SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, April 23, 2026

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Boldon imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Jason Rodich.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Murphy moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the report on S.F. No. 1717. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4745: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring creation of a centralized certified payroll reporting portal and database for all state projects covered by prevailing wage requirements; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Labor without recommendation. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2689: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; adding and modifying provisions governing Medicaid fraud; providing the attorney general certain subpoena and enforcement authority; providing criminal penalties; making conforming changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 8.16, subdivision 1; 609.52, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.12; 609.902, subdivision 4; 628.26; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.466.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, after line 7, insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.65, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Private data.** The following data <u>on individuals</u> created, collected and maintained by the Office of the Attorney General are private data on individuals:

(a) the record, including but not limited to, the transcript and exhibits of all disciplinary proceedings held by a state agency, board or commission, except in those instances where there is a public hearing;

(b) communications and noninvestigative files regarding administrative or policy matters which do not evidence final public actions;

(c) consumer complaint data, other than those data classified as confidential, including consumers' complaints against businesses and follow-up investigative materials;

(d) investigative data, obtained in anticipation of, or in connection with litigation or an administrative proceeding where the investigation is not currently active; and

(e) data collected by the Consumer Division of the Attorney General's Office in its administration of the home protection hot line including: the name, address, and phone number of the consumer; the name and address of the mortgage company; the total amount of the mortgage; the amount of money needed to bring the delinquent mortgage current; the consumer's place of employment; the consumer's total family income; and the history of attempts made by the consumer to renegotiate a delinquent mortgage.

<u>**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.</u>"

Page 11, after line 18, insert:

"Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATION; COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

$85,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for compliance with documentation requests from the attorney general and associated participation in legal proceedings. The base for this appropriation is $100,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $100,000 in fiscal year 2029."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the first semicolon, insert "clarifying the classification of certain data maintained by the attorney general;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3432: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying provisions relating to clemency applications; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 638.09, by adding a subdivision; 638.12, subdivision 2; 638.14, subdivision 5; 638.16, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

JUDICIARY

Section 1. Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **SUPREME COURT**	**$ 54,597,000**	**$ 50,597,000**
(a) **Contingent Account**		
$5,000 each year is for a contingent account for expenses necessary for the normal operation of the court for which no other reimbursement is provided.		
(b) **Justice Partner Access**		
$4,000,000 the first year is to improve justice partner access to documents and court		

information. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

(c) **Base Adjustment**

The general fund base shall be ~~$50,821,000~~ $51,636,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 2. Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. **COURT OF APPEALS**	**$**	**15,624,000**	**$**	**15,624,000**

Base Adjustment

The general fund base shall be ~~$15,794,000~~ $15,871,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 3. Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 1, section 5, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. **DISTRICT COURTS**	**$**	**396,395,000**	**$**	**396,396,000**

(a) **Forensic Examiner Rate Increase**

$2,685,000 each year is to increase the hourly rate paid to forensic examiners.

(b) **Base Adjustment**

The general fund base shall be ~~$403,810,000~~ $402,918,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 4. **SUPREME COURT APPROPRIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027.

Subd. 2. **Safety and security.** $529,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court to implement safety and security measures. $488,000 is added to the base beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Subd. 3. **Safe and secure courthouse initiative.** $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court for a competitive grant program for courthouse safety and security improvements. Grants may be awarded to governmental entities to fund courthouse security assessments, equipment, technology, construction, or training needs. Grant recipients must provide a 50 percent nonstate match. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.

Sec. 5. **COURT OF APPEALS APPROPRIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $70,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the court of appeals for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027.

Subd. 2. **Safety and security.** $82,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the court of appeals to implement safety and security measures. $53,000 is added to the base beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 6. **DISTRICT COURTS APPROPRIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $1,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the district courts for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027.

Subd. 2. **Safety and security.** $1,276,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the district courts to implement safety and security measures. $824,000 is added to the base beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This article is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 2

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Section 1. **[169.981] SALE OR TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "public safety vehicle" has the same meaning as "authorized emergency vehicle" in section 169.011, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** A person may not sell or transfer a public safety vehicle to the public unless the person first removes any equipment or insignia that could mislead a reasonable person to believe that the vehicle is a public safety vehicle, including any emergency light, siren, amber warning light, spotlight, grill light, antenna, emblem, outline of an emblem, or emergency vehicle equipment.

Subd. 3. **Certificate of compliance.** (a) Public safety agencies, before consummating the sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to the transferee confirming that the vehicle has had the public safety equipment or insignia removed.

(b) Sellers and auction houses, before consummating the sale or transfer of a public safety vehicle, must provide a certificate of compliance to the transferee confirming that the vehicle has had the public safety equipment or insignia removed.

(c) The commissioner of public safety must design a standard certificate of compliance form and make the form publicly available without fee on the agency's publicly accessible website using existing appropriations.

Subd. 4. **Violations.** (a) A person who sells or transfers a public safety vehicle to the public in violation of this section is liable for:

(1) damages proximately caused by the use of that vehicle during the commission of a crime; and

(2) a civil penalty of $2,500.

(b) Civil penalties collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the Minnesota victims of crime account under section 299A.708.

Subd. 5. **Enforcement.** The attorney general may bring an action to recover the civil penalty established under subdivision 4.

Subd. 6. **Exemption.** Sales or transfers of public safety vehicles to members of the public for purpose of collection or display are exempt from the requirements of this section if the vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes and is registered under section 168.10, subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1g, or 1h.

Sec. 2. **[299A.96] EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

(c) "Elected official" means a state executive officer, member of the legislature, justice of the supreme court, or member of the state's federal congressional delegation.

Subd. 2. **Submitting contact information to commissioner.** (a) For purposes of subdivision 4, an elected official is encouraged to submit and verify annually by January 31 to the commissioner in a format prescribed by the commissioner the following information:

(1) primary residential address;

(2) any secondary address in the state;

(3) work telephone number;

(4) home telephone number;

(5) email address; and

(6) list and contact information of immediate family members.

(b) An elected official is encouraged to notify the commissioner as soon as possible after changing any information under paragraph (a).

Subd. 3. **Data classification.** All information submitted under subdivision 2 is classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. The data may be accessed by only

authorized personnel for official public safety purposes when used or disclosed under subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Using and disclosing information.** (a) The commissioner may use or disclose information under subdivision 2 only as follows:

(1) to ensure the safety and security of elected officials or their immediate family members; or

(2) for law enforcement purposes when needed for protecting public safety.

(b) Use or disclosure of the information under subdivision 2 is subject to the remedies and penalties under sections 13.08 and 13.09.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Members, powers, and duties.** (a) The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ and designate a chief supervisor, a chief assistant supervisor, and such assistant supervisors, sergeants and officers as are provided by law, who ~~shall~~ comprise the Minnesota State Patrol.

(b) ~~The~~ Members of the Minnesota State Patrol ~~shall~~ have the power and authority:

(1) as peace officers to enforce the provisions of the law relating to the protection of and use of trunk highways;

(2) at all times to direct all traffic on trunk highways in conformance with law, and in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or to insure safety, to direct traffic on other roads as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of law;

(3) to serve search warrants related to criminal motor vehicle and traffic violations and arrest warrants, and legal documents anywhere in the state;

(4) to serve orders of the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's duly authorized agents issued under the provisions of the Driver's License Law, the Safety Responsibility Act, or relating to authorized brake- and light-testing stations, anywhere in the state and to take possession of any license, permit, or certificate ordered to be surrendered;

(5) to inspect official brake and light adjusting stations;

(6) to make appearances anywhere within the state for the purpose of conducting traffic safety educational programs and school bus clinics;

(7) to exercise upon all trunk highways the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs and police officers;

(8) to cooperate, under instructions and rules of the commissioner of public safety, with all sheriffs and other police officers anywhere in the state, provided that said employees ~~shall~~ have no power or authority in connection with strikes or industrial disputes;

(9) to assist and aid any peace officer whose life or safety is in jeopardy;

(10) as peace officers to provide security and protection: (i) to the governor, governor elect, ~~either or both houses of the legislature,~~ and state buildings or property in the manner and to the extent determined to be necessary after consultation with the governor, or a designee; and (ii) as provided in section 299E.10. Pursuant to this clause, members of the State Patrol, acting as peace officers have the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs and police officers have within their respective jurisdictions;

(11) to inspect school buses anywhere in the state for the purposes of determining compliance with vehicle equipment, pollution control, and registration requirements;

(12) as peace officers to make arrests for public offenses committed in their presence anywhere within the state. Persons arrested for violations other than traffic violations ~~shall~~ must be referred ~~forthwith~~ immediately to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for further investigation or disposition; and

(13) to enforce the North American uniform out-of-service criteria and issue out-of-service orders, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 383.5.

(c) After consultation with the governor or a designee, the commissioner may require the State Patrol to provide security and protection to supreme court justices~~, legislators,~~ and constitutional officers other than the governor, for a limited period and within the limits of existing resources, in response to a credible threat on the individual's life or safety.

(d) The state may contract for State Patrol members to render the services described in this section in excess of their regularly scheduled duty hours and patrol members rendering such services ~~shall~~ must be compensated in such amounts, manner and under such conditions as the agreement provides.

(e) Employees thus employed and designated ~~shall~~ must subscribe an oath.

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

Sec. 4. **[299E.005] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

Subd. 3. **Principal state official.** "Principal state official" means a state constitutional officer, member of the legislature, or supreme court justice.

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

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Created; director.** A ~~division~~ section in the Department of Public Safety to be known as ~~the~~ Capitol ~~Complex~~ Security ~~Division~~ is created within the State Patrol. Capitol Security is under the supervision and control of the director of Capitol ~~complex~~ security, who must be a member of the State Patrol and to whom are assigned the duties and responsibilities described in

this section. The commissioner of public safety may place the director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria of section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

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

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Responsibilities.** (a) ~~The division~~ Capitol Security is responsible and must utilize state employees for: (1) security and public information services in state-owned buildings and state leased-to-own buildings in the Capitol Area, as described in section 15B.02; and (2) security and personal protective services for principal state officials. ~~It~~ The commissioner must provide personnel as are required by the circumstances to insure the orderly conduct of state business and the convenience of the public. Until July 1, 2026, it must provide emergency assistance and security escorts at any location within the Capitol Area, as described in section 15B.02, when requested by a state constitutional officer.

(b) As part of ~~the division~~ Capitol Security permanent staff, the director of Capitol Security must establish the position of emergency manager that includes, at a minimum, the following duties:

(1) oversight of the consolidation, development, and maintenance of plans and procedures that provide continuity of security operations;

(2) the development and implementation of tenant training that addresses threats and emergency procedures; and

(3) the development and implementation of threat and emergency exercises.

(c) The director must provide a minimum of one state trooper assigned to the Capitol complex at all times.

(d) Subject to available resources, the director must provide for a staffing complement as required under section 299E.10.

~~(d)~~ (e) The director, in consultation with the advisory committee under section 299E.04, ~~shall~~ must, at least annually, hold a meeting or meetings to discuss, among other issues, Capitol complex security, emergency planning, public safety, and public access to the Capitol complex. The meetings must include, at a minimum:

(1) Capitol complex tenants and state employees;

(2) nongovernmental entities, such as lobbyists, vendors, and the media; and

(3) the public and public advocacy groups.

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

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Powers and duties transferred.** All powers, duties and responsibilities heretofore assigned by law to the commissioner of administration relating to the general function of security

in Capitol complex state-owned buildings are hereby transferred to the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety ~~shall have~~ has the final authority regarding public safety and security in the Capitol complex. The commissioner of administration ~~shall have~~ has the powers, duties, and responsibilities relating to the Capitol complex of state-owned buildings as provided under chapter 16B.

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

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Capitol complex.** For purposes of this section, the Capitol complex of state-owned buildings ~~shall be~~ is as defined in chapter 15B, and acts amendatory thereof and such other state-owned or state-leased buildings and property within the Twin Cities metropolitan area as the governor from time to time may designate.

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

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Report.** By January 15 annually, the commissioner must submit a report on Capitol Security to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government, public safety, and transportation and to the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security. At a minimum, the report must:

(1) provide an overview of the activities of Capitol Security and the protective services unit;

(2) review performance of the protective services unit in each of the duties specified under section 299E.10, subdivision 3;

(3) summarize any threats and security assessments, without disclosing sensitive information;

(4) provide summary data for the prior year on the number of:

(i) threat assessments performed;

(ii) credible threats identified;

(iii) security protection requests made; and

(iv) changes from the preceding year in the amounts under items (i) to (iii);

(5) provide security and protective services costs, broken down by type of activity and any reimbursements; and

(6) provide any recommendations for changes in security practices or state law.

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

Sec. 10. **[299E.10] PROTECTIVE SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Protective services unit.** A protective services unit is established within Capitol Security to perform the duties specified in this section.

Subd. 2. **Staffing.** The protective services unit must be under the supervision and control of a member of the State Patrol who is a peace officer and holds a supervisory position or rank. Within the unit, the commissioner must employ sergeants and troopers of the State Patrol and up to two full-time equivalent positions for individuals who are not licensed as a peace officer, as necessary to meet the requirements under this section.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) The commissioner must:

(1) immediately provide security and personal protective services by peace officers for a principal state official in response to an identified credible threat on the individual's life or safety;

(2) upon written or electronic request of the speaker of the house, the minority leader of the house, majority leader of the senate, or the minority leader of the senate, provide:

(i) security and protection to either or both houses of the legislature or for any legislative proceeding or event, including but not limited to a meeting of the senate or house of representatives, committee hearing, press conference, or private caucus meeting; or

(ii) security and personal protective services by peace officers for one or more specified members or members-elect of the legislature;

(3) develop criteria and procedures on threat assessments and personal protection;

(4) upon written or electronic request of the chief justice of the supreme court, provide:

(i) security and protection to the supreme court for any proceeding or event; or

(ii) security and personal protective services by peace officers for one or more specified members of the supreme court;

(5) as necessary, conduct assessments of potential threats to life or safety of a principal state official; and

(6) coordinate with the sergeants-at-arms of the senate and house of representatives, and with applicable local law enforcement agencies, on security and protection at legislative proceedings and the performance of individual protective services.

(b) The commissioner may provide security and protective services under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), in the form and manner the commissioner deems necessary.

(c) The criteria and procedures under paragraph (a), clause (3), must follow generally accepted practices for protective service information gathering and evaluation and must provide for substantial protection of due process, individual privacy, and civil liberty.

Subd. 4. **Agreements with local law enforcement; reimbursement.** (a) The commissioner may enter into an agreement or similar arrangement with a local law enforcement agency for

assistance by local peace officers to meet the security and protective services requirements under this section.

(b) An appropriation to the commissioner for the protective services unit or the State Patrol, other than from the trunk highway fund, is available for reimbursement to a local law enforcement agency for eligible costs of assistance.

(c) The commissioner must establish a reimbursement process that minimizes submission and implementation burdens. Eligible costs for reimbursement must include but are not limited to time and overtime of personnel, travel expenses, equipment use, and other documented direct costs determined by the commissioner as necessary and reasonable.

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

Sec. 11. Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **State Patrol**

(a) **Patrolling Highways**	147,013,000	148,960,000

Appropriations by Fund	2026	2027
General	37,000	37,000
H.U.T.D.	92,000	92,000
Trunk Highway	146,884,000	148,831,000

$1,045,000 in each year is from the trunk highway fund for recruitment and hiring initiatives. Of the base from the trunk highway fund, $10,365,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029 is for this purpose, which includes funding to conduct an additional annual trooper academy.

The base from the trunk highway fund is $158,151,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

(b) **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement**	18,861,000	18,861,000
	~~19,243,000~~	~~19,243,000~~
(c) **Capitol Security**	23,968,000	51,505,000

This appropriation is from the general fund.

$210,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $10,624,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for security enhancements on the Capitol complex, including but not limited to equipment,

staffing, and operations. The base for this purpose is $2,709,000 in each of fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

$2,595,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $9,560,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for screening of individuals entering the State Capitol building. Of the amount in fiscal year 2027, $2,433,000 is available until June 30, 2030. The base for this purpose is $7,775,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $5,684,000 in fiscal year 2029.

$12,078,000 in fiscal year 2027 is for costs related to implementation and operations of the protective services unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 299E.10, including staffing, training, equipment, office space, and reporting. The base for this purpose is $11,032,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $9,851,000 in fiscal year 2029.

The base for the appropriation under this paragraph is $40,759,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $37,487,000 in fiscal year 2029.

The commissioner must not:

(1) spend any money from the trunk highway fund for capitol security; or

(2) permanently transfer any state trooper from the patrolling highways activity to capitol security.

The commissioner must not transfer any money appropriated to the commissioner under this section:

(1) to capitol security; or

(2) from capitol security.

(d) **Vehicle Crimes Unit**	1,290,000	1,303,000

This appropriation is from the highway user tax distribution fund to investigate:

(1) registration tax and motor vehicle sales tax liabilities from individuals and businesses that currently do not pay all taxes owed; and

(2) illegal or improper activity related to the sale, transfer, titling, and registration of motor vehicles.

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

Sec. 12. **IMPLEMENTATION; PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT.**

(a) The commissioner of public safety must:

(1) make reasonable efforts to establish a reimbursement process under Minnesota Statutes, section 299E.10, subdivision 4, within 60 days of the effective date of this section; and

(2) commence implementation, staff assignment, and hiring for the protective services unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 299E.10, within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

(b) By September 30, 2026, and on a quarterly basis until July 1, 2027, the commissioner of public safety must submit a status update on implementation activity for the protective services unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 299E.10, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government, public safety, and transportation and to the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security.

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

Sec. 13. **APPROPRIATION; ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

$142,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the attorney general to enforce the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.981.

Sec. 14. **APPROPRIATION; BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION.**

$1,012,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for Bureau of Criminal Apprehension staffing related to threat assessment and investigation activities in coordination with the Capitol Security Protective Services Unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 299E.10.

Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

$2,160,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for security infrastructure costs for constitutional officers at locations outside of the Capitol complex. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.

ARTICLE 3

STATE GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **LEGISLATURE**

Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	~~**112,970,000**~~ **$ 114,370,000**	~~**114,534,000**~~ **$ 115,346,000**
The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions. The base for this appropriation is ~~$112,818,000~~ $113,704,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $113,930,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 2. **Senate**	~~38,238,000~~ 39,356,000	~~39,690,000~~ 40,398,000
The base for this appropriation is $40,421,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $40,641,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 3. **House of Representatives**	~~42,375,000~~ 42,657,000	~~41,163,000~~ 41,267,000
The base for this appropriation is ~~$39,437,000~~ $39,592,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $39,598,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 4. **Legislative Coordinating Commission**	32,357,000	33,681,000
The base for this appropriation is $33,691,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Legislative Auditor. $12,365,000 the first year and $12,857,000 the second year are for the Office of the Legislative Auditor. The base for this appropriation is $12,867,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Revisor of Statutes. $9,094,000 the first year and $9,466,000 the second year are for the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.		

Legislative Reference Library. $2,278,000 the first year and $2,369,000 the second year are for the Legislative Reference Library.

Legislative Budget Office. $2,800,000 the first year and $2,965,000 the second year are for the Legislative Budget Office.

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

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring removal of identifying equipment and insignia from emergency vehicles sold to the public; providing for security and protective services of certain state officials; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 299D.03, subdivision 1; 299E.01, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 1, sections 2; 4; 5; Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 2; Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 169; 299A; 299E."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1717: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for YouLead2025.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **MELISSA AND MARK HORTMAN MEMORIAL STATE PARK WORKING GROUP.**

Subdivision 1. **Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park working group.** (a) The Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park working group consists of the following members:

(1) the governor or the governor's designee;

(2) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee;

(3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;

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

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

(6) the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate committees with primary jurisdiction over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources or their designees;

(7) the co-chairs of the house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources or their designees; and

(8) the mayor of the city of St. Paul or the mayor's designee.

(b) Appointing authorities must submit their appointments to the executive director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than July 15, 2026.

Subd. 2. **Recommendations.** The working group must make recommendations for the creation of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park within the Capitol Area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.02, including:

(1) identifying the roles and responsibilities of the commissioners of administration and natural resources, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board related to the administration of the park, including assigning the roles and responsibilities for providing educational programming, interpretive services, planning processes for physical changes, and public engagement activities within the park; and

(2) funding recommendations for establishing and maintaining the park and related programming.

Subd. 3. **Chair.** The working group must elect a chair at its first meeting from among its legislative members.

Subd. 4. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by August 15, 2026.

(b) The working group must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to develop the recommendations under subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Per diem; expenses.** Members of the working group serve without pay, except that legislative members may receive per diem from their respective legislative bodies according to the rules of their respective legislative bodies. All members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 6. **Report.** By February 1, 2027, the working group must submit a written report containing its recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over the Department of Administration and the Department of Natural Resources. The report must include draft legislation, if needed, to implement the recommendations of the working group. The working group expires March 15, 2027, or upon submission of the report required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

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

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$86,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the administrative costs of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park working group. This is a onetime appropriation."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a working group to develop recommendations for a Melissa and Mark Hortman state park in the Capitol Area; requiring a report; appropriating money."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. No. 3432 was read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 5203: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to Washington Avenue in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Dibble and Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 5204: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements for bus rapid transit; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 5205: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying eligibility requirements for certain certified public accountants and firms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.05, subdivisions 1, 7; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 326A.14, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Green introduced--

S.F. No. 5206: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; exempting certain property owned by the United Way of Bemidji Area and providing a refund of property taxes paid.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 5207: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for sewer and water infrastructure in the city of Tower; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 5208: A bill for an act relating to local government; adding exception to commonality of powers requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.59, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 5209: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying procedures and training related to the treatment of potentially suspicious deaths involving domestic violence; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 390.11, by adding subdivisions; 626.8451, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 5210: A bill for an act relating to school safety; enhancing school safety plans; establishing an anonymous threat reporting system; modifying circumstances when firearms are permitted on school property; providing for additional student support personnel aid; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 121A.035; 609.66, subdivision 1d; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 5211: A bill for an act relating to state government; creating stewardship programs for batteries and electronic products; modifying acquisition provisions; adding to and deleting from certain state parks; authorizing sales and conveyances of certain surplus state lands; providing for recovery of expenses of responding to pollutant release; modifying reimbursable costs under Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act; modifying and updating provisions for oil and hazardous substance discharge preparedness; authorizing rulemaking; modifying prior appropriations;

appropriating money for environment and natural resources; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.0272, subdivisions 1, 2; 84.96, by adding a subdivision; 115.01, by adding subdivisions; 115.071, subdivision 1; 115.072; 115A.03, by adding subdivisions; 115A.121; 115A.554; 115A.9157; 115C.02, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 115C.09, subdivision 1; 115E.04, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 115E.042, subdivisions 1a, 4, 5; 115E.08, subdivision 3a; 116.92, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; 325E.1151, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 325E.12; 325E.125, subdivisions 3, 5; 325E.1251, subdivision 2; Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 1, section 5; Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 8, section 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.1310, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20; 115A.1312; 115A.1314; 115A.1316; 115A.1318; 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1323; 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1328; 115A.1330; 115A.9155; 115A.9157, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8; 115A.9565; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 325E.115; 325E.1151, subdivision 4; 325E.125, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 4, 5; 325E.1251, subdivision 1; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 53, section 6.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Johnson Stewart be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2530. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Farnsworth be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2766. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kreun moved that the name of Senator Nelson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4312. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that her name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 5038. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Putnam be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 5038. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy moved that H.F. No. 3629 be taken from the table and given a second reading. The motion prevailed.

H.F. No. 3629: A bill for an act relating to state government; changing provisions for grants management; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.97, subdivisions 4, 5; 16B.98, subdivision 11; 16B.991, subdivision 1.

H.F. No. 3629 was read the second time.

Senator Murphy moved that H.F. No. 3629 be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy moved that H.F. No. 3825 be taken from the table and given a second reading. The motion prevailed.

H.F. No. 3825: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring judge to inquire whether victim has been notified of plea and sentencing hearings; protecting victim from identification in prosecutor's petition for sentence adjustment; expanding victim notification of defendant eligibility for automatic expungement; protecting identity of minor victim in a crime involving sexual performance; expanding protection from employer retaliation to victims of stalking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 609.133, subdivision 4; 609.3471; 611A.03, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 611A.036, subdivision 7; 611A.038; 611A.039, subdivision 1.

H.F. No. 3825 was read the second time.

Senator Murphy moved that H.F. No. 3825 be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated the following bills a Special Orders Calendar to be heard immediately:

H.F. Nos. 3593 and 3453; S.F. Nos. 4223 and 476.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3593: A bill for an act relating to transportation; designating a portion of marked Trunk Highway 58 in Zumbrota as "Officer / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

H.F. No. 3593 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 66 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	
Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Port.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Draheim and Housley.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3453: A bill for an act relating to public safety; controlled substances; establishing the legal age to possess kratom as 21 years of age or older; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 152.027, subdivision 7.

H.F. No. 3453 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 56 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Fateh	Johnson	McEwen	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Miller	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	Mohamed	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Murphy	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kunesh	Nelson	Weber
Coleman	Hawj	Kupec	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Heintzeman	Lang	Pappas	Wiklund
Dahms	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pha	Xiong
Dibble	Hoffman	Limmer	Port	
Dornink	Housley	Mann	Pratt	
Draheim	Howe	Marty	Putnam	
Duckworth	Jasinski	Maye Quade	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Port.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Draheim and Housley.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Farnsworth	Kreun	Lucero	Wesenberg
Drazkowski	Holmstrom	Lieske	Mathews	Westrom

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 4223: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying campaign finance reporting requirements; modifying disclaimer requirements; expanding disclosure requirements; modifying provisions related to noncoordinated expenditures; classifying certain street address data as private data; modifying campaign finance laws related to security-related expenses; making various changes related to election administration; modifying provisions related to absentee voting; modifying timelines; making technical and clarifying changes; modifying definitions; requiring studies and reports; imposing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.01, subdivision 24, by adding subdivisions; 10A.02, by adding a subdivision; 10A.027; 10A.04, subdivision 6; 10A.07, subdivisions 1, 2; 10A.08, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivisions 2, 5, 5a, 5b, 6a; 10A.16; 10A.175,

subdivisions 2, 3, 5; 10A.176, subdivision 1; 10A.177; 10A.20, subdivisions 2, 2a, 3, 4; 10A.201, subdivision 6; 10A.202, subdivision 4; 10A.25, subdivision 10; 10A.27, subdivisions 2, 10, 17; 10A.275, subdivision 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.06, subdivision 3; 203B.065; 204B.07, subdivision 1; 204B.27, subdivision 2; 204B.49; 204C.26, subdivisions 2, 4; 205.185, subdivision 3; 205A.10, subdivision 3; 208.03; 211A.01, by adding subdivisions; 211B.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 211B.075, subdivision 5; 211B.076, subdivision 11; 383B.041, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 10A.01, subdivision 26; 10A.02, subdivision 11b; 10A.04, subdivision 4; 10A.09, subdivision 1; 203B.30, subdivisions 2, 3; 204B.06, subdivision 1b; 204B.07, subdivision 2; 204B.09, subdivision 3; 211A.02, subdivision 2; 211B.066, subdivision 2; 375.20; Laws 1969, chapter 193, section 3, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 10A; 204B; 211A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.31; 10A.09, subdivision 9; Minnesota Rules, parts 4501.0100, subpart 2; 4503.2000.

Senator Westlin moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A27):

Page 3, lines 10, 13, and 15, delete "individual or association" and insert "principal"

Page 3, line 22, delete "An individual or association" and insert "A principal"

Page 4, line 11, delete "an individual" and insert "a principal"

Page 4, line 12, delete "or association"

Page 23, delete section 30

Page 25, delete section 33

Page 26, after line 5, insert:

"Sec. 33. **H.F. NO. 4241 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, 2026 H.F. No. 4241, section 1, if enacted, is effective retroactively from the day following its final enactment.

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

Page 31, line 23, after "contribution" insert "if personnel providing security services do not engage in campaign activity on behalf of a candidate or committee and if personnel providing security services and devices used to provide security services do not display campaign material"

Page 42, line 6, after "candidate" insert "from the candidate's personal funds"

Page 42, line 7, delete everything after "following" and insert a colon

Page 42, delete line 8

Page 42, line 15, after "services" insert ", if personnel providing security services do not engage in campaign activity on behalf of a candidate or committee and if personnel providing security services and devices used to provide security services do not display campaign material"

Page 42, delete lines 16 to18 and insert:

"Payments made by a candidate as provided in this paragraph are not reported by the principal campaign committee as a campaign expenditure or as a noncampaign disbursement."

Page 58, delete section 16

Page 60, delete section 18

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 33, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Port, and Xiong.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Draheim, Housley, and Johnson.

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A17):

Page 1, after line 29, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12b. **Digital asset.** "Digital asset" means any digital representation of value recorded on a cryptographically secured, distributed ledger or similar technology. For purposes of this definition,

"digital" means information, data, or media stored, transmitted, or processed in a binary format using electronic or computing devices.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027."

Page 6, after line 30, insert:

"Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Form; general requirements.** (a) A statement of economic interest required by this section must be on a form prescribed by the board. Except as provided in subdivision 5b, the individual filing must provide the following information:

(1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

(2) a listing of the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

(3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which the individual or the individual's spouse holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of $2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than $50,000;

(4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of the partnership interest is valued in excess of $2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than $50,000. A listing under this clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality or the section, township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the property is located;

(5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family member holds a partial or full interest;

(6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives more than $250 in any month during the reporting period as an employee, if the individual or the individual's spouse has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business;

(7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the individual or the individual's spouse received compensation of more than $2,500 in the past 12 months as an independent contractor;

(8) a listing of the full name of each security with a value of more than $10,000 owned in part or in full by the individual or the individual's spouse, at any time during the reporting period; ~~and~~

(9) for each stock or stock option reported under clause (8), a listing of the date or dates and value as provided in paragraph (h) of each purchase or sale of $1,000 or greater of stock or exercise, sale, or transaction involving the stock option in that entity during the reporting period;

(10) a listing of the full name of each digital asset with a value of more than $10,000 owned in part or in full by the individual or the individual's spouse at any time during the reporting period;

(11) for each digital asset reported under clause (10), a listing of the date or dates and value as provided in paragraph (h) of each purchase or sale of $1,000 or greater of that digital asset during the reporting period; and

~~(9)~~ (12) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that:

(i) is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

(ii) is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual serves as a public or local official.

(b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6) and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does not require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any additional principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if the category is enacted by law.

(c) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

(d) For the purpose of determining the value of an individual's interest in real property, the value of the property is the market value shown on the property tax statement.

(e) For the purpose of this section, "date of appointment" means the effective date of appointment to a position.

(f) For the purpose of this section, "accepting employment as a public official" means the effective date of the appointment to the position, as stated in the appointing authority's notice to the board.

(g) The listings required in paragraph (a), clauses (3) to ~~(9)~~ (12), must not identify whether the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

(h) For the purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (9) and (11), the statement must allow the filer to select one of the following ranges for each reported purchase, sale, exercise, or transaction:

(1) $1,000 to $10,000;

(2) $10,001 to $50,000;

(3) $50,001 to $100,000;

(4) $100,001 to $250,000;

(5) $250,001 to $500,000;

(6) $500,001 to $1,000,000;

(7) $1,000,001 to $5,000,000;

(8) $5,000,001 to $25,000,000;

(9) $25,000,001 to $50,000,000; and

(10) over $50,000,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Koran moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A21):

Page 33, line 10, before "The" insert "(a)"

Page 33, after line 18, insert:

"(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the street address of a candidate contained on a report or statement filed with the board by the candidate's principal campaign committee is accessible to the leader of each major political party caucus within the house of representatives and the senate. As a condition of receiving this access, a major political party caucus leader must agree to use the data only for official business and must not further distribute or publish the street address for any purpose."

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Lang cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Draheim, Housley, Jasinski, Johnson, and Miller.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Dibble	Hawj	Kunesh	Maye Quade
Carlson	Fateh	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Kupec	McEwen
Champion	Frentz	Hoffman	Latz	Mohamed
Clark	Gustafson	Johnson Stewart	Mann	Murphy
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Klein	Marty	Oumou Verbeten

Pappas	Port	Rest	Westlin	Xiong
Pha	Putnam	Seeberger	Wiklund	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Marty, Murphy, Port, Rest, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Koran moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A19):

Page 48, after line 15, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Deceased voter removal.** The county auditor must remove a voter from the statewide voter registration system after changing the voter's status to "deceased."

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

Page 59, after line 30, insert:

"Sec. 19. **RETROACTIVE DECEASED VOTER REMOVAL.**

The county auditor must remove all voters with "deceased" status from the statewide voter registration system by June 1, 2027.

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

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Draheim, Housley, and Miller.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Clark	Fateh	Hauschild	Hoffman
Carlson	Cwodzinski	Frentz	Hawj	Johnson Stewart
Champion	Dibble	Gustafson	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Klein

Kunesh	Marty	Murphy	Port	Westlin
Kupec	Maye Quade	Oumou Verbeten	Putnam	Wiklund
Latz	McEwen	Pappas	Rest	Xiong
Mann	Mohamed	Pha	Seeberger	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Marty, Murphy, Port, Rest, Wiklund, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Koran moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A20):

Page 48, after line 15, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, an application for absentee ballots for any election may be submitted at any time not less than one day before the day of that election. The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

(1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

(2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the applicant maintains residence.

(b) An absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the secretary of state must require applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and the applicant's:

(1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number or Minnesota state identification card number; and

(2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election held in March.

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

(d) Subject to paragraphs (e) and (f), an application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth, and at least one of the following:

(1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;

(2) Minnesota state identification card number;

(3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or

(4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

(e) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.

(f) An application that would result in an absentee ballot being mailed that meets the requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) and has not already been verified under paragraph (c), must be electronically submitted by the county auditor or municipal clerk to the secretary of state to verify the application information matches the information in a government database associated with the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security number. The secretary of state must maintain a secure website for use by county auditors and municipal clerks for this purpose. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

~~(f)~~ (g) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk within ten days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than six days before the election.

~~(g)~~ (h) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot. The application form must not be preprinted in a manner that requires the applicant to affirmatively opt out of being assigned to a permanent absentee voter list.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026, and applies to applications submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Permanent absentee voter status.** (a) An eligible voter may apply to a county auditor or municipal clerk to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election, other than an election by mail conducted under section 204B.45, and to have the status as a permanent absentee voter indicated on the voter's registration record. An eligible voter listed as an ongoing absentee voter as of July 31, 2013, pursuant to laws in effect on that date, shall be treated as if the voter applied for status as a permanent absentee voter pursuant to this subdivision.

(b) A voter who applies under paragraph (a) must automatically be provided an absentee ballot for each eligible election. A voter's permanent absentee status ends and automatic ballot delivery must be terminated on:

(1) the voter's written request;

(2) the voter's death;

(3) return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable; or

(4) a change in the voter's status to "challenged" or "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

(c) At least 60 days but no more than 75 days before each regularly scheduled primary and general election, the secretary of state must validate that each permanent absentee voter matches the information in a government database associated with the voter's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security number. If a voter on the permanent absentee voter status cannot be verified, that voter's status must be changed to "challenged" and the voter must be notified that the voter has been removed from the permanent absentee voter list. The secretary of state must notify the voter by the method or methods of communication provided by the voter on the voter's application for an absentee ballot or voter registration.

~~(c)~~ (d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules governing procedures under this subdivision.

~~(d)~~ (e) This subdivision does not apply to a voter residing in a jurisdiction that conducts elections entirely by mail under section 204B.45.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026, and applies to elections occurring on or after that date."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Housley, and Miller.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Marty, Murphy, Port, Rest, Wiklund, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Lieske moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A29):

Page 25, after line 3, insert:

"Sec. 33. **[211B.25] PROHIBITIONS ON ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES BETTING ON ELECTIONS.**

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

(b) "Prediction market" means a system that allows consumers to place a wager on the future outcome of a federal, state, or local election.

(c) "Wager" means a contract whereby the parties to the contract agree to a gain or loss by one to the other of money, property, or benefit.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition; penalty.** A candidate is guilty of a petty misdemeanor if the candidate places a wager with a prediction market on the outcome of an election in which the candidate is running.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Administrative remedy; exhaustion.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 211A or 211B must be filed with the office. The complaint must be finally disposed of by the office before the alleged violation may be prosecuted by a county attorney.

(b) Complaints arising under those sections and related to those individuals and associations specified in section 10A.022, subdivision 3, must be filed with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

(c) Violations of sections 211B.075 ~~and~~, 211B.076, and 211B.25 may be enforced as provided in those sections."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 67 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Marty, Murphy, Port, Rest, Wiklund, and Xiong.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Housley, and Miller.

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Westrom moved to amend S.F. No. 4223 as follows (A18):

Page 60, after line 5, insert:

"ARTICLE 4

VOTER ID

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 5B.06, is amended to read:

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

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a program participant who is otherwise eligible to vote may vote pursuant to this section and may register with the secretary of state as a permanent absentee voter. Notwithstanding section 203B.04, subdivision 5, the secretary of state is not required to send an absentee ballot application prior to each election to a program participant registered as a permanent absentee voter under this section. As soon as practicable before each election, the secretary of state shall determine the precinct in which the residential address of a program participant is located. Upon making a precinct determination, the secretary of state shall either (1) request from and receive from the county auditor or other election official the ballot for that precinct and mail the absentee ballot to the program participant, or (2) using the Minnesota statewide voter registration system, prepare the program participant's ballot for that precinct and mail the absentee ballot to the program participant. The secretary of state shall include with each mailed absentee ballot all corresponding materials for absentee balloting as required by Minnesota law. The program participant shall complete the ballot and return it to the secretary of state, who shall review the ballot in the manner provided by section 203B.121, subdivision 2. If the ballot and ballot materials comply with the requirements

of that section, the ballot must be certified by the secretary of state as the ballot of a program participant, and must be forwarded to the appropriate electoral jurisdiction for tabulation along with all other ballots. The name and address of a program participant must not be listed in the statewide voter registration system.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.6905, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 39. **Voter identification card.** Applicant data related to a voter identification card is governed by section 171.06, subdivision 3c.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142A.412, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Creation of trust fund.** A children's trust fund for the prevention of child abuse is established as an account in the state treasury. The commissioner of management and budget shall credit to the trust fund all amounts received under sections 142A.415 and 144.226, ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 3 and 10, paragraph (c), and shall ensure that trust fund money is invested under section 11A.25. All money earned by the trust fund must be credited to the trust fund. The trust fund earns its proportionate share of the total annual state investment income.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.226, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **Documents required for voter identification card.** (a) Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this section, no fee or surcharge shall be charged by the state registrar or local issuance office for a certified vital record if the applicant attests that the record is needed to obtain a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c.

(b) The state registrar and local issuance offices shall report annually to the commissioner of management and budget the number of records requested and the number of records issued under this subdivision for which no fee or surcharge was charged.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.226, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Appropriations and transfers.** (a) An amount equal to the total number of records requested and reported to the commissioner of management and budget under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the surcharge under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the administration of this section.

(b) An amount equal to the total number of records requested and reported to the commissioner of management and budget under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the surcharge under subdivision 4, is transferred from the general fund to the state government special revenue fund. This amount is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the commissioner of health for the administration of this section.

(c) An amount equal to the total number of records issued and reported to the commissioner of management and budget under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the surcharge under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), is transferred from the general fund to the account for the children's trust fund for the prevention of child abuse established under section 142A.412.

(d) An amount equal to the number of records requested and reported to the commissioner of management and budget by the state registrar under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the fee under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), is transferred from the general fund to the state government special revenue fund. This amount is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the commissioner of health for the administration of this section.

(e) The commissioner of health must transmit payment of $9 to a local issuance office for each certified vital record requested for no charge under subdivision 9, paragraph (a). An amount equal to the number of records requested and reported to the commissioner of management and budget by local issuance offices under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the fee under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health to make payments under this paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application format and requirements.** Every application for a Minnesota identification card, including an enhanced identification card~~, or~~; for a driver's license, including an instruction permit, a provisional license, a noncompliant driver's license, a REAL ID driver's license, and an enhanced driver's license; or for a voter identification card, must be made in a format approved by the department. Every application must be accompanied by payment of the proper fee except for an application for a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. All applicants must sign the application and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information and documentation presented in the application is true and correct. All applications requiring evidence of legal presence in the United States or United States citizenship must be signed in the presence of the person authorized to accept the application, or the signature on the application may be verified by a notary public.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Fees.** (a) The fees for a license and Minnesota identification card are as follows:

REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Classified Driver's License	D-$27.75	C-$31.75	B-$38.75	A-$46.75
REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Classified Under-21 D.L.	D-$27.75	C-$31.75	B-$38.75	A-$26.75
Enhanced Driver's License	D-$42.75	C-$46.75	B-$53.75	A-$61.75

REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Instruction Permit	$11.25
Enhanced Instruction Permit	$26.25
Commercial Learner's Permit	$8.50
REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Provisional License	$14.25
Enhanced Provisional License	$29.25
Duplicate REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant License or duplicate REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant identification card	$12.75
Enhanced Duplicate License or enhanced duplicate identification card	$27.75
REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Minnesota identification card or REAL ID Compliant or Noncompliant Under-21 Minnesota identification card, other than duplicate, except as otherwise provided in section 171.07, subdivisions 3 and 3a	$17.25
Enhanced Minnesota identification card	$32.25

(b) In addition to each fee required in paragraph (a), the commissioner must collect a surcharge of $2.25. Surcharges collected under this paragraph must be credited to the driver and vehicle services technology account under section 299A.705.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who holds a provisional license and has a driving record free of (1) convictions for a violation of section 169A.20, 169A.33, 169A.35, sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, or section 171.177, (2) convictions for crash-related moving violations, and (3) convictions for moving violations that are not crash related, has a $3.50 credit toward the fee for any classified under-21 driver's license. "Moving violation" has the meaning given it in section 171.04, subdivision 1.

(d) In addition to the driver's license fee required under paragraph (a), the commissioner must collect an additional $4 processing fee from each new applicant or individual renewing a license with a school bus endorsement to cover the costs for processing an applicant's initial and biennial physical examination certificate. The department must not charge these applicants any other fee to receive or renew the endorsement.

(e) In addition to the fee required under paragraph (a), a driver's license agent may charge and retain a filing fee as provided under section 171.061, subdivision 4.

(f) In addition to the fee required under paragraph (a), the commissioner must charge a filing fee at the same amount as a driver's license agent under section 171.061, subdivision 4. Revenue collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

(g) An application for a Minnesota identification card, instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license, including an application for renewal, must contain a provision that allows the applicant to add to the fee under paragraph (a), a $2 donation for the purposes of public information and education on anatomical gifts under section 171.075.

(h) The commissioner or driver's license agent must not collect any fee or surcharge for a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, or for a duplicate voter identification card under section 171.11, subdivision 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3c. **Application for voter identification card.** (a) An application for a voter identification card, including a renewal or duplicate card, must:

(1) state the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, sex, residence address, and (i) last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number, or (ii) certification that the applicant has not been assigned a Social Security number;

(2) provide a description of the applicant in the same manner as required on an application for a Minnesota driver's license;

(3) state the length of residence at the applicant's current address;

(4) include a space where the applicant must attest that the applicant does not have any document sufficient to prove identity and residence as provided in section 200.035; and

(5) be accompanied by the following documents:

(i) proof of the applicant's United States citizenship by presenting a document included in Minnesota Rules, part 7410.0400, subpart 1, item D;

(ii) proof of name, date of birth, and identity as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 7410.0400; and

(iii) proof of a residence address in Minnesota as provided in Minnesota Rules, part 7410.0410, subpart 4a.

(b) Applicant data, submitted pursuant to this subdivision, is private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.061, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Fee; equipment.** (a) The agent may charge and retain a filing fee for each application as follows:

(1)	New application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or enhanced driver's license or identification card	$	16.00
(2)	Renewal application for a noncompliant, REAL ID-compliant, or enhanced driver's license or identification card	$	11.00
(3)	Voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c	$	0.00

Except as provided in paragraph (c), the fee must cover all expenses involved in receiving, accepting, or forwarding to the department the applications and fees required under sections 171.02, subdivision 3; 171.06, subdivisions 2 and 2a; and 171.07, subdivisions 3 and 3a.

(b) The statutory fees and the filing fees imposed under paragraph (a) may be paid by credit card or debit card. The driver's license agent may collect a convenience fee on the statutory fees and filing fees not greater than the cost of processing a credit card or debit card transaction. The convenience fee must be used to pay the cost of processing credit card and debit card transactions. The commissioner must adopt rules to administer this paragraph using the exempt procedures of section 14.386, except that section 14.386, paragraph (b), does not apply.

(c) The department must maintain the photo identification and vision examination equipment for all agents. All photo identification and vision examination equipment must be compatible with standards established by the department.

(d) A filing fee retained by the agent employed by a county board must be paid into the county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund of the county. An agent who is not an employee of the county must retain the filing fee in lieu of county employment or salary and is considered an independent contractor for pension purposes, coverage under the Minnesota State Retirement System, or membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

(e) Before the end of the first working day following the final day of the reporting period established by the department, the agent must forward to the department all applications and fees collected during the reporting period except as provided in paragraph (d).

(f) The commissioner must transmit payment to the agent of $16 for each application for a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. An agent employed by a county board must remit the payments to the county under paragraph (d). All other agents may retain the payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **License; contents and design.** (a) Upon the payment of the required fee, the department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a license designating the type or class of vehicles the applicant is authorized to drive as applied for. This license must bear: (1) a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; (2) the licensee's full name and date of birth; (3) either (i) the licensee's residence address, or (ii) the designated address under section 5B.05; (4) a description of the licensee in a manner as the commissioner deems necessary; (5) the usual signature of the licensee; and (6) designations and markings as provided in this section. No license is valid unless it bears the usual signature of the licensee. Every license must bear a colored photograph or an electronically produced image of the licensee.

(b) If the United States Postal Service will not deliver mail to the applicant's residence address as listed on the license, then the applicant shall provide verification from the United States Postal Service that mail will not be delivered to the applicant's residence address and that mail will be delivered to a specified alternate mailing address. When an applicant provides an alternate mailing address under this subdivision, the commissioner shall use the alternate mailing address in lieu of the applicant's residence address for all notices and mailings to the applicant.

(c) Every license issued to an applicant under the age of 21 must be of a distinguishing color and plainly marked "Under-21."

(d) A license issued to an applicant age 65 or over must be plainly marked "senior" if requested by the applicant.

(e) Except for a noncompliant license, a license must bear a distinguishing indicator for compliance with requirements of the REAL ID Act. A REAL ID issued to a person who has demonstrated proof of citizenship must include the notation "U.S. Citizen."

(f) A noncompliant license must:

(1) be marked "not for federal identification" on the face and in the machine-readable portion;

(2) have a unique design or color indicator for purposes of the REAL ID Act; and

(3) ~~bear no indicator or design that relates to the lawful presence or the citizenship of the license holder~~ include the notation "U.S. Citizen" for any person who demonstrated proof of citizenship. For a person who did not demonstrate proof of citizenship, no notation shall be included.

(g) A REAL ID compliant license issued to a person with temporary lawful status or admission period must be marked "temporary" on the face and in the machine-readable portion.

(h) A license must display the licensee's full name or no fewer than 39 characters of the name. Any necessary truncation must begin with the last character of the middle name and proceed through the second letter of the middle name, followed by the last character of the first name and proceeding through the second letter of the first name.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3c. **Voter identification cards.** (a) A voter identification card must be issued to a qualifying applicant who, on the election day next occurring after the date of issuance, will meet the voter eligibility requirements of the Minnesota Constitution and Minnesota Statutes, and who does not possess any of the documents sufficient to prove identity and residence as provided in section 200.035.

(b) A voter identification card must bear a distinguishing number assigned to the applicant, the applicant's full name and date of birth, the applicant's address of residence or designated address under section 5B.05, a description of the applicant in the same manner as provided on a Minnesota driver's license, the date of the card's expiration, and the usual signature of the applicant. The card must bear a colored photograph or an electronically produced image of the applicant, or, for an applicant who has affirmed a religious objection under section 171.071, subdivision 1, the card must bear the words "Valid without photograph."

(c) A voter identification card is not valid identification for any purpose other than proving citizenship, identity, and residence for voting purposes.

(d) A voter identification card must be of a different color scheme than a Minnesota driver's license or state identification card, but must incorporate the same information and security features as provided in subdivision 9.

(e) Each voter identification card must be plainly marked: "Voter Identification Card. Valid Identification Only for Voting."

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Identification card expiration.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the expiration date of a Minnesota identification card or voter identification card is the birthday of the applicant in the fourth year following the date of issuance of the card.

(b) For an applicant age 65 or older:

(1) the expiration date of a Minnesota identification card or voter identification card is the birthday of the applicant in the eighth year following the date of issuance of the card; or

(2) a noncompliant identification card is valid for the lifetime of the applicant.

(c) For the purposes of paragraph (b), "Minnesota identification card" does not include an enhanced identification card issued to an applicant age 65 or older.

(d) The expiration date for an Under-21 identification card is the cardholder's 21st birthday. The commissioner shall issue an identification card to a holder of an Under-21 identification card who applies for the card, pays the required fee, and presents proof of identity and age, unless the commissioner determines that the applicant is not qualified for the identification card.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d), the expiration date for an identification card issued to a person with temporary lawful status is the last day of the person's legal stay in the United States, or one year after issuance if the last day of the person's legal stay is not identified.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d), a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, to a person then or subsequently serving outside Minnesota in active military service, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5, in any branch or unit of the armed forces of the United States, or the person's spouse, continues in full force and effect without requirement for renewal until the later of the date one year following the service member's separation or discharge from active military service, or until the cardholder's birthday in the fourth full year following the person's most recent card renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.11, is amended to read:

171.11 DUPLICATE LICENSE; CHANGE OF DOMICILE OR NAME.

Subdivision 1. **Duplicate driver's license.** When any person, after applying for or receiving a driver's license, shall change permanent domicile from the address named in such application or in the license issued to the person, or shall change a name by marriage or otherwise, such person shall, within 30 days thereafter, apply for a duplicate driver's license upon a form furnished by the department and pay the required fee. The application or duplicate license shall show both the licensee's old address and new address or the former name and new name as the case may be.

Subd. 2. **Duplicate voter identification card.** A voter identification cardholder who changes a residence address or name from the address or name stated on the card must not present the card for voting purposes but must apply for a duplicate voter identification card upon a form furnished by the department. The application for a duplicate voter identification card must show the cardholder's former address and current address, along with length of residence at the current address, and the cardholder's former name and current name, as applicable.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.14, is amended to read:

171.14 CANCELLATION.

Subdivision 1. **Cancellation of driver's license.** (a) The commissioner may cancel any driver's license upon determination that (1) the licensee was not entitled to the issuance of the license, (2) the licensee failed to give the required or correct information in the application, (3) the licensee committed any fraud or deceit in making the application, or (4) the person, at the time of the cancellation, would not have been entitled to receive a license under section 171.04.

(b) The commissioner shall cancel the driver's license of a person described in paragraph (a), clause (3), for 60 days or until the required or correct information has been provided, whichever is longer.

Subd. 2. **Cancellation of voter identification card.** (a) The commissioner must cancel any voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, upon determination that the cardholder:

(1) was not entitled to the issuance of the card;

(2) failed to give the required or correct information in the application;

(3) committed any fraud or deceit in making the application; or

(4) at the time of the cancellation, would not have been entitled to receive a voter identification card under section 171.07, subdivision 3c.

(b) The commissioner must cancel the voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, of a person described in paragraph (a) until the person completes the application process under section 171.07, subdivision 3c, and complies in all respects with the requirements of the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner must immediately notify the holder of a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, of a cancellation of the card. Notification must be by mail and addressed to the cardholder's last known address.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 15. **[200.035] DOCUMENTATION OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE.**

(a) The following are sufficient proof of identity and residence for purposes of election day voter registration under section 201.061, subdivision 3; absentee voting under sections 203B.04, 203B.07, and 203B.08; early voting under section 203B.30; photo identification requirements under section 204C.10; and for determining whether to count a provisional ballot under section 204C.135, subdivision 2:

(1) an unexpired driver's license, state identification card, or voter identification card issued to the voter by the Department of Public Safety that contains the voter's photograph and current address of residence in the precinct;

(2) a valid United States military identification card issued to the voter by the Department of Defense that contains the voter's photograph and current address of residence in the precinct;

(3) an unexpired identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that contains a photograph of the voter, the voter's current address of residence in the precinct, and any other items of data required to be contained on a Minnesota identification card, as provided in section 171.07, subdivision 3c, paragraphs (a) and (b);

(4) an original receipt for a new, renewed, or duplicate driver's license, state identification card, or voter identification card issued to the voter under section 171.07 that contains the voter's photograph and current address of residence in the precinct. If the receipt does not include a photograph, one of the following documents that contains a photograph of the voter must be provided:

(i) a driver's license, identification card, or voter identification card that is expired or does not contain the voter's current address of residence, issued to the voter by the state of Minnesota or any other state of the United States as defined in section 645.44, subdivision 11;

(ii) a United States passport, issued to the voter;

(iii) an identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, entity, or subdivision of Minnesota or the federal government;

(iv) an identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution with a campus located within Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section 135A.17, and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary of state; or

(v) an identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

(5) one document under item (i) and one document under item (ii):

(i) one of the following documents issued to the voter that includes a photograph but not the voter's current address of residence in the precinct:

(A) a United States passport;

(B) an identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or

(C) a valid United States military identification card;

(ii) with one of the following documents that contains the voter's name and current address of residence in the precinct:

(A) a home utility services bill issued within the past 12 months;

(B) a home utility services hook-up work order issued within the past 12 months;

(C) United States bank or financial information issued within the past 12 months, with account numbers redacted, including a bank account statement, a credit card or debit card statement, a brokerage account statement, or a money market account statement;

(D) a certified transcript from a United States high school, if issued within the past 180 days;

(E) a certified transcript from a Minnesota college or university if issued within the past 180 days;

(F) an employment pay stub issued within the past 12 months that lists the employer's name and address;

(G) a Minnesota unemployment insurance benefit statement issued within the past 12 months;

(H) a statement from an assisted living facility licensed under chapter 144G, a nursing home licensed under chapter 144A, or a boarding care facility licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, that was issued within the past 12 months;

(I) a current policy or card for health, automobile, homeowner's, or renter's insurance;

(J) a federal or state income tax return or statement for the most recent tax filing year;

(K) a Minnesota property tax statement for the current or prior calendar year or a proposed Minnesota property tax notice for the current year that shows the applicant's principal residential address both on the mailing portion and the portion stating what property is being taxed;

(L) a Minnesota vehicle certificate of title;

(M) a filed property deed or title for current residence;

(N) a Supplemental Security Income award statement issued within the past 12 months;

(O) mortgage documents for the applicant's principal residence;

(P) a residential lease agreement for the applicant's principal residence issued within the past 12 months;

(Q) an unexpired Minnesota professional license;

(R) an unexpired Selective Service card;

(S) military orders that are still in effect at the time of application;

(T) a cellular phone bill issued no more than 12 months before the application; or

(U) a valid license issued pursuant to the game and fish laws;

(6) if the voter is a student, a driver's license, identification card, or voter identification card issued by Minnesota or any other state of the United States as defined in section 645.44, subdivision 11, that contains a photograph of the voter but does not contain the voter's current address of residence, along with a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address of residence in the precinct; or

(7) if the voter maintains residence in a residential facility located in the precinct, a driver's license or identification card issued to the voter by the Department of Public Safety that contains the voter's photograph along with a certification of residence in the facility, signed by the facility administrator on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) The documents specified in paragraph (a) are the only documents that may be accepted to prove identity and residence. Identification issued by counties, home rule charter or statutory cities, towns, or school districts are not acceptable to prove identity or residence unless explicitly authorized by paragraph (a).

(c) As used in this section, "residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256K.48, subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under section 144.50, subdivision 6; a swing bed in a hospital licensed by the commissioner of health under sections 144.50 to 144.56; a certified boarding care home licensed by the commissioner of health under sections 144.50 to 144.56; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision 5; an assisted living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a boarding and lodging establishment with special services registered under section 157.17; a setting in which home and community-based services licensed under chapter 245D are provided; a veterans home operated by the commissioner of veterans affairs under chapter 198; a residence licensed by the

commissioner of human services under chapter 245A to provide a residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; an establishment providing housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 10a; a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless.

Sec. 16. **[200.036] DOCUMENTATION OF CITIZENSHIP.**

The following are sufficient documents to provide proof of citizenship for purposes of election day voter registration under chapter 201, absentee and early voting under chapter 203B, election day voting under chapter 204C, and determining whether to count a provisional ballot under section 204C.135, subdivision 2:

(1) a form of identification issued consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States;

(2) a valid United States passport;

(3) the applicant's official United States military identification card, together with a United States military record of service showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(4) a valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a federal, state, or Tribal government showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States; or

(5) a valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a federal, state, or Tribal government other than an identification described in clauses (1) to (4), but only if presented together with one or more of the following:

(i) a certified birth certificate issued by a state, a unit of local government in a state, or a Tribal government that:

(A) was issued by the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;

(B) was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the state;

(C) includes the full name, date of birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

(D) lists the full names of one or both of the parents of the applicant;

(E) has the signature of an individual who is authorized to sign birth certificates on behalf of the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;

(F) includes the date that the certificate was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the state; and

(G) has the seal of the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government that issued the birth certificate;

(ii) an extract from a United States hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth that indicates that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(iii) a final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(iv) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a citizen of the United States or a certification of the applicant's Report of Birth of a United States Citizen issued by the secretary of state;

(v) a Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security or any other document or method of proof of United States citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act; or

(vi) an American Indian Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification "KIC."

Sec. 17. **[201.017] VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD ACCOUNT.**

(a) A voter identification card account is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for:

(1) reimbursing individuals for the costs of obtaining documents under paragraph (b);

(2) making payments to driver's license agents under section 171.061, subdivision 4, paragraph (f); and

(3) providing voter identification cards to individuals qualifying under section 171.07, subdivision 3c.

Money in the account does not cancel and is available until spent.

(b) The commissioner of public safety shall reimburse individuals for any fees required to secure an official document or certified copy from any federal, state, or local government, or from a court in any jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. In order to receive reimbursement, an applicant for a voter identification card must complete a reimbursement form approved by the commissioner of public safety, along with documentation of the applicant's reimbursable expenditure. The commissioner must mail payment for the reimbursable amount to an eligible applicant at the address listed on the voter identification card.

(c) The amount available to the commissioner of public safety under paragraph (a), clause (3), shall not exceed the actual cost of providing voter identification cards, not to exceed $..... for each card issued.

(d) The commissioner of public safety shall report to the committee members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on the total expenditures from the account by county by January 31 of each year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Incomplete registration ~~by mail~~.** If the county auditor determines that a voter who has submitted a voter registration application by mail has not previously voted in this state for a federal office and has also not presented a document authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3, to the auditor, and the county auditor is unable to verify the voter's citizenship, driver's license, state identification, or last four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided by the voter on the voter registration application, then the county auditor must notify the voter that the registration is incomplete and to complete registration by using one of the following methods:

(1) presenting to the auditor more than 20 days before the election a document authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3;

(2) registering in person before or on election day;

(3) if voting by absentee ballot or by mail, following election day registration procedures for absentee voters as described in section 203B.04, subdivision 4; or

(4) providing proof of residence by any of the methods authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3, and proof of citizenship as authorized by section 200.036.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may register or update a registration on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application, making an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of citizenship, identity, and residence. An individual may provide proof of citizenship as provided by section 200.036. An individual may prove identity and residence for purposes of registering or updating a registration by~~:~~ presenting documentation as permitted by section 200.035. If an individual is unable to prove citizenship or identity and residence, the individual may complete a voter registration application and cast a provisional ballot as provided in section 204C.135.

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

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

~~(3) presenting a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card; or~~

~~(4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee who provides proof that they are employed by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other individual on that election day. An election judge may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any~~

~~individual who appears in the precinct where the election judge is working unless the election judge personally knows the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct, (ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature, telephone number, and address.~~

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

~~(b) The secretary of state must publish guidance for residential facilities and residential facility employees on the vouching process and the requirements of this subdivision.~~

~~(c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256K.48, subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision 5; an assisted living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a veterans home operated by the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; setting authorized to provide housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 10a; a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living accommodations for the homeless; a facility where a provider operates a residential treatment program as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 23; or a facility where a provider operates an adult foster care program as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 6c.~~

~~(d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of registering or updating a registration by:~~

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

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

(b) The election judge must keep separate all voter registration applications completed by individuals unable to prove identity and residence. These voter registration applications must be processed immediately in the manner described in section 201.121, subdivision 1.

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

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Instructions.** (a) A registration application shall be accompanied by instructions specifying the manner and method of registration, the qualifications for voting, the penalties for false registration, and the availability of registration and voting assistance for elderly and disabled individuals and residents of health care facilities and hospitals.

(b) The instructions must indicate that the voter must provide a valid Minnesota driver's license or identification card number, voter identification card, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, unless the voter has not been issued one of those numbers. The instructions must also indicate that the voter must provide proof of United States citizenship and that the documents used to provide proof of citizenship are provided under section 200.036.

(c) If, prior to election day, a person requests the instructions in Braille, audio format, or in a version printed in 16-point bold type with 24-point leading, the county auditor shall provide them in the form requested. The secretary of state shall prepare Braille and audio copies and make them available.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Deficient registration.** (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a voter registration application is deficient if the applicant does not provide proof of citizenship as provided in section 200.036 or proof of identity and residence as provided in section 200.035. An election judge shall request an individual provide proof of citizenship to correct the deficiency. If the applicant does not provide proof of citizenship as provided by section 200.036 or proof of identity and residence as provided in section 200.035, the applicant must not be registered to vote and must not be allowed to vote. No voter registration application is deficient if it contains the voter's name~~,~~; address ~~or~~; location of residence~~,~~; date of birth~~,~~; current and valid Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification number, or voter identification card number, or, if the voter has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification number, or voter identification card number, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, if the voter has been issued a Social Security number~~,~~; prior registration, if any~~,~~; and signature. The absence of a zip code number does not cause the registration to be deficient. Failure to check a box on an application form that a voter has certified to be true does not cause the registration to be deficient. The election judges shall request an individual to correct a voter registration application if it is deficient or illegible. No eligible voter may be prevented from voting unless the voter's registration application is deficient or the voter is duly and successfully challenged in accordance with section 201.195 or 204C.12.

(b) A voter registration application accepted prior to August 1, 1983, is not deficient for lack of date of birth. The county or municipality may attempt to obtain the date of birth for a voter registration application accepted prior to August 1, 1983, by a request to the voter at any time except at the polling place. Failure by the voter to comply with this request does not make the registration deficient.

(c) A voter registration application accepted before January 1, 2004, is not deficient for lack of a valid Minnesota driver's license or state identification number or the last four digits of a Social Security number. A voter registration application submitted by a voter who does not have a Minnesota driver's license or state identification number, or a Social Security number, is not deficient for lack of any of these numbers.

(d) A voter registration application submitted electronically through the website of the secretary of state prior to April 30, 2014, is not invalid as a result of its electronic submission.

Sec. 22. **[201.143] CITIZENSHIP; REGISTRATION STATUS.**

Subdivision 1. **Registration status.** (a) Upon receiving documentary proof or verified information that an individual who is registered or preregistered to vote is not a United States citizen, the county auditor must immediately challenge the status of the individual's record in the statewide voter registration system. If documentary proof or verified information about an individual is provided to the secretary of state, the secretary of state must immediately forward the proof or information to the county auditor of the county where the individual is registered or preregistered and the county auditor must immediately challenge the individual's status.

(b) Within five days of challenging the individual's registration, the county auditor must mail a notification of the status change to the individual. The notification must include a statement that the individual may register to vote again by completing a voter registration application and providing a document listed in subdivision 2 that proves citizenship.

(c) At least monthly, each county auditor must report to the secretary of state on the number of individuals whose status was challenged pursuant to this section. For each individual, the auditor must specify the method of registration used. By January 15 of each year, the secretary of state must report to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on individuals whose status was challenged pursuant to this section. The report must include information from each county, including the number of individuals whose status was challenged in each county each month and the method of registration for each individual.

Subd. 2. **Citizen documents.** An individual may prove citizenship for purposes of subdivision 1 by providing the following document or documents:

(1) a form of identification issued consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States;

(2) a voter identification card;

(3) a valid United States passport;

(4) the applicant's official United States military identification card, together with a United States military record of service showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(5) a valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a federal, state, or Tribal government showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States; or

(6) a valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a federal, state, or Tribal government other than an identification described in clauses (1) to (4), but only if presented together with one or more of the following:

(i) a certified birth certificate issued by a state, a unit of local government in a state, or a Tribal government that:

(A) was issued by the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;

(B) was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the state;

(C) includes the full name, date of birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

(D) lists the full names of one or both of the parents of the applicant;

(E) has the signature of an individual who is authorized to sign birth certificates on behalf of the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;

(F) includes the date the certificate was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the state; and

(G) has the seal of the state, unit of local government, or Tribal government that issued the birth certificate;

(ii) an extract from a United States hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth that indicates that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(iii) a final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States;

(iv) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a citizen of the United States or a certification of the applicant's Report of Birth of a United States Citizen issued by the secretary of state;

(v) a Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security or any other document or method of proof of United States citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act; or

(vi) an American Indian Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification "KIC."

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.221, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Procedures for polling place rosters.** The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of paper polling place rosters that include the voter's name, address, date of birth, school district number, and space for the voter's signature. An electronic roster and the voter signature certificate together must include the same information as a paper polling place roster. The address listed on the polling place roster must be the voter's address of residence, unless the voter has requested that the address printed on the roster be the voter's mailing address because the voter is a judge or a law enforcement or corrections officer, or the voter participates in the Safe at Home program as provided

in chapter 5B. The secretary of state may prescribe additional election-related information to be placed on the polling place rosters on an experimental basis for one state primary and general election cycle; the same information may not be placed on the polling place roster for a second state primary and general election cycle unless specified in this subdivision. The polling place roster must be used to indicate whether the voter has voted in a given election. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for transporting the polling place rosters to the election judges for use on election day. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for a county or municipality to request the date of birth from currently registered voters. The county or municipality shall not request the date of birth from currently registered voters by any communication other than the prescribed form and the form must clearly indicate that a currently registered voter does not lose registration status by failing to provide the date of birth. In accordance with section 204B.40, the county auditor shall retain the prescribed polling place rosters used on the date of election for 22 months following the election.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, an application for absentee ballots for any election may be submitted at any time not less than one day before the day of that election. The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

(1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

(2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the applicant maintains residence.

(b) An absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the secretary of state must require applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and the applicant's:

(1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification card number, or voter identification card number; and

(2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election held in March.

(c) An application submitted electronically under paragraph (b) may only be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the application information matches the information in a government database associated with the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, voter identification card number, or Social Security number. The

secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

(d) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth, and at least one of the following:

(1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;

(2) Minnesota state identification card number;

(3) voter identification card number;

(4) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or

~~(4)~~ (5) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

(e) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.

(f) Prior to approval, the county auditor or municipal clerk must verify that the Minnesota driver's license number, state identification card number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number submitted by an applicant is valid and assigned to that applicant. If a driver's license, identification card number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of a Social Security number is invalid or not assigned to the applicant, the county auditor or municipal clerk must reject the application.

~~(f)~~ (g) An applicant's full date of birth~~,~~; an applicant's Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, state identification, or voter identification card number~~,~~; and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk within ten days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than six days before the election.

~~(g)~~ (h) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot. The application form must not be preprinted in a manner that requires the applicant to affirmatively opt out of being assigned to a permanent absentee voter list.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Registration at time of application; updating registration.** An eligible voter who is not registered to vote or needs to update the voter's registration but who is otherwise eligible to vote by absentee ballot may register or update a registration by including a completed voter registration application with the absentee ballot. The individual must present proof of citizenship, identity, and residence as required by ~~section 201.061, subdivision 3~~ sections 200.035 and 200.036,

to the individual who witnesses the marking of the absentee ballots or execute an affidavit described in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). A military voter, as defined in section 203B.01, may register in this manner if voting pursuant to sections 203B.04 to 203B.15, or may register pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

(b) The certificate must include a space for ~~a statement~~ an oath signed by a ~~person who is at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election and a citizen of the United States or by a notary public or other individual authorized to administer oaths~~ witness stating that:

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

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

(3) ~~if the voter was not previously registered or needed to update the voter's registration,~~ the voter has ~~provided~~ shown to the witness proof of citizenship, identity, and residence as required by ~~section 201.061, subdivision 3.~~ sections 200.035 and 200.036 or executed an affidavit described in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). If the voter presented documentation of proof of identity and residence, the witness must also indicate the document or documents presented to prove citizenship, identity, and residence; and

(4) the witness is registered to vote in Minnesota, is a notary public, or is an individual authorized to administer oaths. The witness must include the witness's driver's license number, state identification number, voter identification card number, the last four digits of the witness's Social Security number, or a statement that the witness does not have any of these numbers.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions for casting the absentee ballots.

(b) The voter must present proof of identity and residence as described in section 200.035 and proof of citizenship as described in section 200.036 to the individual who witnesses the marking of the absentee ballots or execute an affidavit described in paragraph (c). If the voter presented

documentation of proof of citizenship, identity, and residence, the witness must record the type of document that was presented on the witness certificate described in section 203B.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

(c) If the voter attempted to procure proof of citizenship or identity and residence to satisfy the requirements of sections 200.035 and 200.036 but was unable to do so, the voter may execute a sworn affidavit, under the penalty of perjury, that states:

(1) the voter completing the affidavit is the voter that marked the ballot;

(2) the voter is eligible to vote, has not voted previously in the same election, and meets the criteria for registering to vote in the precinct where the voter is voting;

(3) the voter attempted to procure proof of citizenship or identity and residence but was unable to do so, and provide an explanation of the reason that the voter was unable to procure the necessary proof; and

(4) that the information on the affidavit is true and accurate.

The affidavit must be signed in the presence of the witness.

(d) The signature envelope containing marked ballots may be mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left with the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the signature envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by 5:00 p.m. on election day.

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

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) the portion of the certificate completed by a witness as required by section 203B.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), is completed and the document or documents listed that were used to prove citizenship, identity, and residence are documents authorized by sections 200.035 and 200.036;

~~(5)~~ (6) the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an absentee ballot; and

~~(6)~~ (7) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after the close of business on the 19th day before the election, as provided by section 203B.081.

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

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

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

(3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected by the method or methods of communication provided by the voter on the voter's application for an absentee ballot or voter registration. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

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

between six to ten weeks after receipt of the ballot. A notice of absentee ballot rejection must contain the following information:

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

(2) the reason for rejection; and

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

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

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 203B.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Voting procedure.** (a) When a voter appears in an early voting polling place, the voter must: (1) state the voter's name, address, and, if requested, the voter's date of birth to the early voting official; (2) present proof of identity and residence as described in section 200.035; and (3) present proof of citizenship as described in section 200.036. The early voting official must confirm that the voter's registration is current in the statewide voter registration system and that the voter has not already cast a ballot in the election. If the voter's status is challenged, the voter may resolve the challenge as provided in section 204C.12. An individual who is not registered to vote must register and a voter whose name or address has changed must update the voter's registration in the manner provided in section 201.061, subdivision 3. A voter who has already cast a ballot in the election must not be provided with a ballot. A voter who does not present proof of identity and residence as required by section 200.035 or proof of citizenship as required by section 200.036 must not be allowed to sign the certificate in paragraph (b) but must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot as provided in section 204C.135.

(b) Each voter must sign the certification provided in section 204C.10. The signature of an individual on the voter's certificate and the issuance of a ballot to the individual is evidence of the intent of the individual to vote at that election. After the voter signs the certification, two early voting officials must initial the ballot and issue it to the voter. The voter must immediately retire to a voting station or other designated location in the polling place to mark the ballot. The voter must not take a ballot from the polling place. If the voter spoils the ballot, the voter may return it to the early voting official in exchange for a new ballot. After completing the ballot, the voter must deposit the ballot into the ballot counter and ballot box. The early voting official must immediately record that the voter has voted in the manner provided in section 203B.121, subdivision 3.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Procedure; voting prior to election day.** Mail balloting must be conducted as provided in this section and Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. Notice of the election and the special mail procedure must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than 28 days before any election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before the election, the

auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office of the auditor or clerk. The voter must present proof of citizenship, identity, and residence to the voter's witness in the same manner required by section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (c). In addition to the information required by Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000, the signature envelope must include the witness oath prescribed by section 203B.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and counting of ballots apply.

The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as one vote total. No vote totals from mail or absentee ballots may be made public before the close of voting on election day.

The costs of the mailing shall be paid by the election jurisdiction in which the voter maintains residence. Any ballot received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election must be counted.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.

A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election, except in overlapping school and municipal jurisdictions, where a mail election may include an office when one of the jurisdictions also has a question on the ballot. Mail balloting must be conducted as provided in this section and Minnesota

Rules, part 8210.3000. Notice of the election must be given to the county auditor at least 84 days prior to the election. This notice shall also fulfill the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail ballot procedures must be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 nor later than 14 days prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district. No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots pursuant to chapter 203B. The voter must present proof of citizenship, identity, and residence to the voter's witness in the same manner required by section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (c). In addition to the information required by Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000, the signature envelope must include the witness oath prescribed by section 203B.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted" or "Rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk must provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

In all other respects, the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and counting of ballots apply.

The mail and absentee ballots for a precinct must be counted together and reported as one vote total. No vote totals from ballots may be made public before the close of voting on election day.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

Subd. 1d. **Voter's Bill of Rights.** The county auditor shall prepare and provide to each polling place sufficient copies of a poster setting forth the Voter's Bill of Rights as set forth in this section. Before the hours of voting are scheduled to begin, the election judges shall post it in a conspicuous location or locations in the polling place. The Voter's Bill of Rights is as follows:

"VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

(1) You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal, or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot, and return to work.

(2) If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right to vote.

(3) If you can provide the required proof of citizenship, identity, and residence, you have the right to register to vote or to update your registration and to vote on election day.

(4) If you cannot provide the required proof of citizenship, identity, and residence, you have the right to register to vote and cast a provisional ballot.

~~(4)~~ (5) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

~~(5)~~ (6) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

~~(6)~~ (7) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union.

~~(7)~~ (8) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the voting booth with you.

~~(8)~~ (9) You have the right to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for conviction of a felony offense.

~~(9)~~ (10) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order revokes your right to vote.

~~(10)~~ (11) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.

~~(11)~~ (12) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

~~(12)~~ (13) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

~~(13)~~ (14) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

~~(14)~~ (15) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth with you."

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE; VOTER RECEIPT.

(a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature certificate which states that the individual:

(1) is at least 18 years old;

(2) is a citizen of the United States;

(3) has maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election;

(4) maintains residence at the address or location shown;

(5) is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the individual's right to vote;

(6) has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to vote;

(7) has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the individual is not currently incarcerated for that conviction;

(8) is registered; and

(9) has not already voted in the election.

The roster must also state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than $10,000, or both."

(b) At the presidential nomination primary, the polling place roster must also state: "I am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote." This statement must appear separately from the statements required in paragraph (a). The felony penalty provided for in paragraph (a) does not apply to this paragraph.

(c) ~~A judge may,~~ Before the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, a judge must: (1) require the voter to present proof of identity and residence as described in section 200.035; (2) require the voter to present proof of citizenship as required by section 200.036; and (3) confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth. An applicant who does not present proof of citizenship, identity, and residence as required by sections 200.035 and 200.036 must not sign the polling place roster or a voter signature certificate, but must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot as provided in section 204C.135.

(d) After the applicant signs the roster or voter signature certificate, the judge shall give the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in charge of ballots as proof of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to the voter the ballot. The voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of filing an election contest.

(e) Whenever a challenged status appears on the polling place roster, an election judge must ensure that the challenge is concealed or hidden from the view of any voter other than the voter whose status is challenged.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Challenge; citizenship.** If the basis of a challenge is an individual's citizenship, the individual must not be allowed to vote unless the individual provides proof of citizenship as provided in section 200.036.

Sec. 35. **[204C.135] PROVISIONAL BALLOTS; PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY, AND RESIDENCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Casting of provisional ballots.** (a) A voter who is unable to provide proper proof of citizenship, identity, and residence as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3, or 204C.10, is entitled to cast a provisional ballot in the manner provided by this section.

(b) A voter seeking to vote a provisional ballot under this section must complete a provisional signature envelope and sign a provisional ballot roster or voter signature certificate for a provisional ballot. The envelope must contain a space for the voter to list the voter's name, address of residence, date of birth, and any other information prescribed by the secretary of state. The voter must also swear or affirm, in writing, that the voter is eligible to vote, has not voted previously in the same election, and meets the criteria for registering to vote in the precinct in which the voter appears. Once the voter has completed the provisional signature envelope, the voter must be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must be the same as the official ballot available in the precinct on election day. A completed provisional ballot must be sealed in a ballot envelope. The ballot envelope must be sealed inside the voter's provisional signature envelope and deposited by the voter in a secure, sealed, provisional ballot box. Completed provisional ballots must not be combined with other voted ballots in the polling place.

(c) An election judge must inform the voter on the process to follow to prove citizenship, identity, and residence during the seven days following the election. The election judge must inform the voter of the location of the county auditor or municipal clerk responsible for accepting or rejecting provisional ballots and the hours the auditor or clerk is open for business during the week following the election.

(d) The form of the ballot and provisional signature envelopes must be prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisional signature envelope must be a color other than that provided for absentee ballot envelopes. The envelope must be prominently labeled "Provisional Signature Envelope."

(e) Provisional ballots and related documentation must be delivered to and securely maintained by the county auditor or municipal clerk in the same manner as required for other election materials under sections 204C.27 to 204C.28.

Subd. 2. **Accepting or rejecting provisional ballots.** (a) In order for the provisional ballot to be counted, a voter who casts a provisional ballot in the polling place must personally appear before the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than seven calendar days following the election to prove that the voter's provisional ballot should be counted. The county auditor's office and the city clerk's office must be open for approving provisional ballots on the Saturday following the election for the hours prescribed in section 203B.085.

(b) The county auditor or municipal clerk must accept a provisional ballot if:

(1) the statewide voter registration system indicates that the voter is registered and is eligible to vote or, if challenged, the county auditor or municipal clerk does not, based upon available records and any documentation presented by the voter, conclude that the voter is ineligible;

(2) the voter presents proof of citizenship, identity, and residence in the precinct in the manner permitted by sections 200.035 and 200.036 or executes an affidavit described in paragraph (c); and

(3) the data on the identity and residence document presented by the voter matches the data provided by the voter on the provisional signature envelope.

(c) A voter who attempted to procure proof of citizenship, identity, and residence to satisfy the requirements of sections 200.035 and 200.036 but was unable to do so, may execute a sworn affidavit, under the penalty of perjury, that states:

(1) the voter is the same voter who cast the provisional ballot;

(2) the voter is eligible to vote, has not voted previously in the same election, and meets the criteria for registering to vote in the precinct where the voter cast the provisional ballot;

(3) the voter attempted to procure proof of citizenship, identity, and residence but was unable to do so, and provide an explanation of the reason that the voter was unable to procure the necessary proof; and

(4) that the information on the affidavit is true and accurate.

The affidavit must be signed in the presence of the county auditor or municipal clerk.

(d) If a voter registered on election day without proper proof of citizenship, identity, and residence and the voter registration application that was completed on election day has not yet been processed at the time the voter appears to prove identity and residence, the voter must be allowed to provide proof of citizenship, identity, and residence in the manner described by this section. If the criteria in paragraph (b) are satisfied except that the voter is not yet registered, the county auditor or municipal clerk must set the ballot aside until the voter registration application is processed. Once the voter registration application is processed, if the voter is registered to vote, the ballot must be accepted as provided in paragraph (e). If a voter is not registered to vote, the ballot must be rejected.

(e) If the voter's ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must remove the ballot from the provisional ballot box, mark the provisional signature envelope "accepted," and initial or sign the provisional signature envelope below the word "accepted." All accepted provisional signature envelopes must be kept together in a secure location. Provisional signature envelopes must only be opened as provided in subdivision 3.

(f) A county auditor or municipal clerk must not accept or count a provisional ballot if the voter does not appear before the county auditor or municipal clerk within seven calendar days following the election or if the voter does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).

(g) The county auditor or municipal clerk must notify, in writing, any voter who cast a provisional ballot and who does not appear within seven calendar days of the election that the voter's provisional

ballot was not counted because of the voter's failure to appear before the county auditor or municipal clerk within the time permitted by law to determine whether the provisional ballot should be counted.

Subd. 3. **Provisional ballots; reconciliation; counting.** (a) At the close of business for the county auditor's or municipal clerk's office on the seventh day after the election, but prior to counting any provisional ballots in the final vote totals from a precinct, the county auditor or municipal clerk must determine whether the number of signatures appearing on the provisional ballot roster or number of voter signature certificates for provisional ballots from that precinct is equal to the number of provisional ballots submitted by voters in the precinct on election day. If there are excess ballots, ballots must be randomly withdrawn from the accepted provisional signature envelopes in the manner required by section 204C.20, subdivision 2. Any discrepancy must be resolved before the provisional ballots from the precinct may be counted.

(b) After the ballots are reconciled pursuant to paragraph (a), the county auditor or municipal clerk must open the accepted provisional signature envelopes and deposit them in the appropriate ballot box. The accepted and deposited provisional ballots must be included in the final certified results from the precinct.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.32, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 8, section 70, is amended to read:

204C.32 CANVASS OF STATE PRIMARIES.

Subdivision 1. **County canvass.** The county canvassing board must meet at the county auditor's office on ~~either the second or third~~ the eighth day following the state primary. After taking the oath of office, the canvassing board must publicly canvass the election returns delivered to the county auditor. The board must complete the canvass by the ~~third~~ eighth day following the state primary and must promptly prepare and file with the county auditor a report that states:

(a) the number of individuals voting at the election in the county, and in each precinct;

(b) for each precinct, the number of individuals registering to vote or updating registrations on election day and the number of individuals who were registered before election day and did not need to update the voter's registration;

(c) for each major political party, the names of the candidates running for each partisan office and the number of votes received by each candidate in the county and in each precinct;

(d) the names of the candidates of each major political party who are nominated; and

(e) the number of votes received by each of the candidates for nonpartisan office in each precinct in the county and the names of the candidates nominated for nonpartisan office.

Upon completion of the canvass, the county auditor must mail or deliver a notice of nomination to each nominee for county office voted for only in that county. The county auditor must transmit one of the certified copies of the county canvassing board report for state and federal offices to the secretary of state by express mail or similar service immediately upon conclusion of the county canvass. The secretary of state must mail a notice of nomination to each nominee for state or federal office.

Subd. 2. **State canvass.** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at a public meeting space located in the Capitol complex area ~~seven~~ 14 days after the state primary to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from the county auditors. Immediately after the canvassing board declares the results, the secretary of state shall certify the names of the nominees to the county auditors. The secretary of state shall mail to each nominee a notice of nomination.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 204C.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **County canvass.** The county canvassing board must meet at the county auditor's office between the ~~third and~~ eighth and 14th days following the state general election. After taking the oath of office, the board must promptly and publicly canvass the general election returns delivered to the county auditor. Upon completion of the canvass, the board must promptly prepare and file with the county auditor a report which states:

(a) the number of individuals voting at the election in the county and in each precinct;

(b) for each precinct, the number of individuals registering to vote or updating registrations on election day and the number of individuals who were registered before election day and did not need to update the voter's registration;

(c) the names of the candidates for each office and the number of votes received by each candidate in the county and in each precinct;

(d) the number of votes counted for and against a proposed change of county lines or county seat; and

(e) the number of votes counted for and against a constitutional amendment or other question in the county and in each precinct.

The result of write-in votes cast on the general election ballots must be compiled by the county auditor before the county canvass, except that write-in votes for a candidate for federal, state, or county office must not be counted unless the candidate has timely filed a request under section 204B.09, subdivision 3. The county auditor must arrange for each municipality to provide an adequate number of election judges to perform this duty or the county auditor may appoint additional election judges for this purpose. The county auditor may open the envelopes or containers in which the voted ballots have been sealed in order to count and record the write-in votes and must reseal the voted ballots at the conclusion of this process. The county auditor must prepare a separate report of votes received by precinct for write-in candidates for federal, state, and county offices who have requested under section 204B.09 that votes for those candidates be tallied.

Upon completion of the canvass, the county canvassing board must declare the candidate duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each county and state office voted for only within the county. The county auditor must transmit a certified copy of the county canvassing board report for state and federal offices to the secretary of state by messenger, express mail, or similar service immediately upon conclusion of the county canvass.

Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.37, is amended to read:

204C.37 COUNTY CANVASS; RETURN OF REPORTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

A copy of the report required by sections 204C.32, subdivision 1, and 204C.33, subdivision 1, shall be certified under the official seal of the county auditor. The copy shall be enclosed in an envelope addressed to the secretary of state, with the county auditor's name and official address and the words "Election Returns" endorsed on the envelope. The copy of the canvassing board report must be sent by express mail or delivered to the secretary of state. If the copy is not received by the secretary of state within ten days following ~~the applicable election~~ a primary election, or within 15 days following a general election, the secretary of state shall immediately notify the county auditor, who shall deliver another copy to the secretary of state by special messenger.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.065, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Results.** The municipal primary shall be conducted and the returns made in the manner provided for the state primary so far as practicable. ~~The canvass may be conducted on either the second or third day after the primary.~~

The governing body of the municipality shall canvass the returns on the eighth day after the primary, and the two candidates for each office who receive the highest number of votes, or a number of candidates equal to twice the number of individuals to be elected to the office, who receive the highest number of votes, shall be the nominees for the office named. Their names shall be certified to the municipal clerk who shall place them on the municipal general election ballot without partisan designation and without payment of an additional fee.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205.185, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** (a) Between the ~~third~~ eighth and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any election including a special municipal election, or the governing body of a town conducting the general election in November shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and declare the results of the election. The governing body of a town conducting the general election in March shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and declare the results of the election ~~within two days~~ on the eighth day after an election.

(b) After the time for contesting elections has passed, the municipal clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. In case of a contest, the certificate shall not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court.

(c) In case of a tie vote, the canvassing board having jurisdiction over the municipality shall determine the result by lot. The clerk of the canvassing board shall certify the results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots and the returns of the election.

Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Results.** ~~(a)~~ The school district primary must be conducted and the returns made in the manner provided for the state primary as far as practicable. ~~If the primary is conducted:~~

~~(1) only within that school district, a canvass may be conducted on either the second or third day after the primary; or~~

~~(2) in conjunction with the state primary, the canvass must be conducted on the third day after the primary, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b).~~

On the eighth day after the primary, the school board of the school district shall canvass the returns, and the two candidates for each specified school board position who receive the highest number of votes, or a number of candidates equal to twice the number of individuals to be elected to at-large school board positions who receive the highest number of votes, are the nominees for the office named. Their names must be certified to the school district clerk who shall place them on the school district general election ballot without partisan designation and without payment of an additional fee.

~~(b) Following a school district primary as described in paragraph (a), clause (2), a canvass may be conducted on the second day after the primary if the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located agrees to administratively review the school district's primary voting statistics for accuracy and completeness within a time that permits the canvass to be conducted on that day.~~

Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** Between the ~~third~~ eighth and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after a school district election other than a recount of a special election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election. After the time for contesting elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service. A person who fails to qualify prior to the time specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but that filing may be made at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken. The school district clerk shall certify the results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots and the returns of the election.

A school district canvassing board shall perform the duties of the school board according to the requirements of this subdivision for a recount of a special election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59.

Sec. 43. **[357.43] DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD.**

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, no fee shall be charged by the courts for a certified copy of a court order, decree, record, or other document if the applicant attests that the record is needed to obtain a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 44. **CITATION.**

This act is the SAVE Minnesota Act.

Sec. 45. **PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.**

The secretary of state must contract with a vendor for the production and implementation of a statewide public educational campaign related to the voter identification requirements of this article. The campaign must inform voters of the requirements for identification when voting, methods of securing sufficient identification, including securing a free voter identification card if necessary, and the process for provisional balloting for voters unable to meet the identification requirements on election day. The secretary of state may consult with the vendor in coordinating material related to the campaign, but the secretary, the secretary's staff, and any other documents or materials promoting the Office of the Secretary of State may not appear visually or audibly in any advertising or promotional items disseminated by the vendor as part of the public education campaign.

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

Sec. 46. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION.**

(a) By January 15, 2027, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on proposed legislation to amend matters currently contained in administrative rules as necessary to implement this act. To the greatest extent practical, this proposed legislation must propose codifying into law matters that otherwise would be adopted through the administrative rulemaking process.

(b) To the extent that codifying matters into law is not practical, the proposed legislation must direct, by law, specific changes to be made in administrative rules so that no interpretation of the law by the secretary of state would be necessary, and use of the good cause rulemaking exemption in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, would be appropriate if the legislature authorizes use of this process.

(c) Nothing in this section grants rulemaking authority to the secretary of state.

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

Sec. 47. **VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD TRAINING FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE AGENTS.**

The commissioner of public safety must provide training for driver's license agents on the process for issuing voter identification cards.

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

Sec. 48. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) $..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for programming changes to the statewide voter registration system necessary to implement the requirements of this act. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) $..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for the public education campaign required under section 45. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.

(c) $..... in fiscal year 2027 is transferred from the general fund to the voter identification card account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.017, paragraph (a). For fiscal years 2028 to 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of $..... each year from the general fund to the voter identification card account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.017, paragraph (a), when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

(d) $..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the programming costs in the driver's license system necessary to implement this act and for the training for driver's license agents required by section 47. This is a onetime appropriation.

(e) $..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the driver and vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for implementing the requirements of this act. This includes the cost of design of the voter identification card and staff necessary to process and issue reimbursements required under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.017, paragraph (b). The base for this appropriation is $..... in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

(f) $..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health to provide birth records at no cost to applicants under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.226, subdivision 9, paragraph (a). This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.061, subdivision 7, is repealed.

Sec. 50. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Except where otherwise provided, this article is effective on June 1, 2028.

ARTICLE 5

CONFORMING CHANGES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

(1) "applicant" means an individual applying for a driver's license, provisional license, restricted license, duplicate license, instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, voter identification card, or motorized bicycle operator's permit; and

(2) "application" refers to an application for a driver's license, provisional license, restricted license, duplicate license, instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, voter identification card, or motorized bicycle operator's permit.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Application.** An applicant may file an application with an agent. The agent shall receive and accept applications in accordance with the laws and rules of the Department of Public Safety for a noncompliant driver's license or identification card; an enhanced driver's license or identification card; a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card; restricted license; duplicate license; instruction permit; voter identification card; or motorized bicycle operator's permit. Application records must be maintained at the office of the agent in a manner that complies with sections 13.05, subdivision 5, and 13.055. As an alternative to paper copy storage, an agent may retain records and documents in a secure electronic medium that complies with the security requirements under the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Policy 5.4 or any successor policy, provided 60 days have elapsed since the transaction and subject to standards established by the commissioner. The agent is responsible for all costs associated with the conversion to electronic records and maintenance of the electronic storage medium, including the destruction of existing paper records after conversion to the electronic format. All queries and responses in the secure electronic medium, and all actions in which data are entered, updated, accessed, or shared or disseminated by the agent must be contained in a data audit trail. Data contained in the audit trail are public to the extent the data are not otherwise classified under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2028.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Filing photograph or image; data classification.** The department shall file, or contract to file, all photographs or electronically produced images obtained in the process of issuing drivers' licenses ~~or~~, Minnesota identification cards, or voter identification cards. The photographs or electronically produced images shall be private data pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 12. Notwithstanding section 13.04, subdivision 3, the department shall not be required to provide copies of photographs or electronically produced images to data subjects. The use of the files is restricted:

(1) to the issuance and control of drivers' licenses and voter identification cards;

(2) to criminal justice agencies, as defined in section 299C.46, subdivision 2, for the investigation and prosecution of crimes, service of process, enforcement of no contact orders, location of missing persons, investigation and preparation of cases for criminal, juvenile, and traffic court, location of individuals required to register under section 243.166 or 243.167, and supervision of offenders;

(3) to public defenders, as defined in section 611.272, for the investigation and preparation of cases for criminal, juvenile, and traffic courts;

(4) to child support enforcement purposes under section 518A.83; and

(5) to a county medical examiner or coroner as required by section 390.005 as necessary to fulfill the duties under sections 390.11 and 390.25.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **Use of Social Security number.** An applicant's Social Security number must not be displayed, encrypted, or encoded on the driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota identification card, or voter identification card or included in a magnetic strip or bar code used to store data on the license or Minnesota identification card. The Social Security number must not be used as a Minnesota driver's license or identification number.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Religious objection.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 171.07, the commissioner of public safety may adopt rules to permit identification on a driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota identification card, or voter identification card in lieu of a photograph or electronically produced image where the commissioner finds that the licensee has religious objections to the use of a photograph or electronically produced image.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 171.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Certain head wear permitted.** If an accident involving a head injury, serious illness, or treatment of the illness has resulted in hair loss or the need to maintain continuous coverage of the head or scalp with a medical covering by an applicant for a driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card, the commissioner must permit the applicant to wear a hat or similar head wear or the covering in the photograph or electronically produced image. The hat, medically required covering, or head wear must be of an appropriate size and type to allow identification of the holder of the license or card and must not obscure the holder's face.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Duplicate license.** In the event that an instruction permit, provisional license, ~~or~~ driver's license, or voter identification card issued under the provisions of this chapter is lost or destroyed, or becomes illegible, the person to whom the same was issued shall obtain a duplicate thereof, furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed or has become illegible, and make payment of the required fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.12, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

Subd. 3c. **Record retention; birth certificates.** (a) If the procedures established by the commissioner for driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota identification card, or voter identification card records include retention of a physical copy or digital image of a birth certificate, the commissioner must:

(1) notify a driver's license or identification card applicant of the retention procedure; and

(2) allow the applicant, licensee, or identification cardholder to designate that the applicant, licensee, or identification cardholder's birth certificate physical copy or digital image must not be retained.

(b) The commissioner must not retain a birth certificate if directed by an applicant, licensee, or identification cardholder under paragraph (a), clause (2), but must record and retain data on the birth certificate required under Code of Federal Regulations, title 6, section 37.31(c).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.121, is amended to read:

171.121 USE OF ANOTHER'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS.

A person may notify the commissioner in writing to the effect that the person (1) is the owner of a residence, and (2) does not consent to have that residence address identified on any driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, voter identification card, or driving record of the department as the residence address or permanent mailing address of any person named in the notice. The notice may not name a spouse of the notifying person. Upon receiving the notice the commissioner shall not issue any license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card under this chapter, or accept an application for a license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card under this chapter, that lists the residence address identified in the notice as the residence address or permanent mailing address of any person named in the notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2027.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(15) provide reports necessary for early voting.

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

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Prior to election day.** (a) At any time except during the 20 days immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election, an eligible voter or any individual who will be an eligible voter at the time of the next election may register or update a registration to vote in the precinct in which the voter maintains residence by completing a voter registration application as described in section 201.071, subdivision 1. A completed application may be submitted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.061, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Incomplete registration by mail.** If the county auditor determines that a voter who has submitted a voter registration application by mail has not previously voted in this state for a federal office and has also not presented a document authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3, to the auditor, and the county auditor is unable to verify the voter's driver's license, state identification, voter identification card, or last four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided by the voter on the voter registration application, then the county auditor must notify the voter that the registration is incomplete and to complete registration by using one of the following methods:

(1) presenting to the auditor more than 20 days before the election a document authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3;

(2) registering in person before or on election day;

(3) if voting by absentee ballot or by mail, following election day registration procedures for absentee voters as described in section 203B.04, subdivision 4; or

(4) providing proof of residence by any of the methods authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name, middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence; voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification number, voter identification card number, or, if the voter has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification, or voter identification card, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper registration application must provide a space for a voter to provide a physical description of the location of their residence, if the voter resides in an area lacking a specific physical address. The description must be sufficient for the county auditor to identify the correct precinct for the voter. The description may include the closest cross street or the nearest address to the described location that is identified on a precinct map, and directions from that cross street or address to the described location, including but not limited to the cardinal direction and approximate distance to the location. The paper registration application may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic voter registration application must include the voter's email address. The registration application may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by the voter. The application must also contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

"I certify that I:

(1) am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old to be eligible to vote;

(2) am a citizen of the United States;

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

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

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

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

(7) am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and

(8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than $10,000, or both."

The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

"(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

"(2) Are you at least 16 years old and will you be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the election in which you intend to vote?"

And the instruction:

"If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in Minnesota or to update information on an existing registration.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.091, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Restricted data.** A list provided for public inspection or purchase, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry, must not include a voter's date of birth or any part of a voter's Social Security number, driver's license number, identification card number, voter identification card number, military identification card number, or passport number.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

(b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state must locate the precinct in which the voter maintains residence, if possible. If the secretary of state is able to locate the precinct in which the voter maintains residence, the secretary must transmit the information about the changed address by electronic means to the county auditor of the county in which the new address is located. For addresses for which the secretary of state is unable to determine the precinct, the secretary may forward information to the appropriate county auditors for individual review. If the voter has not voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, upon receipt of the information, the county auditor must update the voter's address in the statewide voter registration system. The county auditor must mail to the voter a notice stating the voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place, unless the voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, in which case the auditor must not mail the notice. The notice must advise the voter that the voter's voting address has been updated and that the voter must notify the county auditor within 21 days if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The notice must state that it must be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named address.

(c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary of state must notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter formerly maintained

residence that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has not voted or submitted a voter registration application since the address change, the county auditor must promptly mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising the voter that the voter's status in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to "inactive" unless the voter notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining the former address as the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not mail the notice. If the notice is not received by the deadline, the county auditor must change the voter's status to "inactive" in the statewide voter registration system.

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

(1) name;

(2) date of birth;

(3) address;

(4) driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification number;

(5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and

(6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.

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

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.14, is amended to read:

201.14 COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF DISTRICT COURT; REPORT CHANGES OF NAMES.

The state court administrator must regularly report by electronic means to the secretary of state the name, address, and, if available, driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification card number of each individual, 18 years of age or over, whose name was changed since the last report, by marriage, divorce, or any order or decree of the court. The secretary of state must determine if any of the individuals in the report are registered to vote under their previous name and must prepare a list of those registrants for each county auditor. Upon receipt of the list, the county auditor must update the voter's record with this information and mail to the voter the notice of registration required by section 201.121, subdivision 2. A notice must not be mailed if the

voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, lack of United States citizenship, legal incompetence, or court-ordered revocation of voting rights of persons under guardianship.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.145, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **State court administrator report.** (a) The state court administrator must report on individuals 17 years of age or older who are under a guardianship in which a court order revokes the ward's right to vote or where the court has found the individual to be legally incompetent to vote.

(b) The state court administrator must report on individuals transferred to the jurisdiction of the court who meet a condition specified in paragraph (a).

(c) Each report required under this subdivision must include the following information for each individual in the report: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, last four digits of the Social Security number and driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification card number.

(d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraphs (a) and (b) is registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each individual named in the list.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.145, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections report.** (a) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals 16 years of age or older who are currently incarcerated for felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction.

(b) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for each individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional facility, and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's: corrections' state identification number~~,~~; last four digits of the Social Security number~~,~~; driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification card number; and most recent date of incarceration.

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

(d) The county auditor must identify an individual who voted while incarcerated for a felony sentence. The county auditor must immediately send notice to the county attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual voted during the period of incarceration.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.145, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

(b) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were incarcerated for a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction and have been released from incarceration.

(c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for each individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the Social Security number. For the report required by paragraph (b), the report must also include the individual's, if available: corrections' state identification number~~,~~; driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification card number; date of incarceration~~,~~; county in which the conviction occurred~~,~~; and date of discharge.

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

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.145, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Commissioner of public safety report.** (a) The commissioner of public safety must report on individuals identified by department data as having temporary lawful status in the United States.

(b) The report under this section must include the following information for each individual: name~~,~~; address~~,~~; date of birth~~,~~; driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification card number; and, if available, last four digits of the Social Security number.

(c) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered to vote and prepare a list of those voters for the county auditor. Within seven calendar days of receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each individual named in the list.

(d) The county auditor must also immediately send notice to the county attorney of each individual identified in paragraph (c). The notice must include the name of the individual and any other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual registered to vote or voted and is not a citizen.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.161, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Department of Public Safety.** (a) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the secretary of state, must change the applications for an original, duplicate, or change of

address driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card so that any forms where applicants may provide documentation of United States citizenship contain spaces for all information required to register to vote, as prescribed by the secretary of state. Unless the applicant has provided an address other than the applicant's address of residence under section 171.12, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), the commissioner must transmit the information daily by electronic means to the secretary of state. Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the computerized driver's license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license number or state identification number, county, and city or town must be made available for access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration system. The commissioner must submit data to the secretary of state identifying the total number of individuals that completed qualifying transactions under this section and the total number of individuals whose records were ultimately transferred for registration. At a minimum, the commissioner must submit the data to the secretary of state on the same day each month. The secretary of state must publish a monthly report of this data.

(b) An applicant's information must not be transmitted to the secretary of state under this section unless the applicant provides documentation of United States citizenship or records maintained by the Department of Public Safety indicate that the applicant provided documentation demonstrating United States citizenship as part of a previous license or identification card transaction. If the applicant does not provide or has not previously provided documentation of United States citizenship, the commissioner must provide information during the transaction regarding voter registration and eligibility criteria. If the applicant provides documentation during the transaction indicating that the applicant is not a United States citizen, the applicant's information must not be transmitted to the secretary of state and the applicant must not be offered a voter registration opportunity.

(c) No applicant may be registered to vote under this subdivision until:

(1) the commissioner of public safety has certified that the department's systems have been tested and can accurately provide the required data and accurately exclude from transmission data on individuals who have not provided documentary evidence of United States citizenship; and

(2) the secretary of state has certified that the system for automatic registration of those applicants has been tested and is capable of properly determining whether an applicant is eligible to submit a voter registration application.

The department's systems must be tested and accurately provide the necessary data no later than December 1, 2023.

(d) For purposes of this section, "driver's license" includes any instruction permit, provisional license, limited license, restricted license, or operator's permit issuable by the commissioner of public safety under chapter 171.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

(1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

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

(3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application can be a printed form, a label printed with voter information to be affixed to a preprinted form, a combination of a form and label, or an electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

(4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card;

(5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card that is otherwise required to be collected from the voter or an election judge;

(6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates that the voter is not eligible to vote;

(7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the voter maintains residence in a different precinct;

(8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when a voter's record is challenged;

(9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10, and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be a printed form, a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath, or an electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

(10) contain only registered voters within the precinct, and not contain registered voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct, unless being utilized for a combined polling place pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 2, absentee or early voting under chapter 203B, or for mail balloting on election day pursuant to section 204B.45, subdivision 2a;

(11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose of updating absentee ballot records;

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

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

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

Electronic rosters used only for registering voters and updating voters' registration do not need to comply with clauses (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for processing voters who are registered and do not need to update a registration do not need to comply with clauses (4) and (5).

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.065, is amended to read:

203B.065 USING THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Upon accepting an application for a state primary or state general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system the voter's name~~,~~; date of birth~~,~~; address of residence in Minnesota~~,~~; mailing address~~,~~; Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, state identification or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, if provided by the voter. Upon acceptance of an absentee ballot application of a voter who is registered to vote at an address different from the residential address certified on the absentee ballot application, the voter registration record with the previous address shall be challenged. Once the absentee ballot has been transmitted to the voter, the method of transmission and the date of transmission must be recorded.

Upon receipt of a returned absentee ballot for a state primary or state general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system that the voter has returned the ballot.

Upon receipt of notice that the ballot board has accepted or rejected the absentee ballot for a state primary or state general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system whether the ballot was accepted or rejected, and if rejected, the reason for rejection. If a replacement ballot is transmitted to the voter, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record this in the statewide voter registration system.

The labels provided for envelopes used for transmitting an absentee ballot to and from an applicant for an absentee ballot for a state primary or state general election must contain bar codes generated by the statewide voter registration system to facilitate the recording required under this section. A county auditor or municipal clerk entering information into the statewide voter registration system under this section must include the information provided on the bar code label whenever information is entered into the system.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Required information.** (a) An application shall be accepted if it contains the following information stated under oath:

(1) the voter's name, birthdate, and present address of residence in Minnesota, or former address of residence or parent's former address of residence in Minnesota if the voter is living permanently outside the United States;

(2) a statement indicating that the voter is in the military, or is the spouse or dependent of an individual serving in the military, or is temporarily outside the territorial limits of the United States, or is living permanently outside the territorial limits of the United States and voting under federal law;

(3) a statement that the voter expects to be absent from the precinct at the time of the election;

(4) the address to which absentee ballots are to be mailed;

(5) the voter's signature or the signature and relationship of the individual authorized to apply on the voter's behalf;

(6) the voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; if the voter does not have access to any of these documents, the voter or other individual requesting absentee ballots may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the application under penalty of perjury; and

(7) the voter's email address, if the application was submitted electronically through the secure website maintained by the secretary of state.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (6), an application submitted through the secretary of state's website must include the voter's verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, and may only be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the application information matches the information in a government database associated with the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, voter identification card number, or Social Security number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.19, is amended to read:

203B.19 RECORDING APPLICATIONS.

Upon accepting an application, the county auditor shall record in the statewide registration system the voter's name~~,~~; address of present or former residence in Minnesota~~,~~; mailing address~~,~~; school district number~~,~~; passport number, Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~, state identification card number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number~~,~~; and whether the voter is in the military or the spouse or dependent of an individual serving in the military, is a voter temporarily outside the territorial limits of the United States, or is living permanently outside the territorial limits of the United States and voting under federal law. The county auditor shall retain the record for six years. A voter whose name is recorded as provided in this section shall not be required to register under any other provision of law in order to vote under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. Persons from whom applications are not accepted must be notified by the county auditor and provided with the reasons for the rejection.

No later than 60 days after the general election, the county auditor shall report to the secretary of state the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to and the combined number of absentee ballots returned and cast by absent voters described in section 203B.16. The secretary of state may require the information be reported by category under section 203B.16 or by precinct.

No later than 90 days after the general election, the secretary of state shall report to the federal Election Assistance Commission the number of absentee ballots transmitted to voters under section 203B.16.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Check of voter eligibility; proper execution of certificate.** Upon receipt of an absentee ballot returned as provided in sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, the election judges shall compare the voter's name with the names recorded under section 203B.19 in the statewide registration system to insure that the ballot is from a voter eligible to cast an absentee ballot under sections

203B.16 to 203B.27. The election judges shall mark the signature envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the signature envelope below the word "Accepted" if the election judges are satisfied that:

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

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

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

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

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

If the identification number described in clause (3) does not match the number as submitted on the application, the election judges must make a reasonable effort to satisfy themselves through other information provided by the applicant, or by an individual authorized to apply on behalf of the voter, that the ballots were returned by the same person to whom the ballots were transmitted.

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

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

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

Sec. 29. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Except where otherwise provided, this article is effective June 1, 2028."

Amend the title accordingly

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Draheim	Gruenhagen	Jasinski	Lieske
Bahr	Drazkowski	Heintzeman	Johnson	Limmer
Coleman	Duckworth	Holmstrom	Koran	Lucero
Dahms	Farnsworth	Housley	Kreun	Mathews
Dornink	Green	Howe	Lang	Miller

Nelson	Rarick	Utke	Wesenberg
Pratt	Rasmusson	Weber	Westrom

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Housley, Johnson, and Miller.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, Murphy, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

S.F. No. 4223 was read the third time, as amended, and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 33, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Gustafson, Hauschild, Hawj, Mohamed, Murphy, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Housley, Johnson, and Miller.

So the bill, as amended, was passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 476: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying policy provisions relating to continuity of care following a payment withhold, aging and disability services, adult protective services, substance use disorder treatment, Direct Care and Treatment, and Department of Health regulation of long-term care services; permitting certain facilities to serve intoxicating liquor without a license; making technical and conforming changes; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.7381; 13.04, subdivision 4a; 13.384, subdivision 1; 13.46, subdivision 1; 144.56, subdivision 2b; 144.586, subdivision 2; 144.6502, subdivision 1; 144A.161, subdivision 1a; 144A.472, subdivision 5; 144A.72, subdivision 2; 144G.08, by adding subdivisions; 144G.19, by adding a subdivision; 144G.31, subdivision 6; 144G.40, subdivision 2; 144G.41, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 144G.61, subdivision 2; 144G.63, subdivisions 2, 5, by adding a subdivision; 157.17, subdivisions 2, 5; 182.6545; 245A.03, by adding subdivisions; 245D.09, subdivision 5; 245D.10, subdivision 3; 245F.02, subdivision 17; 245F.15, subdivision 7; 245G.06, subdivision 4; 245G.11, subdivision 8; 253B.03, subdivision 6; 253B.18, subdivision 14; 254B.052, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 256.9752, as amended; 256B.04, subdivision 24, by adding a subdivision; 256B.056, subdivision 7a, by adding subdivisions; 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; 256B.064, subdivision 2; 256B.0658; 256B.0659, subdivisions 12, 16, 17, 19; 256B.0759, subdivision 3; 256B.0911, subdivision 32; 256B.0924, subdivisions 3, 5, 7, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0949, by adding a subdivision; 256B.4905, subdivision 2a; 256B.492, subdivisions 1, 3; 256B.85, by adding subdivisions; 256B.851, subdivision 8; 256L.03, subdivision 1; 256R.481; 256S.205, subdivision 1; 256S.21, subdivision 3; 295.50, subdivision 4; 626.557, subdivisions 9, 9a, 12b, by adding subdivisions; 626.5572, subdivisions 2, 9, 17, by adding subdivisions; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 13.46, subdivision 2; 144A.474, subdivision 11; 245C.03, subdivision 6; 245C.04, subdivision 6; 245C.10, subdivision 6; 245D.091, subdivisions 2, 3; 245D.10, subdivision 3a; 245F.08, subdivision 3; 245G.11, subdivision 7; 253B.18, subdivision 6; 254A.03, subdivision 3; 254B.0501, subdivision 6; 254B.0505, subdivision 8, by adding subdivisions; 256B.04, subdivision 21; 256B.0701, subdivision 9; 256B.0759, subdivision 4; 256B.0911, subdivision 13; 256B.0924, subdivision 6; 256B.0949, subdivisions 2, 16; 256B.4914, subdivisions 8, 10a; 256B.85, subdivision 7; 256S.205, subdivision 2; 295.50, subdivision 9b; 626.5572, subdivision 13; Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 1, section 47; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144A; 144G; 245D; 246C; 256B; 340A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256B.051, subdivisions 1, 4, 7; 256B.0759, subdivisions 2, 5; 256B.5012, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16; 626.557, subdivision 10; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 245A.04, subdivision 7; 254B.052, subdivision 6; 256B.051, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 8, 9, 10; Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 3, article 18, section 3.

Senator Hoffman moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A35):

Page 7, line 15, after "a" insert "specific" and delete "specific-account" and insert "account"

Pages 8 to 11, delete sections 4 and 5

Page 16, after line 17, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.6512, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Other laws.** Nothing in this section affects the rights and remedies available under section 626.557, subdivisions ~~10~~ 11b to 11j, 17, and 20.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144A.161, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Responsibilities of county social services agency.** (a) The county social services agency shall participate in the meeting as outlined in subdivision 3, paragraph (b), to develop a relocation plan.

(b) The county social services agency shall designate a representative to the interdisciplinary team established by the licensee responsible for coordinating the relocation efforts.

(c) The county social services agency shall serve as a resource in the relocation process.

(d) Concurrent with the notice sent to residents from the licensee as provided in subdivision 5a, the county social services agency shall provide written notice to residents and responsible parties describing:

(1) the county's role in the relocation process and in the follow-up to relocations;

(2) the county social services agency contact information; and

(3) the contact information for the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(e) The county social services agency designee shall meet with appropriate facility staff to coordinate any assistance in the relocation process. This coordination shall include participating in group meetings with residents, families, and responsible parties to explain the relocation process.

(f) Beginning from the initial notice given in subdivision 2, the county social services agency shall monitor compliance with all components of this section and the plan developed under subdivision 3, paragraph (b). If the licensee is not in compliance, the county social services agency shall notify the commissioner of the Department of Health and the commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

(g) Except as requested by the resident or responsible party and within the parameters of the Vulnerable Adults Act, the county social services agency, in coordination with the commissioner of health and the commissioner of human services, may halt a relocation that it deems inappropriate or dangerous to the health or safety of a resident. In situations where a resident relocation is halted, the county social services agency must notify the resident, family, responsible parties, Office of the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and resident's managed care organization, of this action. The county social services agency shall pursue remedies to protect the resident during the relocation process, including, but not limited to, assisting the resident with filing an appeal of transfer or discharge, notification of all appropriate licensing boards and agencies, and other remedies available to the county under section 626.557, ~~subdivision 10~~ subdivisions 11b to 11j.

(h) A member of the county social services agency staff shall follow up with relocated residents within 30 days after the relocation. This requirement does not apply to changes in operation where

the facility moved to a new location and residents chose to move to that new location. The requirement also does not apply to residents admitted after the notice in subdivision 5a is given and discharged prior to the actual change in facility operations or reduction. County social services agency staff shall interview the resident or responsible party and review and discuss pertinent medical or social records with appropriate facility staff to:

(1) assess the adjustment of the resident to the new placement;

(2) recommend services or methods to meet any special needs of the resident; and

(3) identify residents at risk.

(i) The county social services agency shall conduct subsequent follow-up visits on site in cases where the adjustment of the resident to the new placement is in question.

(j) Within 60 days of the completion of the follow up under paragraphs (h) and (i), the county social services agency shall submit a written summary of the follow-up work to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services in a manner approved by the commissioners.

(k) The county social services agency shall submit to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services a report of any issues that may require further review or monitoring.

(l) The county social services agency shall be responsible for the safe and orderly relocation of residents in cases where an emergent need arises or when the licensee has abrogated its responsibilities under the plan.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.92, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Other laws.** Nothing in this section affects the rights and remedies available under section 626.557, subdivisions ~~10~~ 11b to 11j, 17, and 20.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 152.137, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Reporting maltreatment of vulnerable adult.** (a) A peace officer shall make a report of suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable adult if the vulnerable adult is present in an area where any of the activities described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (4), are taking place, and the peace officer has reason to believe the vulnerable adult inhaled, was exposed to, had contact with, or ingested methamphetamine, a chemical substance, or methamphetamine paraphernalia. The peace officer shall immediately report to the county common entry point as described in section 626.557, subdivision 9b.

(b) As required in section 626.557, subdivision 9b, law enforcement is the primary agency to conduct investigations of any incident when there is reason to believe a crime has been committed. Law enforcement shall initiate a response immediately. If the common entry point notified a county agency for adult protective services, law enforcement shall cooperate with that county agency when both agencies are involved and shall exchange data to the extent authorized in section 626.557, subdivision 12b, paragraph (g). County adult protection shall initiate a response immediately.

(c) The county social services agency shall immediately respond as required in section 626.557, ~~subdivision 10~~ subdivisions 11b to 11j, upon receipt of a report from the common entry point staff."

Page 19, after line 31, insert:

"Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.11, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **Adult foster care and community residential setting license capacity.** (a) The commissioner shall issue adult foster care and community residential setting licenses with a maximum licensed capacity of four beds, including nonstaff roomers and boarders, except that the commissioner may issue a license with a capacity of five beds, including roomers and boarders, according to paragraphs (b) to (h).

(b) The license holder may have a maximum license capacity of five if all persons in care are age 55 or over and do not have a serious and persistent mental illness or a developmental disability.

(c) The commissioner may grant variances to paragraph (b) to allow a facility with a licensed capacity of up to five persons to admit an individual under the age of 55 if the variance complies with section 245A.04, subdivision 9, and approval of the variance is recommended by the county in which the licensed facility is located.

(d) The commissioner may grant variances to paragraph (a) to allow the use of an additional bed, up to six, for emergency crisis services for a person with serious and persistent mental illness or a developmental disability, regardless of age, if the variance complies with section 245A.04, subdivision 9, and approval of the variance is recommended by the county in which the licensed facility is located.

(e) The commissioner may grant a variance to paragraph (b) to allow for the use of an additional bed, up to six, for respite services, as defined in section 245A.02, for persons with disabilities, regardless of age, if the variance complies with sections 245A.03, subdivision 7, and 245A.04, subdivision 9, and approval of the variance is recommended by the county in which the licensed facility is located. Respite care may be provided under the following conditions:

(1) staffing ratios cannot be reduced below the approved level for the individuals being served in the home on a permanent basis;

(2) no more than two different individuals can be accepted for respite services in any calendar month and the total respite days may not exceed 120 days per program in any calendar year;

(3) the person receiving respite services must have his or her own bedroom, which could be used for alternative purposes when not used as a respite bedroom, and cannot be the room of another person who lives in the facility; and

(4) individuals living in the facility must be notified when the variance is approved. The provider must give 60 days' notice in writing to the residents and their legal representatives prior to accepting the first respite placement. Notice must be given to residents at least two days prior to service initiation, or as soon as the license holder is able if they receive notice of the need for respite less than two days prior to initiation, each time a respite client will be served, unless the requirement for this notice is waived by the resident or legal guardian.

(f) The commissioner may issue an adult foster care or community residential setting license with a capacity of five adults if the fifth bed does not increase the overall statewide capacity of

licensed adult foster care or community residential setting beds in homes that are not the primary residence of the license holder, as identified in a plan submitted to the commissioner by the county, when the capacity is recommended by the county licensing agency of the county in which the facility is located and if the recommendation verifies that:

(1) the facility meets the physical environment requirements in the adult foster care licensing rule;

(2) the five-bed living arrangement is specified for each resident in the resident's:

(i) individualized plan of care;

(ii) individual service plan under section 256B.092, subdivision 1b, if required; or

(iii) individual resident placement agreement under Minnesota Rules, part 9555.5105, subpart 19, if required;

(3) the license holder obtains written and signed informed consent from each resident or resident's legal representative documenting the resident's informed choice to remain living in the home and that the resident's refusal to consent would not have resulted in service termination; and

(4) the facility was licensed for adult foster care before March 1, 2016.

(g) The commissioner shall not issue a new adult foster care license under paragraph (f) after December 31, 2020. The commissioner shall allow a facility with an adult foster care license issued under paragraph (f) before December 31, 2020, to continue with a capacity of five adults if the license holder continues to comply with the requirements in paragraph (f).

(h) The commissioner may ~~issue an adult foster care or community residential setting license with a capacity of five or six adults to facilities meeting the criteria in section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (5), and~~ grant variances to paragraph (b) to allow the facility to admit an individual under the age of 55 if the variance complies with section 245A.04, subdivision 9, and approval of the variance is recommended by the county in which the licensed facility is located.

(i) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9520.0500, adult foster care and community residential setting licenses with a capacity of up to six adults as allowed under this subdivision are not required to be licensed as an adult mental health residential program according to Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0670."

Page 23, line 2, delete the new language and insert "148B.50 to 148B.75"

Pages 31 to 33, delete sections 14 to 17

Pages 33 to 37, delete sections 19 to 22

Pages 45 to 50, delete sections 31 to 33

Page 55, delete lines 17 to 19 and insert:

"(1) for individualized home supports with training, a monthly service limit of 182.5 hours; and"

Page 55, after line 21, insert:

"The limits in clauses (1) and (2) do not limit a person's use of other disability waiver services, including individualized home supports, which may be provided on the same day by the same provider providing individualized home supports with training or individualized home supports with family training.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval."

Page 57, delete section 37 and insert:

"Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.493, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner's duties; report.** The commissioner of human services has the authority to manage statewide licensed corporate foster care or community residential settings capacity, including the reduction and realignment of licensed capacity of a current foster care or community residential setting to accomplish the consolidation or closure of settings. The commissioner shall implement a program for planned closure of licensed corporate adult foster care or community residential settings, necessary as a preferred method to~~: (1)~~ respond to the informed decisions of those individuals who want to move out of these settings into other types of community settings~~; and (2) achieve necessary budgetary savings required in section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraphs (c) and (d)~~."

Pages 58 to 60, delete sections 38 to 43

Page 65, line 23, delete "Department of Human Services" and insert "commissioner"

Page 66, after line 1, insert:

"Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 524.5-311, is amended to read:

524.5-311 EMERGENCY GUARDIAN.

(a) If the court finds that compliance with the procedures of this article will likely result in substantial harm to the respondent's health, safety, or welfare, and that no other person appears to have authority and willingness to act in the circumstances, the court, on petition by a person interested in the respondent's welfare, may appoint an emergency guardian whose authority may not exceed 60 days and who may exercise only the powers specified in the order. A county that is acting under section 626.557, ~~subdivision 10~~ subdivisions 11h and 11i, by petitioning for appointment of an emergency guardian on behalf of a vulnerable adult may be granted authority to act for a period not to exceed 90 days. An emergency guardian's appointment under this section may only be extended once for a period not to exceed 60 days if the court finds good cause for the continuation of the guardianship. Immediately upon receipt of the petition for an emergency guardianship, the court shall appoint a lawyer to represent the respondent in the proceeding. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), reasonable notice of the time and place of a hearing on the petition must be given to the respondent; interested parties, if known; and any other persons as the court directs.

(b) An emergency guardian may be appointed without notice to the respondent and the respondent's lawyer only if the court finds from affidavit or other sworn testimony that the respondent will be substantially harmed before a hearing on the appointment can be held and the petitioner made good faith efforts to provide notice to the respondent or the respondent's lawyer. If the court appoints an emergency guardian without notice to the respondent, the respondent must be given notice of the appointment within 48 hours after the appointment. The court shall hold a hearing on the appropriateness of the appointment within five days after the appointment.

(c) Appointment of an emergency guardian, with or without notice, is not a determination of the respondent's incapacity.

(d) The court may remove an emergency guardian at any time. An emergency guardian shall make any report the court requires. In other respects, the provisions of this article concerning guardians apply to an emergency guardian.

(e) Any documents or information disclosing or pertaining to health or financial information shall be filed as confidential documents, consistent with the bill of particulars under section 524.5-121.

(f) The mere fact that the respondent is a patient in a hospital or a resident of a facility is not in and of itself sufficient evidence to support a risk of substantial harm to the respondent's health, safety, or welfare.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 524.5-409, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Emergency and temporary conservator.** (a) If the court finds that compliance with the procedures of this article will likely result in the immediate loss, waste, or dissipation of the individual's assets or income unless management is provided, or money is needed for the support, care, education, health, and welfare of the individual or of individuals who are entitled to the individual's support and that protection is necessary or desirable to obtain or provide money, and that no other person appears to have authority and willingness to act in the circumstances, the court, on petition by a person interested in the respondent's welfare, may appoint an emergency conservator whose authority may not exceed 60 days and who may exercise only the powers specified in the order. A county that is acting under section 626.557, ~~subdivision 10~~ subdivisions 11h and 11i, by petitioning for appointment of an emergency conservator on behalf of a vulnerable adult may be granted authority to act for a period not to exceed 90 days. An emergency conservator's appointment under this section may be extended once for a period not to exceed 60 days if the court finds good cause for the continuation of the conservatorship. Immediately upon receipt of the petition for an emergency conservatorship, the court shall appoint a lawyer to represent the respondent in the proceeding. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), reasonable notice of the time and place of a hearing on the petition must be given to the respondent and any other persons as the court directs.

(b) An emergency conservator may be appointed without notice to the respondent and the respondent's lawyer only if the court finds from affidavit or other sworn testimony that the respondent will be substantially harmed before a hearing on the appointment can be held. If the court appoints an emergency conservator without notice to the respondent, the respondent must be given notice of the appointment within 48 hours after the appointment. The court shall hold a hearing on the appropriateness of the appointment within five days after the appointment.

(c) Appointment of an emergency conservator, with or without notice, is not a determination of the respondent's incapacity.

(d) The court may remove an emergency conservator at any time. An emergency conservator shall make any report the court requires. In other respects, the provisions of this article concerning conservators apply to an emergency conservator.

(e) If the court finds that a conservator is not effectively performing the conservator's duties and that the security and preservation of the assets of the person subject to conservatorship requires immediate action, the court may appoint a temporary substitute conservator for the person subject to conservatorship for a specified period not exceeding six months. Except as otherwise ordered by the court, a temporary substitute conservator so appointed has the powers set forth in the previous order of appointment. The authority of any unlimited or limited conservator previously appointed by the court is suspended as long as a temporary substitute conservator has authority. If an appointment is made without previous notice to the person subject to conservatorship or the affected conservator within five days after the appointment, the court shall inform the person subject to conservatorship or conservator of the appointment.

(f) The court may remove a temporary substitute conservator at any time. A temporary substitute conservator shall make any report the court requires. In other respects, the provisions of this article concerning conservators apply to a temporary substitute conservator.

(g) Any documents or information disclosing or pertaining to health or financial information shall be filed as confidential documents, consistent with the bill of particulars under section 524.5-121."

Page 85, delete section 70

Page 87, delete section 73 and insert:

"Sec. 62. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

In each section of Minnesota Statutes referred to in column A, the revisor of statutes shall delete the reference in column B and insert the reference in column C.

A	B	C
Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.03, subdivision 9	subdivision 7	section 245A.03, subdivision 7b
Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.11, subdivision 2a, paragraph (e)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7	section 245A.03, subdivisions 7b to 7d
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092, subdivision 11, paragraph (c)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (f)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7d, paragraph (c)
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092, subdivision 11a, paragraph (b)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7	section 245A.03, subdivisions 7b to 7d

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092, subdivision 11a, paragraph (c)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7c
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092, subdivision 13, paragraph (c)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7c
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.49, subdivision 24, paragraph (c)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7c
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.49, subdivision 29, paragraph (b)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7	section 245A.03, subdivisions 7b to 7d
Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.49, subdivision 29, paragraph (c)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7, paragraph (a)	section 245A.03, subdivision 7b"

Page 88, delete section 74 and insert:

"Sec. 63. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245A.03, subdivision 7; 256B.051, subdivisions 1, 4, and 7; 256B.5012, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16; and 626.557, subdivision 10, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.051, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 8, 9, and 10, are repealed.

(c) Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 3, article 18, section 3, is repealed.

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

Page 97, lines 17 and 26, delete "Department of Human Services" and insert "commissioner"

Page 97, line 25, after "of" insert "this" and delete "3"

Page 100, delete section 3 and insert:

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.384, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Classification of medical data.** Unless the data is summary data or a statute specifically provides a different classification, medical data are private but are available only to the subject of the data as provided in sections 144.291 to 144.298, and shall not be disclosed to others except:

(a) pursuant to ~~section~~ sections 13.05 and 13.46;

(b) pursuant to section 253B.0921;

(c) pursuant to a valid court order;

(d) to administer federal funds or programs;

(e) to the surviving spouse, parents, children, siblings, and health care agent of a deceased patient or client or, if there are no surviving spouse, parents, children, siblings, or health care agent to the surviving heirs of the nearest degree of kindred;

(f) to communicate a patient's or client's condition to a family member, health care agent, or other appropriate person in accordance with acceptable medical practice, unless the patient or client directs otherwise; or

(g) as otherwise required by law."

Page 106, line 30, delete everything after "data" and insert "as provided in subdivision 14."

Page 106, delete line 31

Page 107, delete lines 1 to 13 and insert:

"Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. **Direct Care and Treatment.** (a) Notwithstanding sections 144.291 to 144.298, Direct Care and Treatment may disclose data pursuant to subdivision 2 and as otherwise permitted by law.

(b) Direct Care and Treatment may disclose welfare system data held by the agency to facilitate coordination of guardianship services for Direct Care and Treatment clients, including but not limited to making disclosures in guardianship proceedings, identifying potential guardians, communicating with guardianship legal representation, and reporting complaints to the Minnesota Judicial Branch or the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Direct Care and Treatment must obtain the client's consent for a disclosure made pursuant to this paragraph except when the client:

(1) lacks capacity to provide the consent; or

(2) has a current legal guardian who is unavailable, is nonresponsive, or refuses to authorize the disclosure in relation to complaints to the Minnesota Judicial Branch or Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities."

Page 107, line 28, delete the new language and reinstate the stricken language and strike "(b)" and insert "(a)"

Page 108, delete section 8 and insert:

"Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253B.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Consent for medical procedure.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) notwithstanding section 253B.02, subdivision 10, "interested person" has the meaning given under section 524.5-102, subdivision 7;

(2) notwithstanding section 253B.02, subdivision 15, "patient" includes a person committed under chapter 253D who is in a state-operated treatment program; and

(3) "proper relative" means, in the following order, the patient's spouse, parent, adult child, or adult sibling.

(b) A patient has the right to give prior consent to any medical ~~or surgical~~ treatment, including but not limited to surgery, other than treatment for chemical dependency or nonintrusive treatment for mental illness.

~~(b)~~ (c) The following procedures shall be used to obtain consent for any treatment necessary to preserve the life or health of any committed patient:

(1) the written, informed consent of a competent adult patient for the treatment is sufficient;

(2) if the patient is subject to guardianship which includes the provision of medical care, the written, informed consent of the guardian for the treatment is sufficient;

(3) if the head of the treatment facility ~~or state-operated treatment program~~ determines that the patient is not competent to consent to the treatment and the patient has not been adjudicated incompetent, written, informed consent for the ~~surgery or~~ medical treatment shall be obtained from the person appointed the health care power of attorney, the patient's agent under the health care directive, or the nearest proper relative. ~~For this purpose, the following persons are proper relatives, in the order listed: the patient's spouse, parent, adult child, or adult sibling.~~ If the nearest proper ~~relatives~~ relative cannot be located, ~~refuse~~ refuses to consent to the procedure, or ~~are~~ is unable to consent, the head of the treatment facility ~~or state-operated treatment program~~ or an interested person may petition the committing court for approval for the treatment or may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a guardian. The determination that the patient is not competent, and the reasons for the determination, shall be documented in the patient's clinical record;

(4) for patients in a state-operated treatment program, if (i) the patient does not have a health care power of attorney or an agent under a health care directive or the patient's health care agent is not reasonably available to make the necessary health care decision for the patient, and (ii) the patient's treating physician determines that the patient lacks decision-making capacity to consent to the medical treatment, the state-operated treatment program must make a good faith attempt to locate the patient's nearest proper relative to obtain written informed consent for the medical treatment;

(5) if the state-operated treatment program is unable to reasonably locate a proper relative, the executive medical director has decision-making authority for the health care decision for the patient subject to the provisions under subdivision 6e;

(6) if the state-operated treatment program consults with the patient's nearest proper relative under clause (4) and the patient's nearest proper relative and the patient's treating physician are not in agreement with respect to a medical treatment decision, the state-operated treatment program or an interested person may petition the committing court for approval of the treatment. The state-operated program may also petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a guardian at any time. If a court determines that a patient is not competent, the determination and the reasons for the determination must be documented in the patient's clinical record;

~~(4)~~ (7) consent to treatment of any minor patient shall be secured in accordance with sections 144.341 to 144.346. A minor 16 years of age or older may consent to hospitalization, routine diagnostic evaluation, and emergency or short-term acute care; and

~~(5)~~ (8) in the case of an emergency when the persons ordinarily qualified to give consent cannot be located in sufficient time to address the emergency need, the head of the treatment facility or state-operated treatment program may give consent.

~~(c)~~ (d) No person who consents to treatment pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be civilly or criminally liable for the performance or the manner of performing the treatment. No person shall be liable for performing treatment without consent if written, informed consent was given pursuant to this subdivision. This provision shall not affect any other liability which may result from the manner in which the treatment is performed.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253B.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6e. **Health care decisions made by executive medical director.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) notwithstanding section 253B.02, subdivision 10, "interested person" has the meaning given under section 524.5-102, subdivision 7; and

(2) notwithstanding section 253B.02, subdivision 15, "patient" includes a person committed under chapter 253D who is in a state-operated treatment program.

(b) Any health care decision made by the executive medical director under subdivision 6, paragraph (c), clause (5), must be consistent with any documented patient health care directive and with reasonable medical practice and applicable law.

(c) Before proceeding with treatment under subdivision 6, paragraph (c), clause (5), a state-operated treatment program must inform the patient of the determination by the patient's treating physician that the patient lacks decision-making capacity to consent to the medical treatment, the proposed treatment, and the right to request review. Upon the request of the patient or an interested person a second physician not directly involved in the patient's current treatment must review the incapacity determination. The executive medical director must review the proposed treatment decision and the second physician's review of the incapacity determination and make an updated determination. A state-operated treatment program may proceed with treatment of the patient while a review under this paragraph is pending.

(d) When a determination is made under paragraph (c), the state-operated treatment program must document the following information in the patient's clinical record:

(1) the determination of incapacity and the clinical basis for the determination;

(2) the specific treatment authorized;

(3) the person who provided consent or who made the determination allowing the treatment;

(4) the efforts made to locate and consult with a health care agent or nearest proper relative; and

(5) the patient's expressed preferences regarding the treatment, if known, and how the preferences were considered.

(e) The executive medical director must review a determination that a patient lacks capacity periodically as medically appropriate, but not less than every six months. The outcome of a review under this paragraph must be documented in the patient's clinical record.

(f) If a patient or interested person is dissatisfied with the outcome of the review under paragraph (c), the patient or interested person may petition the committing court under section 253B.17 for review of the incapacity determination made under paragraph (c). Filing a petition under section 253B.17 does not stay treatment under this subdivision unless otherwise ordered by the court. In reviewing the executive medical director's decision under paragraph (c) and issuing a determination, the court must determine if the patient lacks capacity. If the patient lacks capacity, the court must determine if the patient clearly stated what the patient would choose to do in the situation when the patient had the capacity to make a reasoned decision. Evidence of the patient's wishes may include written instruments, including a durable power of attorney for health care under chapter 145C or a declaration under section 253B.03, subdivision 6d. If the court finds that the patient clearly stated what the patient would choose to do in the situation, the patient's wishes must be followed. If the court determines that the evidence of the patient's wishes regarding the situation are conflicting or lacking, the court must make a decision based on what a reasonable person would do, taking into consideration:

(1) the patient's family, community, moral, religious, and social values;

(2) the medical risks, benefits, and alternatives to the proposed treatment;

(3) past efficacy and any extenuating circumstances of past experience with the particular medical treatment; and

(4) any other relevant factors."

Page 116, delete section 4

Page 125, delete section 18

Pages 127 to 129, delete sections 21 to 23

Page 137, delete section 30

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Wiklund moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A31):

Page 87, after line 11, insert:

"Sec. 73. **DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; UNREDACTED INITIAL OPTUM REPORTS.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, "initial Optum reports" means the reports produced by Optum, Inc., under contract with the Department of Human Services and announced in the news release from the department on February 6, 2026.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon a joint request by both the chairs and ranking minority members of a legislative committee with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance, the commissioner of human services must immediately release the initial Optum reports to the members of that legislative committee in the reports' entirety without redactions or edits, except for redactions requested by Optum to protect proprietary information. Legislators or legislative staff who receive initial Optum reports under this section must not disseminate or publicize any not public data, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 8a, that the reports contain.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 14 days following final enactment."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Senator Marty moved to amend the Wiklund (A31) amendment to S.F. No. 476 as follows (A33):

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

"Sec. 74. **DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; INITIAL OPTUM REPORT SUMMARY.**

If the commissioner of human services releases the initial Optum report to the chairs and ranking minority members of a legislative committee with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance, the commissioner must at the same time release to the public a summary of the unredacted report viewed by the legislators, which the commissioner must develop with the Office of the Legislative Auditor. The commissioner must also include in the summary an assessment of whether releasing the version of the report released to legislators would risk the integrity of the medical assistance program if released to the public.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 14 days following final enactment."

The question was taken on the adoption of the Marty (A33) amendment to the Wiklund (A31) amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 35 and nays 32, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port
Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Gustafson, Hauschild, Hawj, Klein, Maye Quade, Mohamed, Murphy, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	
Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Housley, Johnson, Miller, Pratt, and Rarick.

The motion prevailed. So the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Senator Rasmusson moved to amend the Wiklund (A31) amendment to S.F. No. 476 as follows (A51):

Page 1, delete lines 8 to 15 and insert:

"(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of human services must immediately release the initial Optum reports to the public in the reports' entirety without redactions or edits, except for redactions requested by Optum to protect proprietary information."

The question was taken on the adoption of the Rasmusson (A51) amendment to the Wiklund (A31) amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Drazkowski, Housley, Johnson, Miller, Pratt, and Rarick.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Gustafson, Hauschild, Klein, Maye Quade, McEwen, Mohamed, Murphy, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment to the amendment was not adopted.

The question recurred on the adoption of the Wiklund (A31) amendment, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 67 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, Johnson Stewart, Klein, Maye Quade, McEwen, Mohamed, Murphy, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Drazkowski, Housley, Johnson, Miller, Pratt, and Rarick.

The motion prevailed. So the amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Mann moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A32):

Page 116, line 26, before "A" insert "(a)"

Page 116, after line 28, insert:

"(b) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect section 524.5-303 or 524.5-403."

Page 126, line 3, before "An" insert "(a)"

Page 126, after line 5, insert:

"(b) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect section 524.5-303 or 524.5-403."

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Wiklund moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A34):

Page 131, lines 17 and 20, delete the comma and delete the second "or"

Page 131, line 18, delete everything before "chooses"

Page 131, line 21, delete everything before "received"

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Abeler moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A27):

Page 123, line 28, after "persons" insert "who are trained in accordance with section 144G.61, subdivision 2,"

Page 124, delete lines 8 to 12 and insert:

"(14) ensure a plan for facility staff to immediately attend to resident needs in a medical emergency, until any emergency personnel arrive, if summoned; and

(15) ensure a plan for facility staff to meet the nonemergency medical needs of residents due to falling, including needs for lift assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment to clause (5) is effective August 1, 2026. The amendment to clause (12) is effective August 1, 2027. Clauses (14) and (15) are effective August 1, 2027."

Page 125, line 9, delete "and"

Page 125, delete lines 10 to 12 and insert:

"(16) emergency procedures to be initiated by facility staff when a resident experiences a medical emergency due to falling, a heart event, difficulty breathing, or choking, and to be followed until emergency personnel arrive, if summoned; and

(17) procedures to be initiated by facility staff after determining that a resident is not experiencing a medical emergency pursuant to clause (16), to meet the nonemergency medical needs of residents due to falling, including needs for lift assistance."

Page 125, line 15, delete "emergency" and delete "situations" and insert "emergency events under paragraph (a), clause (16)," and after "residents" insert "for whom a prospective resident assessment has been performed as described under section 144G.70, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and before signing an assisted living contract, and to current residents upon any changes to the policies and procedures covering medical emergencies under paragraph (a), clause (16)."

Page 125, delete lines 16 and 17 and insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2027."

Page 126, after line 6, insert:

"Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.60, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Unlicensed personnel.** (a) Unlicensed personnel providing assisted living services must have:

(1) successfully completed a training and competency evaluation appropriate to the services provided by the facility and the topics listed in section 144G.61, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); or

(2) demonstrated competency by satisfactorily completing a written or oral test on the tasks the unlicensed personnel will perform and on the topics listed in section 144G.61, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and successfully demonstrated competency on topics in section 144G.61, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (5), (7), ~~and~~ (8), and (19), by a practical skills test.

Unlicensed personnel who only provide assisted living services listed in section 144G.08, subdivision 9, clauses (1) to (5), shall not perform delegated nursing or therapy tasks.

(b) Unlicensed personnel performing delegated nursing tasks in an assisted living facility must:

(1) have successfully completed training and demonstrated competency by successfully completing a written or oral test of the topics in section 144G.61, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b), and a practical skills test on tasks listed in section 144G.61, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), clauses (5) ~~and~~, (7), and (19), and (b), clauses (3), (5), (6), and (7), and all the delegated tasks they will perform;

(2) satisfy the current requirements of Medicare for training or competency of home health aides or nursing assistants, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483 or 484.36; or

(3) have, before April 19, 1993, completed a training course for nursing assistants that was approved by the commissioner.

(c) Unlicensed personnel performing therapy or treatment tasks delegated or assigned by a licensed health professional must meet the requirements for delegated tasks in section 144G.62, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and any other training or competency requirements within the licensed health professional's scope of practice relating to delegation or assignment of tasks to unlicensed personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2027."

Page 127, line 1, before "emergency" insert "nonmedical and medical"

Page 127, delete lines 3 to 6 and insert:

"(16) recognition of and immediate response to signs and symptoms of airway, breathing, and circulation concerns;

(17) recognition of and immediate response to bleeding, including hemorrhage;

(18) safe techniques for emergency movement of residents; and

(19) log roll technique and spinal precautions."

Page 127, after line 16, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2027."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Marty moved to amend the Marty (A33) amendment to S.F. No. 476, adopted by the Senate April 23, 2026, as follows (A52):

Page 1, line 8, after the first "the" insert "legislative auditor, in conjunction with the" and after "commissioner" insert a comma

Page 1, line 9, delete everything after "legislators"

Page 1, line 10, delete everything before the period and delete "commissioner" and insert "legislative auditor"

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Rasmusson moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A28):

Page 31, line 16, after the period, insert "Unless the commissioner is taking the action to prevent medical assistance fraud,"

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 33 and nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Lang cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, Farnsworth, Housley, and Miller.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, Klein, Maye Quade, McEwen, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Wesenberg moved to amend S.F. No. 476 as follows (A53):

Page 138, after line 11, insert:

"ARTICLE 6

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.001, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Entering posted land prohibited; signs.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 6, a person may not:

(1) enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under this subdivision without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee; or

(2) knowingly enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under this subdivision without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee. A person who violates this clause is subject to the penalty provided in section 97A.315, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

(b) The owner, occupant, or lessee of private land, or an authorized manager of public land may prohibit outdoor recreation on the land by posting signs once each year that:

(1) state "no trespassing" or similar terms;

(2) display letters at least two inches high;

(3) either:

(i) are signed by the owner, occupant, lessee, or authorized manager; or

(ii) include the legible name and telephone number of the owner, occupant, lessee, or authorized manager; and

(4) either:

(i) are at intervals of 1,000 feet or less along the boundary of the area, or in a wooded area where boundary lines are not clear, at intervals of 500 feet or less; or

(ii) mark the primary corners of each parcel of land and access roads and trails at the point of entrance to each parcel of land except that corners only accessible through agricultural land need not be posted.

(c) A person may not ~~erect a sign that prohibits outdoor recreation or trespassing~~ act under paragraph (b) or (d) where the person does not have a property right, title, or interest to use the land.

(d) As an alternative to posting signage under paragraph (b), the owner, occupant, or lessee of private land, or an authorized manager of public land, may prohibit outdoor recreation on the land by:

(1) applying purple paint to trees along the perimeter of the area to which the person wants to prohibit entrance. Paint applied under this paragraph must be applied:

(i) at least three feet off the ground;

(ii) to trees that are at least one inch wide; and

(iii) in a strip that is at least eight inches tall; and

(2) posting signs once each year that mark the primary corners of the area to which the person wants to prohibit entrance."

Amend the title accordingly

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

S.F. No. 476 was read the third time, as amended, and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 39 and nays 28, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Port
Boldon	Gustafson	Klein	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Hauschild	Kunesh	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hawj	Kupec	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Nelson	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hoffman	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Dibble	Housley	Mann	Pappas	Xiong
Fateh	Jasinski	Marty	Pha	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, Klein, Maye Quade, Oumou Verbeten, Port, Putnam, Rest, and Xiong.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Lang cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senator: Housley.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Duckworth	Howe	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Farnsworth	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Green	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Gruenhagen	Kreun	Pratt	Westrom
Draheim	Heintzeman	Lang	Rarick	
Drazkowski	Holmstrom	Lieske	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Lang cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Draheim, and Miller.

So the bill, as amended, was passed and its title was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, 2026. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate