

**2019 House State Government Finance Omnibus, including Military and Veterans Affairs
First Special Session, Revisor Document 19-5222**

Topic	Summary	Location in 19-5222
Article 1: State Government Appropriations		
Appropriations	Appropriations and riders for various agencies within the accounts managed by the state government finance division and the military and veterans affairs division are described in the fiscal spreadsheet.	1-38
Secretary of state attorney fees award	Appropriates money in FY 2019 to the secretary of state to pay the attorney fees awarded against the state resulting from the case <i>Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky</i> . This is the case challenging the state law regulating campaign apparel in polling places; the law was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2018.	39
HAVA election security appropriations	Appropriates federal money allocated to Minnesota under the Help America Vote Act to the secretary of state for specific purposes allowed under federal law (improving the administration and security of elections). This section also recognizes certain funds already spent by the state as qualifying for the state match required under HAVA. The appropriation is available immediately.	40
Cancellations	(a) Cancels \$220,000 from the MN.IT Odyssey Fund. The Odyssey Fund allows state agencies to save funds to be used for future large IT projects. (b) Cancels certain funds related to the Veterans Journey Home program that were appropriated to that program in 2017.	41
Article 2: State Government Operations		
Collective bargaining agreement information	Requires the commissioner of management and budget to submit certain information related to collective bargaining agreements to the Legislative Coordinating Commission.	1
Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability	Establishes a Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability. The commission expires June 30, 2023.	2, 21
Legislative Auditor	Amends laws governing the process for designating evaluation topics for review by the Legislative Auditor, including consolidation of an existing requirement that the auditor review certain economic incentive programs into the standard process for evaluation topic selection. Other technical modifications are also included.	3, 4, 27
Executive Order list serve	Requires the secretary of state to main an email listserv to provide notification of new executive orders issued by the governor. The listserv must provide a notice within seven days of the filing of an executive order.	5
Hmong Special Guerrilla Units Remembrance Day	Establishes May 14 of each year as Hmong Special Guerilla Units Remembrance Day.	6

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State Arts Board data	Provides that responses submitted by a grantee to the State Arts Board or to a regional arts council become public at the meeting at which the responses are considered, unless the data are protected by a trade secret classification.	7
Administrative law judge salaries	Conforms the salary of the assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors to equal that of a district court judge.	8
Bartering agreements involving state-owned optical fiber	In general, state contracting law prohibits agencies from entering contracts that are supported by a barter arrangement, with a few exceptions. This section adds contracts for optical fiber owned by the state as of July 1, 2019 to the list of exceptions. In a barter arrangement, goods, services, or other non-monetary consideration is directly exchanged between the contracting parties; there is no monetary exchange.	9
Managerial position job postings	Codifies standards for hiring classified management positions, including that the job be posted for at least 21 days before the position is filled, and that the process be conducted in a fair and open manner to ensure that all candidates who meet the minimum qualifications or the position are considered. An allowance for the commissioner of management and budget to waive the 21-day posting requirement and certain other exceptions are provided.	10
On-the-job demonstration of qualifications; affirmative action plans; non-affirmative action hiring	<p>Modifies a program in state agency employment that allows people with certain disabilities to demonstrate job qualifications through paid on-the-job experience.</p> <p>In addition, these sections add information to be included in an agency’s affirmative action plan for making reasonable accommodations, and expands a list of entities that must be consulted to review and make recommendations on recruitment and retention of people with disabilities.</p> <p>A cap on the percentage of appointments for state employment in which an agency fails to justify a nonaffirmative action hire is eliminated. These sections require, instead, that criteria established by MMB for an agency must be used to justify nonaffirmative action hires. MMB is required to publish summary data related to executive branch hiring in each federal EEO occupational category applicable to state employment.</p>	11-13
Hair braiding	Exempts hair braiders from registration and other oversight by the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners.	14, 15, 27
Mighty Ducks grants	Increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities, if funding is available.	16
Appointment of county officers	Provides all counties in the state the option making the offices of county auditor, county treasurer, county recorder, and (where applicable) county auditor-treasurer an appointed office, rather than elected. Specific procedures to govern the process for transitioning the offices are provided.	17-22

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Advisory Task Force on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities	Establishes a task force to study and report to the legislature on strategies for attracting and retaining state employees with disabilities, including proposals for legislation to implement the task force’s recommendations. The report is due no later than January 15, 2021.	24
Minnesota Census 2020 mobilization	Requires the commissioner of administration to implement a Census 2020 Mobilization program. A component of the program is awarding grants to local governments and nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations engaged in census mobilization activities. A list of priority outreach and mobilization activities is included.	25
Labor agreement ratifications	Ratifies the state’s labor contract with the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association for the contract period ending June 30, 2019, and the salary administration plan for employees of the State Board of Investment.	26
Article 3: State Payments Terminology		
Terminology and procedures related to state payments	Provides a number of miscellaneous and technical changes to terminology related to the process for making payments to individuals, local governments, creditors, and other entities owed money from state accounts. Among these changes are allowances for the commissioner of management and budget to void an unpaid claim if the commissioner determines it is invalid (section 9), and new standards for legislative reporting of certain uncollectible debts (section 12).	1-40
Article 4: Presidential Nomination Primary		
Presidential nomination primary	Restricts access to a voter’s political party choice at the presidential nomination primary: the data is classified as private, but must be provided to each major political party. These sections also limit participation in the presidential nomination primary to major political parties that select delegates to attend a national party convention. Other technical and conforming changes are provided.	1-8
Article 5: Information Technology		
Accessibility of legislative information technology	Requires the legislature to comply with information technology accessibility standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services, and establishes a legislative employee working group to assist the legislature in identifying accessibility needs related to its IT services. The chief information officer must provide technical assistance to the legislature in meeting these requirements. Compliance with the accessibility standards is required effective October 1, 2024. The workgroup convenes beginning in 2021.	1, 4, 5
Cloud computing	Requires the Office of MN.IT Services to consider cloud computing options when evaluating technology projects proposed by state agencies.	2, 3

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Article 6: Veterans and Military Affairs Policy		
POW and MIA Recognition Day	Establishes the third Friday in September of each year as Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day.	1
Veteran Suicide Awareness Day	Establishes the first Saturday of October of each year as Veterans Suicide Awareness Day.	2
American Allies Day	Establishes June 30 of each year as American Allies Day.	3
Jurisdiction of commissioner of veterans affairs	Clarifies the jurisdiction of the commissioner of veterans affairs to include chapters 196 (Department of Veterans Affairs), 197 (Service Member Benefits), and 198 (Veterans Homes)	4
Disabled veterans homestead exclusion	Authorizes a county veterans service officer and county assessor to exchange information regarding the eligibility of a veteran currently receiving a property tax benefit under the disabled veterans homestead exclusion. These changes would allow the information exchange required to administer the new provision without obtaining a release from the beneficiary of the exclusion.	5, 6
Medal of Honor Memorial	Modifies the 2016 session law that called for the construction of a Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial by removing the restriction on the use of funds in the Medal of Honor Memorial account.	7
USS Minneapolis-St. Paul	Establishes a statutory appropriation to the commissioner of military affairs for the commissioning and preservation of the USS Minneapolis-St. Paul. Permits receipt of gifts, grants, and donations.	8
Article 7: Gambling Control Board		
Gambling Control Board regulation	Modifies various regulation provisions related to lawful gaming under the Gambling Control Board, including provisions related to bingo games and bingo gift certificates and modification of certain deadlines related to deposit of electronic gambling receipts into the gambling bank account.	1-5
Article 8: Racing Commission		
Pari-mutuel horse racing	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to pari-mutuel horse racing, including elimination of a requirement that members of the Racing Commission file a bond, modifications to certain procedures related to revocation and suspension of certain licenses, conversion of the Racing Commission's annual report to the governor and legislature to a biannual report, and modification of procedures when a person is ejected and excluded from a racetrack.	1-9, 13-18

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Racing Commission ongoing operations	Provides a continuing appropriation to support ongoing operations of the Racing Commission, in the event funding to support the operations of the Racing Commission are not enacted prior to the start of a fiscal biennium.	10-12
Article 9: State Board of Accountancy		
Certified Public Accounting practices	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to the practice of certified public accounting, including the creation of a “retired” status classification.	1-8