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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the legislature; requiring compliance with certain accessibility standards;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[3.182] ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS.**

1.6 (a) The legislative branch must apply the accessibility standards developed by the state
1.7 chief information officer under section 16E.03, subdivision 9, to all documents and data
1.8 prepared for public distribution by its members and employees, and must make reasonable
1.9 efforts to encourage any person submitting documents or data for distribution at a public
1.10 meeting to submit them in a format that complies with those standards. The Legislative
1.11 Coordinating Commission, or the committee in each house with jurisdiction over its rules:

1.12 (1) may modify these standards to prevent an undue burden, as defined in section 16E.015,
1.13 subdivision 4; and

1.14 (2) must develop a process for granting exemptions to these standards.

1.15 (b) As used in this section, "legislative branch" includes the house of representatives,
1.16 the senate, the Legislative Coordinating Commission, and all offices, departments,
1.17 commissions, and committees within the jurisdiction of those bodies.