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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring photo ID to register to vote and to vote; creating a
1.3 voter identification card; establishing provisional ballots; requiring reports;
1.4 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 5B.06; 13.6905,
1.5 by adding a subdivision; 144.226, by adding subdivisions; 171.06, subdivisions
1.6 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 171.061, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 171.07, subdivisions
1.7 1a, 4, 14, by adding a subdivision; 171.071, subdivisions 1, 2; 171.10, subdivision
1.8 1; 171.11; 171.12, subdivision 3c; 171.121; 171.14; 201.022, subdivision 1;
1.9 201.061, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3; 201.071, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 201.091, subdivision
1.10 9; 201.121, subdivision 1; 201.13, subdivision 3; 201.14; 201.145, subdivisions
1.11 2, 3, 4, 5; 201.161; 201.221, subdivision 3; 201.225, subdivision 2; 203B.04,
1.12 subdivisions 1, 4; 203B.065; 203B.07, subdivision 3; 203B.08, subdivision 1;
1.13 203B.121, subdivision 2; 203B.17, subdivision 2; 203B.19; 203B.21, subdivision
1.14 3; 203B.24, subdivision 1; 204B.45, subdivision 2; 204B.46; 204C.08, subdivision
1.15 1d; 204C.10; 204C.32; 204C.33, subdivision 1; 204C.37; 205.065, subdivision 5;
1.16 205.185, subdivision 3; 205A.03, subdivision 4; 205A.10, subdivision 3; 256E.22,
1.17 subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 200;
1.18 201; 204C; 357; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision
1.19 7.

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

1.21 ARTICLE 1

1.22 VOTER ID

1.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 5B.06, is amended to read:

1.24 5B.06 VOTING BY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT; ABSENTEE BALLOT.

1.25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a program participant who is otherwise eligible
1.26 to vote may vote pursuant to this section and may register with the secretary of state as a
1.27 permanent absentee voter. Notwithstanding section 203B.04, subdivision 5, the secretary
1.28 of state is not required to send an absentee ballot application prior to each election to a
1.29 program participant registered as a permanent absentee voter under this section. As soon

2.1 as practicable before each election, the secretary of state shall determine the precinct in
2.2 which the residential address of the program participant is located and shall request from
2.3 and receive from the county auditor or other election official the ballot for that precinct and
2.4 shall forward the absentee ballot to the program participant with the other materials for
2.5 absentee balloting as required by Minnesota law. The program participant shall complete
2.6 the ballot and return it to the secretary of state, who shall review the ballot in the manner
2.7 provided by section 203B.121, subdivision 2. If the ballot and ballot materials comply with
2.8 the requirements of that section, the ballot must be certified by the secretary of state as the
2.9 ballot of a program participant, and must be forwarded to the appropriate electoral jurisdiction
2.10 for tabulation along with all other ballots. The name and address of a program participant
2.11 must not be listed in the statewide voter registration system.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.6905, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.13 read:

2.14 Subd. 36. **Voter identification card.** Applicant data related to a voter identification
2.15 card is governed by section 171.06, subdivision 3c.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

2.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.226, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.18 read:

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

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

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

2.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.226, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.29 read:

2.30 Subd. 10. **Appropriations and transfers.** (a) An amount equal to the total number of
2.31 records requested and reported to the commissioner of management and budget under
2.32 subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous fiscal year times the amount of the surcharge

3.1 under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
 3.2 of health for the administration of this section.

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

3.9 (c) An amount equal to the total number of records issued and reported to the
 3.10 commissioner of management and budget under subdivision 9, paragraph (b), for the previous
 3.11 fiscal year times the amount of the surcharge under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), is transferred
 3.12 from the general fund to the account for the children's trust fund for the prevention of child
 3.13 abuse established under section 256E.22.

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

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

3.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

3.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.29 Subdivision 1. **Application format and requirements.** Every application for a Minnesota
 3.30 identification card, including an enhanced identification card, ~~or~~ for a driver's license,
 3.31 including an instruction permit, a provisional license, and an enhanced driver's license; or
 3.32 for a voter identification card, must be made in a format approved by the department. Every
 3.33 application must be accompanied by payment of the proper fee except for an application

4.1 for a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. All applicants
 4.2 must sign the application and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information and
 4.3 documentation presented in the application is true and correct. All applications requiring
 4.4 evidence of legal presence in the United States or United States citizenship must be signed
 4.5 in the presence of the person authorized to accept the application, or the signature on the
 4.6 application may be verified by a notary public.

4.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

4.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

4.10	REAL ID Compliant or				
4.11	Noncompliant Classified				
4.12	Driver's License	D-\$21.00	C-\$25.00	B-\$32.00	A-\$40.00
4.13	REAL ID Compliant or				
4.14	Noncompliant Classified				
4.15	Under-21 D.L.	D-\$21.00	C-\$25.00	B-\$32.00	A-\$20.00
4.16	Enhanced Driver's License	D-\$36.00	C-\$40.00	B-\$47.00	A-\$55.00
4.17	REAL ID Compliant or				
4.18	Noncompliant Instruction				
4.19	Permit				\$5.25
4.20	Enhanced Instruction				
4.21	Permit				\$20.25
4.22	Commercial Learner's				
4.23	Permit				\$2.50
4.24	REAL ID Compliant or				
4.25	Noncompliant Provisional				
4.26	License				\$8.25
4.27	Enhanced Provisional				
4.28	License				\$23.25
4.29	Duplicate REAL ID				
4.30	Compliant or Noncompliant				
4.31	License or duplicate REAL				
4.32	ID Compliant or				
4.33	Noncompliant				
4.34	identification card				\$6.75
4.35	Enhanced Duplicate				
4.36	License or enhanced				
4.37	duplicate identification card				\$21.75

5.1 REAL ID Compliant or
 5.2 Noncompliant Minnesota
 5.3 identification card or REAL
 5.4 ID Compliant or
 5.5 Noncompliant Under-21
 5.6 Minnesota identification
 5.7 card, other than duplicate,
 5.8 except as otherwise
 5.9 provided in section 171.07,
 5.10 subdivisions 3 and 3a \$11.25

5.11 Enhanced Minnesota
 5.12 identification card \$26.25

5.13 From August 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022, the fee is increased by \$0.75 for REAL ID compliant
 5.14 or noncompliant classified driver's licenses, REAL ID compliant or noncompliant classified
 5.15 under-21 driver's licenses, and enhanced driver's licenses.

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

5.19 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an individual who holds a provisional license and
 5.20 has a driving record free of (1) convictions for a violation of section 169A.20, 169A.33,
 5.21 169A.35, sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, or section 171.177, (2) convictions for crash-related
 5.22 moving violations, and (3) convictions for moving violations that are not crash related, shall
 5.23 have a \$3.50 credit toward the fee for any classified under-21 driver's license. "Moving
 5.24 violation" has the meaning given it in section 171.04, subdivision 1.

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

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

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

5.36 (g) An application for a Minnesota identification card, instruction permit, provisional
 5.37 license, or driver's license, including an application for renewal, must contain a provision

6.1 that allows the applicant to add to the fee under paragraph (a), a \$2 donation for the purposes
6.2 of public information and education on anatomical gifts under section 171.075.

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

6.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

6.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to
6.8 read:

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

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

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

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

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

6.19 (5) be accompanied by the following documents:

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

6.22 (ii) proof of name, date of birth, and identity as provided in Minnesota Rules, part
6.23 7410.0400; and

6.24 (iii) proof of a residence address in Minnesota as provided in Minnesota Rules, part
6.25 7410.0410, subpart 4a.

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

6.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

7.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.061, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

7.2 Subd. 4. **Fee; equipment.** (a) The agent may charge and retain a filing fee of \$8 for each
7.3 application, except for an application for a voter identification card issued pursuant to section
7.4 171.07, subdivision 3c, for which no filing fee may be charged. Except as provided in
7.5 paragraph (c), the fee shall cover all expenses involved in receiving, accepting, or forwarding
7.6 to the department the applications and fees required under sections 171.02, subdivision 3;
7.7 171.06, subdivisions 2 and 2a; and 171.07, subdivisions 3 and 3a.

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

7.15 (c) The department shall maintain the photo identification equipment for all agents
7.16 appointed as of January 1, 2000. Upon the retirement, resignation, death, or discontinuance
7.17 of an existing agent, and if a new agent is appointed in an existing office pursuant to
7.18 Minnesota Rules, chapter 7404, and notwithstanding the above or Minnesota Rules, part
7.19 7404.0400, the department shall provide and maintain photo identification equipment without
7.20 additional cost to a newly appointed agent in that office if the office was provided the
7.21 equipment by the department before January 1, 2000. All photo identification equipment
7.22 must be compatible with standards established by the department.

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

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

7.32 (f) The commissioner must transmit payment to the agent of \$8 for each application for
7.33 a voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. An agent

8.1 employed by a county board must remit the payments to the county under paragraph (d).

8.2 All other agents may retain the payments.

8.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

8.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
8.5 read:

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

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

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

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

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

8.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

8.27 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

9.1 (b) For an applicant age 65 or older:

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

9.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.11, is amended to read:

9.26 **171.11 DUPLICATE LICENSE; CHANGE OF DOMICILE OR NAME.**

9.27 **Subdivision 1. Duplicate driver's license.** When any person, after applying for or
9.28 receiving a driver's license, shall change permanent domicile from the address named in
9.29 such application or in the license issued to the person, or shall change a name by marriage
9.30 or otherwise, such person shall, within 30 days thereafter, apply for a duplicate driver's
9.31 license upon a form furnished by the department and pay the required fee. The application

10.1 or duplicate license shall show both the licensee's old address and new address or the former
 10.2 name and new name as the case may be.

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

10.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective June 1, 2024.

10.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.14, is amended to read:

10.12 **171.14 CANCELLATION.**

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

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

10.22 Subd. 2. Cancellation of voter identification card. (a) The commissioner must cancel
 10.23 any voter identification card issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c, upon
 10.24 determination that (1) the cardholder was not entitled to the issuance of the card, (2) the
 10.25 cardholder failed to give the required or correct information in the application, (3) the
 10.26 cardholder committed any fraud or deceit in making the application, or (4) the cardholder,
 10.27 at the time of the cancellation, would not have been entitled to receive a voter identification
 10.28 card under section 171.07, subdivision 3c.

10.29 (b) The commissioner must cancel the voter identification card issued pursuant to section
 10.30 171.07, subdivision 3c, of a person described in paragraph (a) until the person completes
 10.31 the application process under section 171.07, subdivision 3c, and complies in all respects
 10.32 with the requirements of the commissioner.

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

11.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

11.5 Sec. 13. **[200.035] DOCUMENTATION OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE.**

11.6 (a) The following are sufficient proof of identity and residence for purposes of election
11.7 day voter registration under section 201.061, subdivision 3; absentee voting under sections
11.8 203B.04, 203B.07, and 203B.08; photo identification requirements under section 204C.10;
11.9 and for determining whether to count a provisional ballot under section 204C.135, subdivision
11.10 2:

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

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

11.17 (3) an unexpired identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a
11.18 tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that contains a photograph of the voter,
11.19 the voter's current address of residence in the precinct, and any other items of data required
11.20 to be contained on a Minnesota identification card, as provided in section 171.07, subdivision
11.21 3c, paragraphs (a) and (b);

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

11.27 (i) a driver's license, identification card, or voter identification card that is expired or
11.28 does not contain the voter's current address of residence, issued to the voter by the state of
11.29 Minnesota or any other state of the United States as defined in section 645.44, subdivision
11.30 11;

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

- 12.1 (iii) an identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, entity, or subdivision
12.2 of Minnesota or the federal government;
- 12.3 (iv) an identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution with a campus
12.4 located within Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under
12.5 section 135A.17, and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the
12.6 secretary of state; or
- 12.7 (v) an identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
12.8 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- 12.9 (5) one of the following documents issued to the voter that includes a photograph but
12.10 not the voter's current address of residence in the precinct:
- 12.11 (i) a United States passport;
- 12.12 (ii) an identification card issued to the voter by the tribal government of a tribe recognized
12.13 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or
- 12.14 (iii) a valid United States military identification card;
12.15 along with one of the following documents that contains the voter's name and current address
12.16 of residence in the precinct:
- 12.17 (i) a home utility services bill issued within the past 12 months;
- 12.18 (ii) a home utility services hook-up work order issued within the past 12 months;
- 12.19 (iii) United States bank or financial information issued within the past 12 months, with
12.20 account numbers redacted, including a bank account statement, a credit card or debit card
12.21 statement, a brokerage account statement, or a money market account statement;
- 12.22 (iv) a certified transcript from a United States high school, if issued within the past 180
12.23 days;
- 12.24 (v) a certified transcript from a Minnesota college or university if issued within the past
12.25 180 days;
- 12.26 (vi) an employment pay stub issued within the past 12 months that lists the employer's
12.27 name and address;
- 12.28 (vii) a Minnesota unemployment insurance benefit statement issued within the past 12
12.29 months;

- 13.1 (viii) a statement from an assisted living facility licensed under chapter 144G, a nursing
13.2 home licensed under chapter 144A, or a boarding care facility licensed under sections 144.50
13.3 to 144.56, that was issued within the past 12 months;
- 13.4 (ix) a current policy or card for health, automobile, homeowner's, or renter's insurance;
- 13.5 (x) a federal or state income tax return or statement for the most recent tax filing year;
- 13.6 (xi) a Minnesota property tax statement for the current or prior calendar year or a proposed
13.7 Minnesota property tax notice for the current year that shows the applicant's principal
13.8 residential address both on the mailing portion and the portion stating what property is being
13.9 taxed;
- 13.10 (xii) a Minnesota vehicle certificate of title;
- 13.11 (xiii) a filed property deed or title for current residence;
- 13.12 (xiv) a Supplemental Security Income award statement issued within the past 12 months;
- 13.13 (xv) mortgage documents for the applicant's principal residence;
- 13.14 (xvi) a residential lease agreement for the applicant's principal residence issued within
13.15 the past 12 months;
- 13.16 (xvii) an unexpired Minnesota professional license;
- 13.17 (xviii) an unexpired Selective Service card;
- 13.18 (xix) military orders that are still in effect at the time of application;
- 13.19 (xx) a cellular phone bill issued no more than 12 months before the application; or
- 13.20 (xxi) a valid license issued pursuant to the game and fish laws;
- 13.21 (6) if the voter is a student, a driver's license, identification card, or voter identification
13.22 card issued by Minnesota or any other state of the United States as defined in section 645.44,
13.23 subdivision 11, that contains a photograph of the voter but does not contain the voter's
13.24 current address of residence, along with a current student fee statement that contains the
13.25 student's valid address of residence in the precinct; or
- 13.26 (7) if the voter maintains residence in a residential facility located in the precinct, a
13.27 driver's license or identification card issued to the voter by the Department of Public Safety
13.28 that contains the voter's photograph along with a certification of residence in the facility,
13.29 signed by the facility administrator on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.
- 13.30 (b) The documents specified in paragraph (a) are the only documents that may be accepted
13.31 to prove identity and residence. Identification issued by counties, home rule charter or

14.1 statutory cities, towns, or school districts are not acceptable to prove identity or residence
 14.2 unless explicitly authorized by paragraph (a).

14.3 (c) As used in this section, "residential facility" means transitional housing as defined
 14.4 in section 256E.33, subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner
 14.5 of health under section 144.50, subdivision 6; a swing bed in a hospital licensed by the
 14.6 commissioner of health under sections 144.50 to 144.56; a certified boarding care home
 14.7 licensed by the commissioner of health under sections 144.50 to 144.56; a nursing home as
 14.8 defined in section 144A.01, subdivision 5; an assisted living facility licensed by the
 14.9 commissioner of health under chapter 144G; a boarding and lodging establishment with
 14.10 special services registered under section 157.17; a setting in which home and
 14.11 community-based services licensed under chapter 245D are provided; a veterans home
 14.12 operated by the commissioner of veterans affairs under chapter 198; a residence licensed
 14.13 by the commissioner of human services under chapter 245A to provide a residential program
 14.14 as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a
 14.15 developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under section
 14.16 252.28; an establishment providing housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision
 14.17 3; a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised
 14.18 publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living
 14.19 accommodations for the homeless.

14.20 **Sec. 14. [201.017] VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD ACCOUNT.**

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

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

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

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

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

14.29 (b) The commissioner of public safety shall reimburse individuals for any fees required
 14.30 to secure an official document or certified copy from any federal, state, or local government,
 14.31 or from a court in any jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining a voter identification card
 14.32 issued pursuant to section 171.07, subdivision 3c. In order to receive reimbursement, an
 14.33 applicant for a voter identification card must complete a reimbursement form approved by

15.1 the commissioner of public safety, along with documentation of the applicant's reimbursable
 15.2 expenditure. The commissioner must mail payment for the reimbursable amount to an
 15.3 eligible applicant at the address listed on the voter identification card.

15.4 (c) The amount available to the commissioner of public safety under paragraph (a),
 15.5 clause (3), shall not exceed the actual cost of providing voter identification cards, not to
 15.6 exceed \$21.50 for each card issued.

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

15.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

15.11 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

15.26 ~~(3) presenting one of the following:~~

15.27 ~~(i) a current valid student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution~~
 15.28 ~~in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under section~~
 15.29 ~~135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of the secretary~~
 15.30 ~~of state; or~~

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

16.1 ~~(4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or an employee employed~~
16.2 ~~by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a resident in the~~
16.3 ~~facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter or employee~~
16.4 ~~personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A voter who has been~~
16.5 ~~vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath vouching for any other~~
16.6 ~~individual on that election day. A voter who is registered to vote in the precinct may sign~~
16.7 ~~up to eight proof-of-residence oaths on any election day. This limitation does not apply to~~
16.8 ~~an employee of a residential facility described in this clause. The secretary of state shall~~
16.9 ~~provide a form for election judges to use in recording the number of individuals for whom~~
16.10 ~~a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election day. The form must include space for the~~
16.11 ~~maximum number of individuals for whom a voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For~~
16.12 ~~each proof-of-residence oath, the form must include a statement that the individual: (i) is~~
16.13 ~~registered to vote in the precinct or is an employee of a residential facility in the precinct,~~
16.14 ~~(ii) personally knows that the voter is a resident of the precinct, and (iii) is making the~~
16.15 ~~statement on oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature,~~
16.16 ~~telephone number, and address.~~

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

16.19 ~~(b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its employees~~
16.20 ~~currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential facility. The~~
16.21 ~~operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor no less than~~
16.22 ~~20 days before each election for use in election day registration.~~

16.23 ~~(c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256E.33,~~
16.24 ~~subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under~~
16.25 ~~section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision~~
16.26 ~~5; a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services~~
16.27 ~~establishment as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 4; a veterans home operated by~~
16.28 ~~the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence~~
16.29 ~~licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as defined~~
16.30 ~~in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a developmental~~
16.31 ~~disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under section 252.28; setting~~
16.32 ~~authorized to provide housing support as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter~~
16.33 ~~for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised publicly~~
16.34 ~~or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living~~
16.35 ~~accommodations for the homeless.~~

17.1 ~~(d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of~~
 17.2 ~~registering by:~~

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

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

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

17.12 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.221, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.13 Subd. 3. **Procedures for polling place rosters.** The secretary of state shall prescribe
 17.14 the form of paper polling place rosters that include the voter's name, address, date of birth,
 17.15 school district number, and space for the voter's signature. An electronic roster and the voter
 17.16 signature certificate together must include the same information as a paper polling place
 17.17 roster. The address listed on the polling place roster must be the voter's address of residence,
 17.18 unless the voter has requested that the address printed on the roster be the voter's mailing
 17.19 address because the voter is a judge or a law enforcement or corrections officer, or the voter
 17.20 participates in the Safe at Home program as provided in chapter 5B. The secretary of state
 17.21 may prescribe additional election-related information to be placed on the polling place
 17.22 rosters on an experimental basis for one state primary and general election cycle; the same
 17.23 information may not be placed on the polling place roster for a second state primary and
 17.24 general election cycle unless specified in this subdivision. The polling place roster must be
 17.25 used to indicate whether the voter has voted in a given election. The secretary of state shall
 17.26 prescribe procedures for transporting the polling place rosters to the election judges for use
 17.27 on election day. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for a county or municipality
 17.28 to request the date of birth from currently registered voters. The county or municipality
 17.29 shall not request the date of birth from currently registered voters by any communication
 17.30 other than the prescribed form and the form must clearly indicate that a currently registered
 17.31 voter does not lose registration status by failing to provide the date of birth. In accordance
 17.32 with section 204B.40, the county auditor shall retain the prescribed polling place rosters
 17.33 used on the date of election for 22 months following the election.

18.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

18.2 Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision
18.3 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, an application for absentee ballots for any election
18.4 may be submitted at any time not less than one day before the day of that election. The
18.5 county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided by the
18.6 secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of each
18.7 even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available to
18.8 auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
18.9 shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile
18.10 device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

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

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

18.14 For a federal, state, or county election, an absentee ballot application may alternatively be
18.15 submitted electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary
18.16 of state for this purpose. Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the secretary of state must require
18.17 applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and verifiable Minnesota
18.18 driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number, voter identification
18.19 card number, or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

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

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

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

18.31 (2) Minnesota state identification card number;

18.32 (3) voter identification card number;

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

19.1 ~~(4)~~ (5) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

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

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

19.11 ~~(d)~~ (e) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification
19.12 number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made
19.13 available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or
19.14 municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in
19.15 person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than
19.16 the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or
19.17 municipal clerk within ten days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than six
19.18 days before the election. The absentee ballot applications or a list of persons applying for
19.19 an absentee ballot may not be made available for public inspection until the close of voting
19.20 on election day, except as authorized in section 203B.12, and must be available to the public
19.21 in the same manner as public information lists in section 201.091, subdivisions 4, 5, and 9.

19.22 ~~(e)~~ (f) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision
19.23 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot application.

19.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.25 Subd. 4. **Registration at time of application.** An eligible voter who is not registered
19.26 to vote but who is otherwise eligible to vote by absentee ballot may register by including a
19.27 completed voter registration application with the absentee ballot. The individual shall present
19.28 proof of identity and residence as required by section ~~201.061, subdivision 3~~ 200.035, to
19.29 the individual who witnesses the marking of the absentee ballots or execute an affidavit
19.30 described in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). A military voter, as defined in
19.31 section 203B.01, may register in this manner if voting pursuant to sections 203B.04 to
19.32 203B.15, or may register pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27.

20.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

20.11 (b) The certificate must include a space for a statement an oath signed by a person who
 20.12 is registered to vote in Minnesota or by a notary public or other individual authorized to
 20.13 administer oaths witness stating that:

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

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

20.18 (3) if the voter was not previously registered, the voter has provided shown to the witness
 20.19 proof of identity and residence as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3 200.035 or
 20.20 executed an affidavit described in section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). If the voter
 20.21 presented documentation of proof of identity and residence, the witness must also indicate
 20.22 the document or documents presented to prove identity and residence.; and

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

20.28 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

20.32 (b) The voter must present proof of identity and residence as described in section 200.035
 20.33 to the individual who witnesses the marking of the absentee ballots or execute an affidavit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21.15 (d) The return envelope containing marked ballots may be mailed as provided in the
 21.16 directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left with the county auditor or municipal
 21.17 clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may be left in a drop box as
 21.18 provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the return envelope must be submitted
 21.19 to the county auditor or municipal clerk by 3:00 p.m. on election day.

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

21.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

21.27 **Subd. 2. Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots.** (a) The members of the ballot board
 21.28 shall take possession of all signature envelopes delivered to them in accordance with section
 21.29 203B.08. Upon receipt from the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk,
 21.30 two or more members of the ballot board shall examine each signature envelope and shall
 21.31 mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. Election judges
 21.32 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they

22.1 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10,
22.2 subdivision 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.21 ~~(6)~~ (7) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or, if it is after
22.22 the close of business on the seventh day before the election, by absentee ballot.

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

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

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

23.4 (3) If an envelope is rejected within five days of the election, the envelope must remain
 23.5 sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by
 23.6 telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official
 23.7 must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

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

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

23.16 (2) the reason for rejection; and

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

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

23.21 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.22 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** Mail balloting must be conducted as provided in this section and
 23.23 Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. Notice of the election and the special mail procedure
 23.24 must be given at least ten weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46 days nor later than
 23.25 14 days before a regularly scheduled election and not more than 30 days nor later than 14
 23.26 days before any other election, the auditor shall mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all
 23.27 voters registered in the city, town, or unorganized territory. No later than 14 days before
 23.28 the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who
 23.29 register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Eligible
 23.30 voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply for ballots as provided in
 23.31 chapter 203B. Ballot return envelopes, with return postage provided, must be preaddressed
 23.32 to the auditor or clerk and the voter may return the ballot by mail or in person to the office
 23.33 of the auditor or clerk. The voter must present proof of identity and residence to the voter's

24.1 witness in the same manner required by section 203B.08, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and
24.2 (c). In addition to the information required by Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000, the signature
24.3 envelope must include the witness oath prescribed by section 203B.07, subdivision 3,
24.4 paragraph (b). The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and
24.5 absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within three days
24.6 of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within five days of receipt if
24.7 there are more than 14 days before election day. The board may consist of deputy county
24.8 auditors or deputy municipal clerks who have received training in the processing and counting
24.9 of mail ballots, who need not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges
24.10 performing the duties in this section must be of different major political parties, unless they
24.11 are exempt from that requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10.
24.12 If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the
24.13 envelope must remain sealed and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a
24.14 replacement ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected
24.15 within five days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge
24.16 of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the
24.17 voter that the voter's ballot has been rejected. The official must document the attempts made
24.18 to contact the voter.

24.19 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
24.20 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business
24.21 on the seventh day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
24.22 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
24.23 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the ballot box.

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

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

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

25.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.46, is amended to read:

25.2 **204B.46 MAIL ELECTIONS; QUESTIONS.**

25.3 A county, municipality, or school district submitting questions to the voters at a special
25.4 election may conduct an election by mail with no polling place other than the office of the
25.5 auditor or clerk. No offices may be voted on at a mail election. Mail balloting must be
25.6 conducted as provided in this section and Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. Notice of the
25.7 election must be given to the county auditor at least 74 days prior to the election. This notice
25.8 shall also fulfill the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8210.3000. The special mail
25.9 ballot procedures must be posted at least six weeks prior to the election. Not more than 46
25.10 nor later than 14 days prior to the election, the auditor or clerk shall mail ballots by
25.11 nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the county, municipality, or school district.
25.12 No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor or clerk must make a subsequent
25.13 mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the
25.14 20th day before the election. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed
25.15 may apply for ballots pursuant to chapter 203B. The voter must present proof of identity
25.16 and residence to the voter's witness in the same manner required by section 203B.08,
25.17 subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (c). In addition to the information required by Minnesota
25.18 Rules, part 8210.3000, the signature envelope must include the witness oath prescribed by
25.19 section 203B.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). The auditor or clerk must appoint a ballot
25.20 board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "Accepted"
25.21 or "Rejected" within three days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day,
25.22 or within five days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. The board
25.23 may consist of deputy county auditors, deputy municipal clerks, or deputy school district
25.24 clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of mail ballots, who need
25.25 not be affiliated with a major political party. Election judges performing the duties in this
25.26 section must be of different major political parties, unless they are exempt from that
25.27 requirement under section 205.075, subdivision 4, or section 205A.10. If an envelope has
25.28 been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must remain
25.29 sealed and the auditor or clerk must provide the voter with a replacement ballot and return
25.30 envelope in place of the spoiled ballot. If the ballot is rejected within five days of the election,
25.31 the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt
25.32 to contact the voter by telephone or email to notify the voter that the voter's ballot has been
25.33 rejected. The official must document the attempts made to contact the voter.

25.34 If the ballot is accepted, the county auditor or municipal clerk must mark the roster to
25.35 indicate that the voter has already cast a ballot in that election. After the close of business

26.1 on the seventh day before the election, the ballots from return envelopes marked "Accepted"
 26.2 may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided by section 206.86, subdivision
 26.3 5, initialed by the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box.

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

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

26.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

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

26.15 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

26.23 (3) If you can provide the required proof of identity and residence, you have the right
 26.24 to register to vote and to vote on election day.

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

26.27 ~~(4)~~ (5) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your
 26.28 identity with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

26.29 ~~(5)~~ (6) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

26.30 ~~(6)~~ (7) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person
 26.31 of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union or a candidate.

27.1 ~~(7)~~ (8) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into
27.2 the voting booth with you.

27.3 ~~(8)~~ (9) If you have been convicted of a felony but your felony sentence has expired (been
27.4 completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence, you have the right to vote.

27.5 ~~(9)~~ (10) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court
27.6 order revokes your right to vote.

27.7 ~~(10)~~ (11) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence
27.8 your vote.

27.9 ~~(11)~~ (12) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the
27.10 right to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

27.11 ~~(12)~~ (13) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are
27.12 dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

27.13 ~~(13)~~ (14) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

27.14 ~~(14)~~ (15) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting
27.15 booth with you."

27.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

27.17 **204C.10 POLLING PLACE ROSTER; VOTER SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE;**
27.18 **VOTER RECEIPT.**

27.19 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster or voter signature
27.20 certificate which states that the individual is at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United
27.21 States, has resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election, maintains
27.22 residence at the address shown, is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes
27.23 the individual's right to vote, has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent
27.24 to vote or has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the
27.25 felony sentence has expired or been completed or the individual has been discharged from
27.26 the sentence, is registered and has not already voted in the election. The roster must also
27.27 state: "I understand that deliberately providing false information is a felony punishable by
27.28 not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both."

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

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

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

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

28.15 **Sec. 26. [204C.135] PROVISIONAL BALLOTS; PROOF OF IDENTITY AND**
28.16 **RESIDENCE.**

28.17 Subdivision 1. Casting of provisional ballots. (a) A voter who is unable to provide
28.18 proper proof of identity and residence as required by section 201.061, subdivision 3, or
28.19 204C.10, is entitled to cast a provisional ballot in the manner provided by this section.

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

28.33 (c) An election judge must inform the voter on the process to follow to prove residence
28.34 and identity during the seven days following the election. The election judge must inform

29.1 the voter of the location of the county auditor or municipal clerk responsible for accepting
29.2 or rejecting provisional ballots and the hours the auditor or clerk is open for business during
29.3 the week following the election.

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

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

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

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

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

29.22 (2) the voter presents proof of identity and residence in the precinct in the manner
29.23 permitted by section 200.035 or executes an affidavit described in paragraph (c); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30.24 (g) The county auditor or municipal clerk must notify, in writing, any voter who cast a
30.25 provisional ballot and who does not appear within seven calendar days of the election that
30.26 the voter's provisional ballot was not counted because of the voter's failure to appear before
30.27 the county auditor or municipal clerk within the time permitted by law to determine whether
30.28 the provisional ballot should be counted.

30.29 Subd. 3. **Provisional ballots; reconciliation; counting.** (a) At the close of business for
30.30 the county auditor's or municipal clerk's office on the seventh day after the election, but
30.31 prior to counting any provisional ballots in the final vote totals from a precinct, the county
30.32 auditor or municipal clerk must determine whether the number of signatures appearing on
30.33 the provisional ballot roster or number of voter signature certificates for provisional ballots
30.34 from that precinct is equal to the number of provisional ballots submitted by voters in the

31.1 precinct on election day. If there are excess ballots, ballots must be randomly withdrawn
 31.2 from the accepted provisional ballot envelopes in the manner required by section 204C.20,
 31.3 subdivision 2. Any discrepancy must be resolved before the provisional ballots from the
 31.4 precinct may be counted.

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

31.9 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.32, is amended to read:

31.10 **204C.32 CANVASS OF STATE PRIMARIES.**

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

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

31.18 (b) the number of individuals registering to vote on election day and the number of
 31.19 individuals registered before election day in each precinct;

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

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

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

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

31.31 Subd. 2. **State canvass.** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at a public meeting
 31.32 space located in the Capitol complex area ~~seven~~ 14 days after the state primary to canvass

32.1 the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from the county auditors.
 32.2 Immediately after the canvassing board declares the results, the secretary of state shall
 32.3 certify the names of the nominees to the county auditors. The secretary of state shall mail
 32.4 to each nominee a notice of nomination.

32.5 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

32.12 (b) the number of individuals registering to vote on election day and the number of
 32.13 individuals registered before election day in each precinct;

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

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

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

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

32.31 Upon completion of the canvass, the county canvassing board shall declare the candidate
 32.32 duly elected who received the highest number of votes for each county and state office voted
 32.33 for only within the county. The county auditor shall transmit a certified copy of the county

33.1 canvassing board report for state and federal offices to the secretary of state by messenger,
 33.2 express mail, or similar service immediately upon conclusion of the county canvass.

33.3 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.37, is amended to read:

33.4 **204C.37 COUNTY CANVASS; RETURN OF REPORTS TO SECRETARY OF**
 33.5 **STATE.**

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

33.15 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.065, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

33.26 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205.185, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

33.27 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** (a) Between
 33.28 ~~the third eighth~~ and tenth 15th days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting
 33.29 any election including a special municipal election, or the governing body of a town
 33.30 conducting the general election in November shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the
 33.31 returns, and declare the results of the election. The governing body of a town conducting

34.1 the general election in March shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and
 34.2 declare the results of the election ~~within two days~~ on the eighth day after an election.

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

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

34.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

34.30 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 205A.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

34.31 Subd. 3. **Canvass of returns, certificate of election, ballots, disposition.** Between the
 34.32 ~~third eighth~~ and ~~tenth~~ 14th days after a school district election other than a recount of a

35.1 special election conducted under section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or 475.59, the school board
 35.2 shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election. After the time for contesting
 35.3 elections has passed, the school district clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each
 35.4 successful candidate. If there is a contest, the certificate of election to that office must not
 35.5 be issued until the outcome of the contest has been determined by the proper court. If there
 35.6 is a tie vote, the school board shall determine the result by lot. The clerk shall deliver the
 35.7 certificate of election to the successful candidate by personal service or certified mail. The
 35.8 successful candidate shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk
 35.9 within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service. A person who fails to qualify prior
 35.10 to the time specified shall be deemed to have refused to serve, but that filing may be made
 35.11 at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken. The school district clerk shall
 35.12 certify the results of the election to the county auditor, and the clerk shall be the final
 35.13 custodian of the ballots and the returns of the election.

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

35.17 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.18 Subdivision 1. **Creation of trust fund.** A children's trust fund for the prevention of child
 35.19 abuse is established as an account in the state treasury. The commissioner of management
 35.20 and budget shall credit to the trust fund all amounts received under sections 144.226,
 35.21 ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 3 and 10, paragraph (c), and 256E.26, and shall ensure that trust
 35.22 fund money is invested under section 11A.25. All money earned by the trust fund must be
 35.23 credited to the trust fund. The trust fund earns its proportionate share of the total annual
 35.24 state investment income.

35.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

35.26 Sec. 35. **[357.43] DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION**
 35.27 **CARD.**

35.28 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, no fee shall be charged by the courts
 35.29 for a certified copy of a court order, decree, record, or other document if the applicant attests
 35.30 that the record is needed to obtain a voter identification card issued pursuant to section
 35.31 171.07, subdivision 3c.

35.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

36.1 **Sec. 36. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.**

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

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

36.13 **Sec. 37. PROPOSED LEGISLATION.**

36.14 (a) By January 15, 2024, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking
 36.15 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on proposed
 36.16 legislation to amend matters currently contained in administrative rules as necessary to
 36.17 implement this act. To the greatest extent practical, this proposed legislation must propose
 36.18 codifying into law matters that otherwise would be adopted through the administrative
 36.19 rulemaking process.

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

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

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

36.27 **Sec. 38. VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD TRAINING FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE**
 36.28 **AGENTS.**

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

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

37.1 Sec. 39. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

37.2 (a) \$608,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary
37.3 of state for programming changes to the statewide voter registration system necessary to
37.4 implement the requirements of this act. This is a onetime appropriation.

37.5 (b) \$1,360,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary
37.6 of state for the public education campaign required under section 36. This is a onetime
37.7 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

37.8 (c) \$17,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,694,000 in fiscal year 2025 are transferred from
37.9 the general fund to the voter identification card account established under Minnesota Statutes,
37.10 section 201.017, paragraph (a). The base for this transfer is \$3,388,000 in fiscal year 2026
37.11 and each year thereafter.

37.12 (d) \$204,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner
37.13 of public safety for the programming costs in the driver's license system necessary to
37.14 implement this act and for the training for driver's license agents required by section 38.

37.15 (e) \$141,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$88,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
37.16 the driver services operating account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of
37.17 public safety for implementing the requirements of this act. This includes the cost of design
37.18 of the voter identification card and staff necessary to process and issue reimbursements
37.19 required under Minnesota Statutes, section 201.017, paragraph (b). The base for this
37.20 appropriation is \$78,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

37.21 (f) \$233,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
37.22 of health to provide birth records at no cost to applicants under Minnesota Statutes, section
37.23 144.226, subdivision 7, paragraph (a). This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
37.24 June 30, 2025.

37.25 Sec. 40. **REPEALER.**

37.26 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 7, is repealed.

37.27 Sec. 41. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

37.28 Except where otherwise provided, this article is effective on June 1, 2025.

ARTICLE 2

CONFORMING CHANGES

38.1

38.2

38.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

38.5 (1) "applicant" means an individual applying for a driver's license, provisional license,
38.6 restricted license, duplicate license, instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, voter
38.7 identification card, or motorized bicycle operator's permit; and

38.8 (2) "application" refers to an application for a driver's license, provisional license,
38.9 restricted license, duplicate license, instruction permit, Minnesota identification card, voter
38.10 identification card, or motorized bicycle operator's permit.

38.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

38.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

38.13 Subd. 3. **Application.** An applicant may file an application with an agent. The agent
38.14 shall receive and accept applications in accordance with the laws and rules of the Department
38.15 of Public Safety for a noncompliant driver's license or identification card; an enhanced
38.16 driver's license or identification card; a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification
38.17 card; restricted license; duplicate license; instruction permit; voter identification card; or
38.18 motorized bicycle operator's permit. Application records must be maintained at the office
38.19 of the agent in a manner that complies with sections 13.05, subdivision 5, and 13.055. As
38.20 an alternative to paper copy storage, an agent may retain records and documents in a secure
38.21 electronic medium that complies with the security requirements under the United States
38.22 Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Policy 5.4
38.23 or any successor policy, provided 60 days have elapsed since the transaction and subject to
38.24 standards established by the commissioner. The agent is responsible for all costs associated
38.25 with the conversion to electronic records and maintenance of the electronic storage medium,
38.26 including the destruction of existing paper records after conversion to the electronic format.
38.27 All queries and responses in the secure electronic medium, and all actions in which data
38.28 are entered, updated, accessed, or shared or disseminated by the agent must be contained
38.29 in a data audit trail. Data contained in the audit trail are public to the extent the data are not
38.30 otherwise classified under this section.

38.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

39.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.07, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

39.2 Subd. 1a. **Filing photograph or image; data classification.** The department shall file,
39.3 or contract to file, all photographs or electronically produced images obtained in the process
39.4 of issuing drivers' licenses ~~or~~, Minnesota identification cards, or voter identification cards.
39.5 The photographs or electronically produced images shall be private data pursuant to section
39.6 13.02, subdivision 12. Notwithstanding section 13.04, subdivision 3, the department shall
39.7 not be required to provide copies of photographs or electronically produced images to data
39.8 subjects. The use of the files is restricted:

39.9 (1) to the issuance and control of drivers' licenses and voter identification cards;

39.10 (2) to criminal justice agencies, as defined in section 299C.46, subdivision 2, for the
39.11 investigation and prosecution of crimes, service of process, enforcement of no contact
39.12 orders, location of missing persons, investigation and preparation of cases for criminal,
39.13 juvenile, and traffic court, location of individuals required to register under section 243.166
39.14 or 243.167, and supervision of offenders;

39.15 (3) to public defenders, as defined in section 611.272, for the investigation and preparation
39.16 of cases for criminal, juvenile, and traffic courts;

39.17 (4) to child support enforcement purposes under section 256.978; and

39.18 (5) to a county medical examiner or coroner as required by section 390.005 as necessary
39.19 to fulfill the duties under sections 390.11 and 390.25.

39.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

39.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.07, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

39.22 Subd. 14. **Use of Social Security number.** An applicant's Social Security number must
39.23 not be displayed, encrypted, or encoded on the driver's license ~~or~~, Minnesota identification
39.24 card, or voter identification card or included in a magnetic strip or bar code used to store
39.25 data on the license or Minnesota identification card. The Social Security number must not
39.26 be used as a Minnesota driver's license or identification number.

39.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

39.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

39.29 Subdivision 1. **Religious objection.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 171.07,
39.30 the commissioner of public safety may adopt rules to permit identification on a driver's
39.31 license ~~or~~, Minnesota identification card, or voter identification card in lieu of a photograph

40.1 or electronically produced image where the commissioner finds that the licensee has religious
40.2 objections to the use of a photograph or electronically produced image.

40.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

40.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.5 Subd. 2. **Certain head wear permitted.** If an accident involving a head injury, serious
40.6 illness, or treatment of the illness has resulted in hair loss by an applicant for a driver's
40.7 license or, identification card, or voter identification card, the commissioner shall permit
40.8 the applicant to wear a hat or similar head wear in the photograph or electronically produced
40.9 image. The hat or head wear must be of an appropriate size and type to allow identification
40.10 of the holder of the license or card and must not obscure the holder's face.

40.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

40.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.13 Subdivision 1. **Duplicate license.** In the event that an instruction permit, provisional
40.14 license, or driver's license, or voter identification card issued under the provisions of this
40.15 chapter is lost or destroyed, or becomes illegible, the person to whom the same was issued
40.16 shall obtain a duplicate thereof, furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that such
40.17 permit or license has been lost or destroyed or has become illegible, and make payment of
40.18 the required fee.

40.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

40.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.12, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

40.21 Subd. 3c. **Record retention; birth certificates.** (a) If the procedures established by the
40.22 commissioner for driver's license or, Minnesota identification card, or voter identification
40.23 card records include retention of a physical copy or digital image of a birth certificate, the
40.24 commissioner must:

40.25 (1) notify a driver's license or identification card applicant of the retention procedure;
40.26 and

40.27 (2) allow the applicant, licensee, or identification cardholder to designate that the
40.28 applicant, licensee, or identification cardholder's birth certificate physical copy or digital
40.29 image must not be retained.

40.30 (b) The commissioner must not retain a birth certificate if directed by an applicant,
40.31 licensee, or identification cardholder under paragraph (a), clause (2), but must record and

41.1 retain data on the birth certificate required under Code of Federal Regulations, title 6, section
41.2 37.31(c).

41.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

41.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.121, is amended to read:

41.5 **171.121 USE OF ANOTHER'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS.**

41.6 A person may notify the commissioner in writing to the effect that the person (1) is the
41.7 owner of a residence, and (2) does not consent to have that residence address identified on
41.8 any driver's license ~~or~~ identification card, voter identification card, or driving record of the
41.9 department as the residence address or permanent mailing address of any person named in
41.10 the notice. The notice may not name a spouse of the notifying person. Upon receiving the
41.11 notice the commissioner shall not issue any license ~~or~~ identification card, or voter
41.12 identification card under this chapter, or accept an application for a license ~~or~~ identification
41.13 card, or voter identification card under this chapter, that lists the residence address identified
41.14 in the notice as the residence address or permanent mailing address of any person named
41.15 in the notice.

41.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2024.

41.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

41.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The secretary of state shall maintain a statewide voter
41.19 registration system to facilitate voter registration and to provide a central database containing
41.20 voter registration information from around the state. The system must be accessible to the
41.21 county auditor of each county in the state. The system must also:

41.22 (1) provide for voters to submit their voter registration applications to any county auditor,
41.23 the secretary of state, or the Department of Public Safety;

41.24 (2) provide for the definition, establishment, and maintenance of a central database for
41.25 all voter registration information;

41.26 (3) provide for entering data into the statewide registration system;

41.27 (4) provide for electronic transfer of completed voter registration applications from the
41.28 Department of Public Safety to the secretary of state or the county auditor;

41.29 (5) assign a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in the state;

42.1 (6) provide for the acceptance of the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state
 42.2 identification number, voter identification card number, and last four digits of the Social
 42.3 Security number for each voter record;

42.4 (7) coordinate with other agency databases within the state;

42.5 (8) allow county auditors and the secretary of state to add or modify information in the
 42.6 system to provide for accurate and up-to-date records;

42.7 (9) allow county auditors, municipal and school district clerks, and the secretary of state
 42.8 to have electronic access to the statewide registration system for review and search
 42.9 capabilities;

42.10 (10) provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration
 42.11 system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

42.12 (11) provide access to municipal clerks to use the system;

42.13 (12) provide a system for each county to identify the precinct to which a voter should
 42.14 be assigned for voting purposes;

42.15 (13) provide daily reports accessible by county auditors on the driver's license numbers,
 42.16 state identification numbers, voter identification card number, or last four digits of the Social
 42.17 Security numbers submitted on voter registration applications that have been verified as
 42.18 accurate by the secretary of state; and

42.19 (14) provide reports on the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and returned and
 42.20 cast by voters under section 203B.16.

42.21 The appropriate state or local official shall provide security measures to prevent
 42.22 unauthorized access to the computerized list established under section 201.021.

42.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.24 Subdivision 1. **Prior to election day.** (a) At any time except during the 20 days
 42.25 immediately preceding any regularly scheduled election, an eligible voter or any individual
 42.26 who will be an eligible voter at the time of the next election may register to vote in the
 42.27 precinct in which the voter maintains residence by completing a voter registration application
 42.28 as described in section 201.071, subdivision 1. A completed application may be submitted:

42.29 (1) in person or by mail to the county auditor of that county or to the Secretary of State's
 42.30 Office; or

43.1 (2) electronically through a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of
43.2 state for this purpose, if the applicant has an email address and provides the applicant's
43.3 verifiable Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification card number,
43.4 voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security
43.5 number.

43.6 A registration that is received in person or by mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 21st
43.7 day preceding any election, or a registration received electronically through the secretary
43.8 of state's secure website no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day preceding any election,
43.9 shall be accepted. An improperly addressed or delivered registration application shall be
43.10 forwarded within two working days after receipt to the county auditor of the county where
43.11 the voter maintains residence. A state or local agency or an individual that accepts completed
43.12 voter registration applications from a voter must submit the completed applications to the
43.13 secretary of state or the appropriate county auditor within ten calendar days after the
43.14 applications are dated by the voter.

43.15 (b) An application submitted electronically under paragraph (a), clause (2), may only
43.16 be transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
43.17 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
43.18 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, voter identification
43.19 card number, or Social Security number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable
43.20 voter registration applications submitted electronically for evidence of suspicious activity
43.21 and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement agency for
43.22 investigation.

43.23 An individual may not electronically submit a voter registration application on behalf
43.24 of any other individual.

43.25 (c) For purposes of this section, mail registration is defined as a voter registration
43.26 application delivered to the secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk by the
43.27 United States Postal Service or a commercial carrier.

43.28 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

43.29 Subd. 1a. **Incomplete registration by mail.** If the county auditor determines that a voter
43.30 who has submitted a voter registration application by mail has not previously voted in this
43.31 state for a federal office and has also not presented a document authorized for election day
43.32 registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3, to the auditor, and the county auditor is unable
43.33 to verify the voter's driver's license, state identification, voter identification card, or last
43.34 four digits of the voter's Social Security number as provided by the voter on the voter

44.1 registration application, then the county auditor must notify the voter that the registration
44.2 is incomplete and to complete registration by using one of the following methods:

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

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

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

44.8 (4) providing proof of residence by any of the methods authorized for election day
44.9 registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3.

44.10 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.11 Subdivision 1. **Form.** Both paper and electronic voter registration applications must
44.12 contain the same information unless otherwise provided by law. A voter registration
44.13 application must contain spaces for the following required information: voter's first name,
44.14 middle name, and last name; voter's previous name, if any; voter's current address; voter's
44.15 previous address, if any; voter's date of birth; voter's municipality and county of residence;
44.16 voter's telephone number, if provided by the voter; date of registration; current and valid
44.17 Minnesota driver's license number ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification number, voter
44.18 identification card number, or, if the voter has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license
44.19 ~~or~~, Minnesota state identification, or voter identification card, the last four digits of the
44.20 voter's Social Security number; and voter's signature. The paper registration application
44.21 may include the voter's email address, if provided by the voter. The electronic voter
44.22 registration application must include the voter's email address. The registration application
44.23 may include the voter's interest in serving as an election judge, if indicated by the voter.
44.24 The application must also contain the following certification of voter eligibility:

44.25 "I certify that I:

44.26 (1) will be at least 18 years old on election day;

44.27 (2) am a citizen of the United States;

44.28 (3) will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;

44.29 (4) maintain residence at the address given on the registration form;

44.30 (5) am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right
44.31 to vote;

45.1 (6) have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;

45.2 (7) have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence
45.3 has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and

45.4 (8) have read and understand the following statement: that giving false information is a
45.5 felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
45.6 \$10,000, or both."

45.7 The certification must include boxes for the voter to respond to the following questions:

45.8 "(1) Are you a citizen of the United States?" and

45.9 "(2) Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?"

45.10 And the instruction:

45.11 "If you checked 'no' to either of these questions, do not complete this form."

45.12 The form of the voter registration application and the certification of voter eligibility
45.13 must be as provided in this subdivision and approved by the secretary of state. Voter
45.14 registration forms authorized by the National Voter Registration Act must also be accepted
45.15 as valid. The federal postcard application form must also be accepted as valid if it is not
45.16 deficient and the voter is eligible to register in Minnesota.

45.17 An individual may use a voter registration application to apply to register to vote in
45.18 Minnesota or to change information on an existing registration.

45.19 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

45.24 (b) The instructions must indicate that the voter must provide a valid Minnesota driver's
45.25 license or identification card number, voter identification card, or the last four digits of the
45.26 voter's Social Security number, unless the voter has not been issued one of those numbers.

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

46.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

46.2 Subd. 3. **Deficient registration.** No voter registration application is deficient if it contains
 46.3 the voter's name; address; date of birth; current and valid Minnesota driver's license number
 46.4 ~~or~~ Minnesota state identification number, or voter identification card number, or if the voter
 46.5 has no current and valid Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~ Minnesota state identification number,
 46.6 or voter identification card number, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number,
 46.7 if the voter has been issued a Social Security number, prior registration, if any; and signature.
 46.8 The absence of a zip code number does not cause the registration to be deficient. Failure to
 46.9 check a box on an application form that a voter has certified to be true does not cause the
 46.10 registration to be deficient. The election judges shall request an individual to correct a voter
 46.11 registration application if it is deficient or illegible. No eligible voter may be prevented
 46.12 from voting unless the voter's registration application is deficient or the voter is duly and
 46.13 successfully challenged in accordance with section 201.195 or 204C.12.

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

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

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

46.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.091, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

46.27 Subd. 9. **Restricted data.** A list provided for public inspection or purchase, or in response
 46.28 to a law enforcement inquiry, must not include a voter's date of birth or any part of a voter's
 46.29 Social Security number, driver's license number, identification card number, voter
 46.30 identification card number, military identification card number, or passport number.

47.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

47.2 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
47.3 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
47.4 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall enter the information contained on it into the
47.5 statewide registration system. Voter registration applications completed before election day
47.6 must be entered into the statewide registration system within ten days after they have been
47.7 submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed on election day
47.8 must be entered into the statewide registration system within 42 days after the election,
47.9 unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the deadline has expired that
47.10 the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this paragraph, the secretary
47.11 of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an additional 28 days. The
47.12 secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this paragraph if, on good cause
47.13 shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to comply.

47.14 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
47.15 the secretary of state's website including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
47.16 or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.

47.17 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state may
47.18 electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county auditor
47.19 as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into the statewide
47.20 registration system. The secretary of state may mail the voter registration application to the
47.21 county auditor.

47.22 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered information from a voter
47.23 registration application into the statewide registration system, the secretary of state shall
47.24 compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state identification
47.25 number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number
47.26 with the same information contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

47.27 (d) The secretary of state shall provide a report to the county auditor on a weekly basis
47.28 that includes a list of voters whose name, date of birth, or identification number have been
47.29 compared with the same information in the Department of Public Safety database and cannot
47.30 be verified as provided in this subdivision. The report must list separately those voters who
47.31 have submitted a voter registration application by mail and have not voted in a federal
47.32 election in this state.

47.33 (e) The county auditor shall compile a list of voters for whom the county auditor and
47.34 the secretary of state are unable to conclude that information on the voter registration

48.1 application and the corresponding information in the Department of Public Safety database
48.2 relate to the same person.

48.3 (f) The county auditor shall send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter whose
48.4 name appears on the list and change the voter's status to "incomplete." A voter who receives
48.5 a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide the information
48.6 required to complete the registration at least 21 days before the next election or at the polling
48.7 place on election day.

48.8 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

48.9 Subd. 3. **Use of change of address system.** (a) At least once each month the secretary
48.10 of state shall obtain a list of individuals registered to vote in this state who have filed with
48.11 the United States Postal Service a change of their permanent address. The secretary of state
48.12 may also periodically obtain a list of individuals with driver's licenses ~~or~~ state identification
48.13 cards, or voter identification cards to identify those who are registered to vote who have
48.14 applied to the Department of Public Safety for a replacement driver's license ~~or~~ state
48.15 identification card, or voter identification card with a different address, and a list of
48.16 individuals for whom the Department of Public Safety received notification of a driver's
48.17 license ~~or~~ state identification card, or voter identification card cancellation due to a change
48.18 of residency out of state. However, the secretary of state shall not load data derived from
48.19 these lists into the statewide voter registration system within the 47 days before the state
48.20 primary or 47 days before a November general election.

48.21 (b) If the address is changed to another address in this state, the secretary of state shall
48.22 locate the precinct in which the voter resides, if possible. If the secretary of state is able to
48.23 locate the precinct in which the voter resides, the secretary must transmit the information
48.24 about the changed address by electronic means to the county auditor of the county in which
48.25 the new address is located. For addresses for which the secretary of state is unable to
48.26 determine the precinct, the secretary may forward information to the appropriate county
48.27 auditors for individual review. If the voter has not voted or submitted a voter registration
48.28 application since the address change, upon receipt of the information, the county auditor
48.29 shall update the voter's address in the statewide voter registration system. The county auditor
48.30 shall mail to the voter a notice stating the voter's name, address, precinct, and polling place,
48.31 unless the voter's record is challenged due to a felony conviction, noncitizenship, name
48.32 change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting rights of individuals under
48.33 guardianship, in which case the auditor must not mail the notice. The notice must advise
48.34 the voter that the voter's voting address has been changed and that the voter must notify the

49.1 county auditor within 21 days if the new address is not the voter's address of residence. The
49.2 notice must state that it must be returned if it is not deliverable to the voter at the named
49.3 address.

49.4 (c) If the change of permanent address is to an address outside this state, the secretary
49.5 of state shall notify by electronic means the auditor of the county where the voter formerly
49.6 resided that the voter has moved to another state. If the voter has not voted or submitted a
49.7 voter registration application since the address change, the county auditor shall promptly
49.8 mail to the voter at the voter's new address a notice advising the voter that the voter's status
49.9 in the statewide voter registration system will be changed to "inactive" unless the voter
49.10 notifies the county auditor within 21 days that the voter is retaining the former address as
49.11 the voter's address of residence, except that if the voter's record is challenged due to a felony
49.12 conviction, noncitizenship, name change, incompetence, or a court's revocation of voting
49.13 rights of individuals under guardianship, the auditor must not mail the notice. If the notice
49.14 is not received by the deadline, the county auditor shall change the voter's status to "inactive"
49.15 in the statewide voter registration system.

49.16 (d) If, in order to maintain voter registration records, the secretary of state enters an
49.17 agreement to share information or data with an organization governed exclusively by a
49.18 group of states, the secretary must first determine that the data security protocols are sufficient
49.19 to safeguard the information or data shared. If required by such an agreement, the secretary
49.20 of state may share the following data from the statewide voter registration system and data
49.21 released to the secretary of state under section 171.12, subdivision 7a:

49.22 (1) name;

49.23 (2) date of birth;

49.24 (3) address;

49.25 (4) driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number, or voter identification number;

49.26 (5) the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number; and

49.27 (6) the date that an individual's record was last updated.

49.28 If the secretary of state enters into such an agreement, the secretary and county auditors
49.29 must process changes to voter records based upon that data in accordance with this section.
49.30 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, when data is shared with the secretary of
49.31 state by another state, the secretary of state must maintain the same data classification that
49.32 the data had while it was in the possession of the state providing the data.

50.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.14, is amended to read:

50.2 **201.14 COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF DISTRICT COURT; REPORT CHANGES**
50.3 **OF NAMES.**

50.4 The state court administrator shall regularly report by electronic means to the secretary
50.5 of state the name, address, and, if available, driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card
50.6 number, or voter identification card number of each individual, 18 years of age or over,
50.7 whose name was changed since the last report, by marriage, divorce, or any order or decree
50.8 of the court. The secretary of state shall determine if any of the persons in the report are
50.9 registered to vote under their previous name and shall prepare a list of those registrants for
50.10 each county auditor. Upon receipt of the list, the county auditor shall make the change in
50.11 the voter's record and mail to the voter the notice of registration required by section 201.121,
50.12 subdivision 2. A notice must not be mailed if the voter's record is challenged due to a felony
50.13 conviction, lack of United States citizenship, legal incompetence, or court-ordered revocation
50.14 of voting rights of persons under guardianship.

50.15 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

50.16 Subd. 2. **State court administrator report.** (a) The state court administrator must report
50.17 on individuals 17 years of age or older who are under a guardianship in which a court order
50.18 revokes the ward's right to vote or where the court has found the individual to be legally
50.19 incompetent to vote.

50.20 (b) The state court administrator must report on individuals transferred to the jurisdiction
50.21 of the court who meet a condition specified in paragraph (a).

50.22 (c) Each report required under this subdivision must include the following information
50.23 for each individual in the report: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, last four
50.24 digits of the Social Security number and driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card number,
50.25 or voter identification card number.

50.26 (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the
50.27 secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraphs (a) and (b) is
50.28 registered to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later
50.29 than seven calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor
50.30 must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each
50.31 individual named in the list.

51.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

51.2 Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections report; state court administrator report.** (a)

51.3 The state court administrator must report on individuals 17 years of age or older who have
51.4 been convicted of a felony.

51.5 (b) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals 17 years of age or older
51.6 who are currently:

51.7 (1) serving felony sentences under the commissioner's jurisdiction; or

51.8 (2) on probation for felony offenses that resulted in the loss of civil rights, as indicated
51.9 by the statewide supervision system established under section 241.065.

51.10 (c) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for each
51.11 individual: name, address or last known residential address that is not a correctional facility,
51.12 and date of birth. If available, each report must also include the individual's: corrections'
51.13 state identification number;; last four digits of the Social Security number;; driver's license
51.14 ~~or~~; state identification card number, or voter identification card number; date of sentence;;
51.15 effective date of the sentence;; county in which the conviction occurred;; and date of
51.16 discharge.

51.17 (d) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the
51.18 secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) is registered to
51.19 vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven
51.20 calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must
51.21 determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph (b) is registered
51.22 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven
51.23 calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor must
51.24 challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each individual
51.25 named in the list.

51.26 (e) The county auditor must identify an individual who registered to vote or voted while
51.27 serving a felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or while on probation for
51.28 a felony offense that resulted in the loss of civil rights during a period when the individual's
51.29 civil rights were revoked. The county auditor must immediately send notice to the county
51.30 attorney. The notice must include the name of the individual and any other identifying
51.31 information as well as the evidence that shows the individual registered to vote or voted
51.32 during the period when the individual's civil rights were revoked.

52.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

52.2 Subd. 4. **Reports; restoration of right to vote.** (a) The state court administrator must
 52.3 report on each individual whose guardianship was modified to restore the ward's right to
 52.4 vote or whose guardianship was terminated by order of the court under section 524.5-317
 52.5 after being ineligible to vote for any of the reasons specified in subdivision 2, paragraph
 52.6 (a).

52.7 (b) The state court administrator must report on individuals previously convicted of a
 52.8 felony whose civil rights have been restored.

52.9 (c) The commissioner of corrections must report on individuals who were serving a
 52.10 felony sentence under the commissioner's jurisdiction or who were on probation for a felony
 52.11 offense under the commissioner's jurisdiction that resulted in the loss of civil rights but who
 52.12 have been discharged from the sentence.

52.13 (d) Each report under this subdivision must include the following information for each
 52.14 individual: name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of the Social
 52.15 Security number. For reports required by paragraphs (b) and (c), each report must also
 52.16 include the individual's, if available: corrections' state identification number;; driver's license
 52.17 ~~or~~; state identification card number, or voter identification card number; date of sentence;;
 52.18 effective date of the sentence;; county in which the conviction occurred;; and date of
 52.19 discharge.

52.20 (e) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the
 52.21 secretary of state must determine if a person identified under paragraph (a) or (b) is registered
 52.22 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven
 52.23 calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the secretary of state must
 52.24 determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under paragraph (c) is registered
 52.25 to vote and must prepare a list of those registrants for the county auditor. No later than seven
 52.26 calendar days after receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county auditor must
 52.27 remove the challenge status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of each
 52.28 individual named in the list.

52.29 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.145, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

52.30 Subd. 5. **Commissioner of public safety report.** (a) The commissioner of public safety
 52.31 must report on individuals identified by department data as having temporary lawful status
 52.32 in the United States.

53.1 (b) The report under this section must include the following information for each
 53.2 individual: name₂; address₂; date of birth₂; driver's license ~~or~~₂ state identification card number,
 53.3 or voter identification card number; and, if available, last four digits of the Social Security
 53.4 number.

53.5 (c) No later than seven calendar days after receiving a report under this subdivision, the
 53.6 secretary of state must determine if any data newly indicates that a person identified under
 53.7 paragraph (a) is registered to vote and prepare a list of those voters for the county auditor.
 53.8 Within seven calendar days of receiving the list from the secretary of state, the county
 53.9 auditor must challenge the status on the record in the statewide voter registration system of
 53.10 each individual named in the list.

53.11 (d) The county auditor must also immediately send notice to the county attorney of each
 53.12 individual identified in paragraph (c). The notice must include the name of the individual
 53.13 and any other identifying information as well as the evidence that shows the individual
 53.14 registered to vote or voted and is not a citizen.

53.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.161, is amended to read:

53.16 **201.161 DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATIONS.**

53.17 The Department of Public Safety shall change its applications for an original, duplicate,
 53.18 or change of address driver's license ~~or~~₂ identification card, or voter identification card so
 53.19 that the forms may also serve as voter registration applications. The forms must contain
 53.20 spaces for all information collected by voter registration applications prescribed by the
 53.21 secretary of state. Applicants for driver's licenses ~~or~~₂ identification cards, or voter
 53.22 identification cards must be asked if they want to register to vote at the same time and that
 53.23 information must be transmitted at least weekly by electronic means to the secretary of state.
 53.24 Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the computerized
 53.25 driver's license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, driver's license
 53.26 number or state identification number, county, town, and city must be made available for
 53.27 access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration system.

53.28 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

53.29 Subd. 2. **Technology requirements.** An electronic roster must:

53.30 (1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file
 53.31 format prescribed by the secretary of state;

53.32 (2) allow for data to be exported in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

54.1 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license
54.2 ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card to locate a voter record or populate a
54.3 voter registration application that would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The
54.4 printed registration application can be either a printed form, labels printed with voter
54.5 information to be affixed to a preprinted form, or a combination of both;

54.6 (4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's
54.7 license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card;

54.8 (5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned
54.9 driver's license ~~or~~, identification card, or voter identification card that is otherwise required
54.10 to be collected from the voter or an election judge;

54.11 (6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates
54.12 that the voter is not eligible to vote;

54.13 (7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has
54.14 already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the
54.15 voter resides in a different precinct;

54.16 (8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when
54.17 a voter's record is challenged;

54.18 (9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address
54.19 of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10,
54.20 and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be
54.21 either a printed form or a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath;

54.22 (10) contain only preregistered voters within the precinct, and not contain preregistered
54.23 voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct;

54.24 (11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose
54.25 of updating absentee ballot records;

54.26 (12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the
54.27 Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information
54.28 Technology Services;

54.29 (13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and

54.30 (14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration
54.31 of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.

55.1 Electronic rosters used only for election day registration do not need to comply with clauses
55.2 (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for preregistered voter processing do not need
55.3 to comply with clauses (4) and (5).

55.4 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.065, is amended to read:

55.5 **203B.065 USING THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**

55.6 Upon accepting an application for a state primary or state general election, the county
55.7 auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system the voter's
55.8 name; date of birth; address of residence in Minnesota; mailing address; Minnesota driver's
55.9 license ~~or~~, state identification or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of
55.10 the voter's Social Security number, if provided by the voter. Upon acceptance of an absentee
55.11 ballot application of a voter who is registered to vote at an address different from the
55.12 residential address certified on the absentee ballot application, the voter registration record
55.13 with the previous address shall be challenged. Once the absentee ballot has been transmitted
55.14 to the voter, the method of transmission and the date of transmission must be recorded.

55.15 Upon receipt of a returned absentee ballot for a state primary or state general election,
55.16 the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system
55.17 that the voter has returned the ballot.

55.18 Upon receipt of notice that the ballot board has accepted or rejected the absentee ballot
55.19 for a state primary or state general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall
55.20 record in the statewide voter registration system whether the ballot was accepted or rejected,
55.21 and if rejected, the reason for rejection. If a replacement ballot is transmitted to the voter,
55.22 the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record this in the statewide voter registration
55.23 system.

55.24 The labels provided for envelopes used for transmitting an absentee ballot to and from
55.25 an applicant for an absentee ballot for a state primary or state general election must contain
55.26 bar codes generated by the statewide voter registration system to facilitate the recording
55.27 required under this section. A county auditor or municipal clerk entering information into
55.28 the statewide voter registration system under this section must include the information
55.29 provided on the bar code label whenever information is entered into the system.

55.30 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.31 Subd. 2. **Required information.** (a) An application shall be accepted if it contains the
55.32 following information stated under oath:

56.1 (1) the voter's name, birthdate, and present address of residence in Minnesota, or former
56.2 address of residence or parent's former address of residence in Minnesota if the voter is
56.3 living permanently outside the United States;

56.4 (2) a statement indicating that the voter is in the military, or is the spouse or dependent
56.5 of an individual serving in the military, or is temporarily outside the territorial limits of the
56.6 United States, or is living permanently outside the territorial limits of the United States and
56.7 voting under federal law;

56.8 (3) a statement that the voter expects to be absent from the precinct at the time of the
56.9 election;

56.10 (4) the address to which absentee ballots are to be mailed;

56.11 (5) the voter's signature or the signature and relationship of the individual authorized to
56.12 apply on the voter's behalf;

56.13 (6) the voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~, state identification card
56.14 or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security
56.15 number; if the voter does not have access to any of these documents, the voter or other
56.16 individual requesting absentee ballots may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the
56.17 application under penalty of perjury; and

56.18 (7) the voter's email address, if the application was submitted electronically through the
56.19 secure website maintained by the secretary of state.

56.20 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (6), an application submitted through the
56.21 secretary of state's website must include the voter's verifiable Minnesota driver's license
56.22 number, Minnesota state identification card number, voter identification card number, or
56.23 the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, and may only be transmitted to
56.24 the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the application
56.25 information matches the information in a government database associated with the applicant's
56.26 driver's license number, state identification card number, voter identification card number,
56.27 or Social Security number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications
56.28 for evidence of suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate
56.29 law enforcement agency for investigation.

57.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.19, is amended to read:

57.2 **203B.19 RECORDING APPLICATIONS.**

57.3 Upon accepting an application, the county auditor shall record in the statewide registration
 57.4 system the voter's name; address of present or former residence in Minnesota; mailing
 57.5 address; school district number; passport number, Minnesota driver's license number or
 57.6 state identification card number, voter identification card number, or the last four digits of
 57.7 the voter's Social Security number; and whether the voter is in the military or the spouse
 57.8 or dependent of an individual serving in the military, is a voter temporarily outside the
 57.9 territorial limits of the United States, or is living permanently outside the territorial limits
 57.10 of the United States and voting under federal law. The county auditor shall retain the record
 57.11 for six years. A voter whose name is recorded as provided in this section shall not be required
 57.12 to register under any other provision of law in order to vote under sections 203B.16 to
 57.13 203B.27. Persons from whom applications are not accepted must be notified by the county
 57.14 auditor and provided with the reasons for the rejection.

57.15 No later than 60 days after the general election, the county auditor shall report to the
 57.16 secretary of state the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to and the combined
 57.17 number of absentee ballots returned and cast by absent voters described in section 203B.16.
 57.18 The secretary of state may require the information be reported by category under section
 57.19 203B.16 or by precinct.

57.20 No later than 90 days after the general election, the secretary of state shall report to the
 57.21 federal Election Assistance Commission the number of absentee ballots transmitted to voters
 57.22 under section 203B.16.

57.23 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

57.24 Subd. 3. **Back of return envelope.** On the back of the return envelope a certificate shall
 57.25 appear with space for:

57.26 (1) the voter's address of present or former residence in Minnesota;

57.27 (2) the voter's current email address, if the voter has one;

57.28 (3) a statement indicating the category described in section 203B.16 to which the voter
 57.29 belongs;

57.30 (4) a statement that the voter has not cast and will not cast another absentee ballot in the
 57.31 same election or elections;

58.1 (5) a statement that the voter personally marked the ballots without showing them to
58.2 anyone, or if physically unable to mark them, that the voter directed another individual to
58.3 mark them; and

58.4 (6) the same voter's passport number, Minnesota driver's license ~~or~~ state identification
58.5 card or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security
58.6 number as provided on the absentee ballot application; if the voter does not have access to
58.7 any of these documents, the voter may attest to the truthfulness of the contents of the
58.8 certificate under penalty of perjury.

58.9 The certificate shall also contain a signed oath in the form required by section 705 of
58.10 the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252, which must read:

58.11 "I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

58.12 I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible
58.13 spouse or dependent of such a member; a United States citizen temporarily residing outside
58.14 the United States; or other United States citizen residing outside the United States; and I
58.15 am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election),
58.16 and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony,
58.17 or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting
58.18 rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any
58.19 other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form. In
58.20 voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to
58.21 observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or
58.22 federal law. I have not been influenced.

58.23 The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
58.24 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may
58.25 constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury."

58.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.27 Subdivision 1. **Check of voter eligibility; proper execution of certificate.** Upon receipt
58.28 of an absentee ballot returned as provided in sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, the election
58.29 judges shall compare the voter's name with the names recorded under section 203B.19 in
58.30 the statewide registration system to insure that the ballot is from a voter eligible to cast an
58.31 absentee ballot under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. The election judges shall mark the
58.32 signature envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the signature envelope below the word
58.33 "Accepted" if the election judges are satisfied that:

59.1 (1) the voter's name and address on the signature envelope appears in substantially the
59.2 same form as on the application records provided to the election judges by the county auditor;

59.3 (2) the voter has signed the federal oath prescribed pursuant to section 705(b)(2) of the
59.4 Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252;

59.5 (3) the voter has set forth the same voter's passport number, ~~or~~ Minnesota driver's license
59.6 ~~or~~ state identification card or voter identification card number, or the last four digits of the
59.7 voter's Social Security number as submitted on the application, if the voter has one of these
59.8 documents;

59.9 (4) the voter is not known to have died; and

59.10 (5) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or by absentee ballot.

59.11 If the identification number described in clause (3) does not match the number as
59.12 submitted on the application, the election judges must make a reasonable effort to satisfy
59.13 themselves through other information provided by the applicant, or by an individual
59.14 authorized to apply on behalf of the voter, that the ballots were returned by the same person
59.15 to whom the ballots were transmitted.

59.16 An absentee ballot cast pursuant to sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 may only be rejected
59.17 for the lack of one of clauses (1) to (5). In particular, failure to place the ballot within the
59.18 secrecy envelope before placing it in the outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an
59.19 absentee ballot.

59.20 Election judges must note the reason for rejection on the back of the envelope in the
59.21 space provided for that purpose.

59.22 Failure to return unused ballots shall not invalidate a marked ballot, but a ballot shall
59.23 not be counted if the certificate on the return envelope is not properly executed. In all other
59.24 respects the provisions of the Minnesota Election Law governing deposit and counting of
59.25 ballots shall apply. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the counting of the
59.26 absentee ballot of a deceased voter does not invalidate the election.

59.27 Sec. 31. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

59.28 Except where otherwise provided, this article is effective June 1, 2025.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 23-01213

201.061 REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

Subd. 7. **Record of attempted registrations.** The election judge responsible for election day registration shall attempt to keep a record of the number of individuals who attempt to register on election day but who cannot provide proof of residence as required by this section. The record shall be forwarded to the county auditor with the election returns for that precinct.