

(3) In quadrant one, three pine trees form a background for a picturesque resemblance of St. Anthony Falls in 1858.

(4) In quadrants three and four, cultivated ground is found across the lower half of the seal, which provides a background for the scenes in quadrants three and four.

(5) In quadrant three, a tree stump is found with an ax embedded in the stump and a period muzzleloader resting on it. A powder flask is hanging towards the end of the barrel.

(6) In quadrant four, a white barefoot male pioneer wearing clothing and a hat of that period is plowing the earth, using an animal-drawn implement from that period. The animal is not visible. The torso of the man continues into quadrant two, and he has his legs spread apart to simulate movement. He is looking at the Indian.

Subd. 5. **Historical symbolism of seal.** The sun, visible on the western horizon, signifies summer in the northern hemisphere. The horizon's visibility signifies the flat plains covering much of Minnesota. The Indian on horseback is riding due south and represents the great Indian heritage of Minnesota. The Indian's horse and spear and the Pioneer's ax, rifle, and plow represent tools that were used for hunting and labor. The stump symbolizes the importance of the lumber industry in Minnesota's history. The Mississippi River and St. Anthony Falls are depicted to note the importance of these resources in transportation and industry. The cultivated ground and the plow symbolize the importance of agriculture in Minnesota. Beyond the falls three pine trees represent the state tree and the three great pine regions of Minnesota; the St. Croix, Mississippi, and Lake Superior.

**1.141 STATE FLAG.**

Subd. 3. **Description.** The design of the flag shall conform substantially to the following description: The staff is surmounted by a bronze eagle with outspread wings; the flag is rectangular in shape and is on a medium blue background with a narrow gold border and a golden fringe. A circular emblem is contained in the center of the blue field. The circular emblem is on a general white background with a yellow border. The word MINNESOTA is inscribed in red lettering on the lower part of the white field. The white emblem background surrounding a center design contains 19 five pointed stars arranged symmetrically in four groups of four stars each and one group of three stars. The latter group is in the upper part of the center circular white emblem. The group of stars at the top in the white emblem consists of three stars of which the uppermost star is the largest

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and represents the North Star. A center design is contained on the white emblem and is made up of the scenes from the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, surrounded by a border of intertwining *Cypripedium reginae*, the state flower, on a blue field of the same color as the general flag background. The flower border design contains the figures 1819, 1858, 1893.

The coloring is the same on both sides of the flag, but the lettering and the figures appear reversed on one side.

Subd. 4. **Official flag.** The flag described above is the official flag of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 6. **Folding of state flag for presentation or display.** The following procedures constitute the proper way to fold the Minnesota State Flag for presentation or display. Fold the flag four times lengthwise so that one section displays the three stars of the state crest and the text "L'Etoile du Nord." Fold each side behind the displayed section at a 90-degree angle so that the display section forms a triangle. Take the section ending with the hoist and fold it at a 90-degree angle across the bottom of the display section and then fold the hoist back over so it is aligned with the middle of the display section. Fold the other protruding section directly upwards so that its edge is flush with the display section and then fold it upwards along a 45-degree angle so that a mirror of the display section triangle is formed. Fold the mirror section in half from the point upwards, then fold the remaining portion upwards, tucking it between the display section and the remainder of the flag.

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**124D.23 FAMILY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVES.**

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**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

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(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.**

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*Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, as amended by Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 2, section 78; as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 133*

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.