

2.1 The base for this appropriation in fiscal year
2.2 2024 and each year thereafter is \$21,737,000.

2.3 From its funds, \$10,000 each year is for
2.4 purposes of the legislators' forum, through
2.5 which Minnesota legislators meet with
2.6 counterparts from South Dakota, North
2.7 Dakota, and Manitoba to discuss issues of
2.8 mutual concern.

2.9 **Legislative Auditor.** \$7,689,000 the first year
2.10 and \$7,817,000 the second year are for the
2.11 Office of the Legislative Auditor.

2.12 The legislative auditor may use any unspent
2.13 amounts appropriated under Laws 2017, First
2.14 Special Session chapter 6, article 18, section
2.15 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), and
2.16 subdivision 5, paragraph (b); and Laws 2019,
2.17 First Special Session chapter 9, article 14,
2.18 section 2, subdivision 3, paragraphs (i) and
2.19 (j), to conduct audits required by Minnesota
2.20 Statutes, section 3.972, subdivision 2a, in
2.21 fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

2.22 **Revisor of Statutes.** \$7,298,000 the first year
2.23 and \$7,419,000 the second year are for the
2.24 Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

2.25 **Legislative Reference Library.** \$1,793,000
2.26 the first year and \$1,822,000 the second year
2.27 are for the Legislative Reference Library.

2.28 **Legislative Budget Office.** \$1,536,000 the
2.29 first year and \$1,570,000 the second year are
2.30 for the Legislative Budget Office.

2.31 **Sec. 3. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**
2.32 **GOVERNOR** \$ 3,622,000 \$ 3,622,000

2.33 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of
2.34 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

4.1	Sec. 5. <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>		\$	<u>31,614,000</u>	\$	<u>29,104,000</u>
4.2		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
4.3		<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>		
4.4	<u>General</u>	<u>28,698,0000</u>		<u>26,188,000</u>		
4.5	<u>State Government</u>					
4.6	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>		<u>2,521,000</u>		
4.7	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>		<u>145,000</u>		
4.8	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>250,000</u>		<u>250,000</u>		
4.9	Sec. 6. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>		\$	<u>9,684,000</u>	\$	<u>9,152,000</u>
4.10	<u>\$750,000 each year is for transfer to the voting</u>					
4.11	<u>equipment grant account under Minnesota</u>					
4.12	<u>Statutes, section 206.95.</u>					
4.13	<u>\$1,000,000 each year is for grants to local</u>					
4.14	<u>units of government to implement the</u>					
4.15	<u>provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section</u>					
4.16	<u>203B.082.</u>					
4.17	Sec. 7. <u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC</u>					
4.18	<u>DISCLOSURE BOARD</u>		\$	<u>1,145,000</u>	\$	<u>1,167,000</u>
4.19	Sec. 8. <u>STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT</u>		\$	<u>139,000</u>	\$	<u>139,000</u>
4.20	Sec. 9. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</u>		\$	<u>8,236,000</u>	\$	<u>8,240,000</u>
4.21		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
4.22		<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>		
4.23	<u>General</u>	<u>405,000</u>		<u>409,000</u>		
4.24	<u>Workers'</u>					
4.25	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>7,831,000</u>		<u>7,831,000</u>		
4.26	<u>\$268,000 the first year and \$272,000 the</u>					
4.27	<u>second year are for municipal boundary</u>					
4.28	<u>adjustments.</u>					
4.29	Sec. 10. <u>OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES</u>		\$	<u>9,855,000</u>	\$	<u>9,882,000</u>
4.30	<u>(a) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,050,000</u>					
4.31	<u>the second year are to implement</u>					
4.32	<u>recommendations from the Governor's Blue</u>					
4.33	<u>Ribbon Council on Information Technology,</u>					
4.34	<u>established by Executive Order 19-02 and</u>					

5.1 re-established by Executive Order 20-77. The
 5.2 base for this appropriation is \$1,400,000 in
 5.3 fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

5.4 (b) The commissioner of management and
 5.5 budget is authorized to provide cash flow
 5.6 assistance of up to \$50,000,000 from the
 5.7 special revenue fund or other statutory general
 5.8 funds as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.9 16A.671, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), to the
 5.10 Office of MN.IT Services for the purpose of
 5.11 managing revenue and expenditure
 5.12 differences. These funds shall be repaid with
 5.13 interest by the end of the fiscal year 2023
 5.14 closing period.

5.15 (c) During the biennium ending June 30, 2023,
 5.16 the Office of MN.IT Services must not charge
 5.17 fees to a public noncommercial educational
 5.18 television broadcast station eligible for funding
 5.19 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for
 5.20 access to the state broadcast infrastructure. If
 5.21 the access fees not charged to public
 5.22 noncommercial educational television
 5.23 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000
 5.24 for the biennium, the office may charge for
 5.25 access fees in excess of these amounts.

5.26 **Sec. 11. ADMINISTRATION**

5.27 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 26,285,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,511,000</u>
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5.28 The amounts that may be spent for each
 5.29 purpose are specified in the following
 5.30 subdivisions.

5.31 <u>Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services</u>	<u>10,652,000</u>	<u>10,834,000</u>
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5.32 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
 5.33 \$222,000 each year is for the Council on
 5.34 Developmental Disabilities.

6.1 **State Agency Accommodation**

6.2 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 the first year and
 6.3 \$200,000 the second year may be transferred
 6.4 to the accommodation account established in
 6.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.4805.

6.6 **Subd. 3. Strategic Management Services** 2,174,000 2,218,000

6.7 **Subd. 4. Fiscal Agent** 13,459,000 13,459,000

6.8 The appropriations under this section are to
 6.9 the commissioner of administration for the
 6.10 purposes specified.

6.11 **In Lieu of Rent.** \$10,515,000 each year is for
 6.12 space costs of the legislature and veterans
 6.13 organizations, ceremonial space, and
 6.14 statutorily free space.

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

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

6.20 (c) The commissioner of administration must
 6.21 consider the recommendations of the
 6.22 Minnesota Public Television Association
 6.23 before allocating the amounts appropriated in
 6.24 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or
 6.25 matching grants.

6.26 **Public Radio.** (a) \$492,000 each year is for
 6.27 community service grants to public
 6.28 educational radio stations. This appropriation
 6.29 may be used to disseminate emergency
 6.30 information in foreign languages.

6.31 (b) \$142,000 each year is for equipment grants
 6.32 to public educational radio stations. This
 6.33 appropriation may be used for the repair,

7.1 rental, and purchase of equipment including
 7.2 equipment under \$500.

7.3 (c) \$510,000 each year is for equipment grants
 7.4 to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc., including
 7.5 upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency Alert and
 7.6 AMBER Alert Systems.

7.7 (d) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c)
 7.8 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by
 7.9 an institution or governing body.

7.10 (e) The commissioner of administration must
 7.11 consider the recommendations of the
 7.12 Association of Minnesota Public Educational
 7.13 Radio Stations before awarding grants under
 7.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14, using
 7.15 the appropriations in paragraphs (a) and (b).
 7.16 No grantee is eligible for a grant unless they
 7.17 are a member of the Association of Minnesota
 7.18 Public Educational Radio Stations on or before
 7.19 July 1, 2021.

7.20 (f) Any unencumbered balance remaining the
 7.21 first year for grants to public television or
 7.22 public radio stations does not cancel and is
 7.23 available for the second year.

7.24 **Sec. 12. CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL**
 7.25 **AND PLANNING BOARD** \$ 386,000 \$ 365,000

7.26 **Sec. 13. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**
 7.27 **BUDGET** \$ 29,270,000 \$ 29,691,000

7.28 **Sec. 14. REVENUE**

7.29 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 174,601,000 \$ 177,523,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
7.31 <u>General</u>	<u>170,387,000</u>	<u>173,309,000</u>
7.32 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>

8.1	<u>Highway User Tax</u>			
8.2	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	
8.3	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>259,000</u>	<u>259,000</u>	
8.4	<u>Subd. 2. Tax System Management</u>		<u>144,728,000</u>	<u>147,133,000</u>
8.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
8.6		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
8.7	<u>General</u>	<u>140,514,000</u>	<u>142,919,000</u>	
8.8	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	
8.9	<u>Highway User Tax</u>			
8.10	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	
8.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>259,000</u>	<u>259,000</u>	
8.12	<u>Taxpayer Assistance.</u> (a) <u>\$700,000 the first</u>			
8.13	<u>year and \$750,000 the second year are for the</u>			
8.14	<u>commissioner of revenue to make grants to</u>			
8.15	<u>one or more eligible organizations, qualifying</u>			
8.16	<u>under section 7526A(e)(2)(B) of the Internal</u>			
8.17	<u>Revenue Code of 1986, to coordinate,</u>			
8.18	<u>facilitate, encourage, and aid in the provision</u>			
8.19	<u>of taxpayer assistance services. The</u>			
8.20	<u>unencumbered balance in the first year does</u>			
8.21	<u>not cancel but is available for the second year.</u>			
8.22	<u>(b) For purposes of this section, "taxpayer</u>			
8.23	<u>assistance services" means accounting and tax</u>			
8.24	<u>preparation services provided by volunteers</u>			
8.25	<u>to low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged</u>			
8.26	<u>Minnesota residents to help them file federal</u>			
8.27	<u>and state income tax returns and Minnesota</u>			
8.28	<u>property tax refund claims and to provide</u>			
8.29	<u>personal representation before the Department</u>			
8.30	<u>of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service.</u>			
8.31	<u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u>		<u>29,873,000</u>	<u>30,390,000</u>
8.32	<u>Sec. 15. GAMBLING CONTROL</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,728,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,123,000</u>
8.33	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>			
8.34	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>			
8.35	<u>revenue fund. The base for this appropriation</u>			

10.1	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Programs</u>		<u>23,397,000</u>	<u>23,597,000</u>
10.2	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
10.3	<u>138.668, the Minnesota Historical Society may</u>			
10.4	<u>not charge a fee for its general tours at the</u>			
10.5	<u>Capitol, but may charge fees for special</u>			
10.6	<u>programs other than general tours.</u>			
10.7	<u>Subd. 3. Fiscal Agent</u>			
10.8	<u>(a) Global Minnesota</u>		<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>
10.9	<u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u>		<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
10.10	<u>(c) Hockey Hall of Fame</u>		<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
10.11	<u>(d) Farmamerica</u>		<u>365,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
10.12	<u>\$250,000 the first year is for site</u>			
10.13	<u>improvements, including classroom, upgrades,</u>			
10.14	<u>visitor center remodeling, and expanded</u>			
10.15	<u>agricultural literacy programming.</u>			
10.16	<u>(e) Minnesota Military Museum</u>		<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
10.17	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
10.18	<u>subdivision the first year does not cancel but</u>			
10.19	<u>is available for the second year of the</u>			
10.20	<u>biennium.</u>			
10.21	<u>Sec. 24. BOARD OF THE ARTS</u>			
10.22	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>7,541,000</u>	\$ <u>7,541,000</u>
10.23	<u>The base for this appropriation in fiscal year</u>			
10.24	<u>2024 and each year thereafter is \$7,561,000.</u>			
10.25	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
10.26	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
10.27	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
10.28	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Services</u>		<u>602,000</u>	<u>602,000</u>
10.29	<u>The base for this appropriation in fiscal year</u>			
10.30	<u>2024 and each year thereafter is \$622,000.</u>			
10.31	<u>Subd. 3. Grants Program</u>		<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>

11.1	<u>Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils</u>		<u>2,139,000</u>	<u>2,139,000</u>
11.2	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
11.3	<u>section the first year does not cancel, but is</u>			
11.4	<u>available for the second year.</u>			
11.5	<u>Money appropriated in this section and</u>			
11.6	<u>distributed as grants may only be spent on</u>			
11.7	<u>projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of</u>			
11.8	<u>a grant funded by an appropriation in this</u>			
11.9	<u>section must not use more than ten percent of</u>			
11.10	<u>the total grant for costs related to travel outside</u>			
11.11	<u>the state of Minnesota.</u>			
11.12	<u>Sec. 25. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES</u>			
11.13	<u>CENTER</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.14	<u>\$325,000 each year is for grants under</u>			
11.15	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912. No more</u>			
11.16	<u>than three percent of the appropriation may</u>			
11.17	<u>be used for the nonprofit administration of the</u>			
11.18	<u>program.</u>			
11.19	<u>Sec. 26. BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>688,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.20	<u>Sec. 27. BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE</u>			
11.21	<u>ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,</u>			
11.22	<u>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,</u>			
11.23	<u>GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>863,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.24	<u>Sec. 28. BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST</u>			
11.25	<u>EXAMINERS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,923,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.26	<u>Sec. 29. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>348,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.27	<u>Sec. 30. GENERAL CONTINGENT</u>			
11.28	<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
11.29	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
11.30		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
11.31	<u>General</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
11.32	<u>State Government</u>			
11.33	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	
11.34	<u>Workers'</u>			
11.35	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	

12.1 (a) The appropriations in this section may only
 12.2 be spent with the approval of the governor
 12.3 after consultation with the Legislative
 12.4 Advisory Commission pursuant to Minnesota
 12.5 Statutes, section 3.30.

12.6 (b) If an appropriation in this section for either
 12.7 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
 12.8 other year is available for it.

12.9 (c) If a contingent account appropriation is
 12.10 made in one fiscal year, it should be
 12.11 considered a biennial appropriation.

12.12 **Sec. 31. TORT CLAIMS** **\$ 161,000 \$ 161,000**

12.13 These appropriations are to be spent by the
 12.14 commissioner of management and budget
 12.15 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.16 3.736, subdivision 7. If the appropriation for
 12.17 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
 12.18 for the other year is available for it.

12.19 **Sec. 32. MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT**
 12.20 **SYSTEM**

12.21 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 14,886,000 \$ 14,878,000**

12.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
 12.23 purpose are specified in the following
 12.24 subdivisions.

12.25 **Subd. 2. Combined Legislators and**
 12.26 **Constitutional Officers Retirement Plan** **8,886,000 8,878,000**

12.27 Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,
 12.28 subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;
 12.29 and 3A.115.

12.30 If an appropriation in this section for either
 12.31 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the
 12.32 other year is available for it.

13.1	<u>Subd. 3. Judges Retirement Plan</u>		<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
13.2	<u>For transfer to the judges retirement fund</u>			
13.3	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123.</u>			
13.4	<u>This transfer continues each fiscal year until</u>			
13.5	<u>the judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent</u>			
13.6	<u>funding as determined by an actuarial</u>			
13.7	<u>valuation prepared according to Minnesota</u>			
13.8	<u>Statutes, section 356.214.</u>			
13.9	<u>Sec. 33. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT</u>			
13.10	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>25,000,000</u>
13.11	<u>(a) \$9,000,000 in each year is for direct state</u>			
13.12	<u>aid to the public employees police and fire</u>			
13.13	<u>retirement plan authorized under Minnesota</u>			
13.14	<u>Statutes, section 353.65, subdivision 3b.</u>			
13.15	<u>(b) State payments from the general fund to</u>			
13.16	<u>the Public Employees Retirement Association</u>			
13.17	<u>on behalf of the former MERF division</u>			
13.18	<u>account are \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>			
13.19	<u>2021, and \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>			
13.20	<u>2022. These amounts are estimated to be</u>			
13.21	<u>needed under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
13.22	<u>353.505.</u>			
13.23	<u>Sec. 34. TEACHERS RETIREMENT</u>			
13.24	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>29,831,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>29,831,000</u>
13.25	<u>The amounts estimated to be needed are as</u>			
13.26	<u>follows:</u>			
13.27	<u>Special Direct State Aid.</u> <u>\$27,331,000 each</u>			
13.28	<u>year is for special direct state aid authorized</u>			
13.29	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.436.</u>			
13.30	<u>Special Direct State Matching Aid.</u>			
13.31	<u>\$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state</u>			
13.32	<u>matching aid authorized under Minnesota</u>			
13.33	<u>Statutes, section 354.435.</u>			

14.1 **Sec. 35. ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT**14.2 **FUND** \$ **14,827,000** \$ **14,827,000**

14.3 The amounts estimated to be needed for
 14.4 special direct state aid to the first class city
 14.5 teachers retirement fund association authorized
 14.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,
 14.7 subdivisions 3a and 3c.

14.8 **Sec. 36. MILITARY AFFAIRS**14.9 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **24,393,000** \$ **24,589,000**

14.10 The amounts that may be spent for each
 14.11 purpose are specified in the following
 14.12 subdivisions.

14.13 **Subd. 2. Maintenance of Training Facilities** 9,772,000 9,842,00014.14 **Subd. 3. General Support** 3,507,000 3,633,00014.15 **Subd. 4. Enlistment Incentives** 11,114,000 11,114,000

14.16 The appropriations in this subdivision are
 14.17 available until June 30, 2025, except that any
 14.18 unspent amounts allocated to a program
 14.19 otherwise supported by this appropriation are
 14.20 canceled to the general fund upon receipt of
 14.21 federal funds in the same amount to support
 14.22 administration of that program.

14.23 If the amount for fiscal year 2022 is
 14.24 insufficient, the amount for 2023 is available
 14.25 in fiscal year 2022.

14.26 **Sec. 37. VETERANS AFFAIRS**14.27 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **89,530,000** \$ **93,186,000**

14.28 The amounts that may be spent for each
 14.29 purpose are specified in the following
 14.30 subdivisions. The base for this appropriation
 14.31 in fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is
 14.32 \$90,185,000.

- 15.1 Subd. 2. **Veterans Programs and Services** 27,073,000 22,153,000
- 15.2 (a) **CORE Program.** \$750,000 each year is
- 15.3 for the Counseling and Case Management
- 15.4 Outreach Referral and Education (CORE)
- 15.5 program.
- 15.6 (b) **Veterans Service Organizations.**
- 15.7 \$353,000 each year is for grants to the
- 15.8 following congressionally chartered veterans
- 15.9 service organizations as designated by the
- 15.10 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,
- 15.11 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
- 15.12 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
- 15.13 Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVETS, and
- 15.14 Paralyzed Veterans of America. This funding
- 15.15 must be allocated in direct proportion to the
- 15.16 funding currently being provided by the
- 15.17 commissioner to these organizations.
- 15.18 (c) **Minnesota Assistance Council for**
- 15.19 **Veterans.** \$750,000 each year is for a grant
- 15.20 to the Minnesota Assistance Council for
- 15.21 Veterans to provide assistance throughout
- 15.22 Minnesota to veterans and their families who
- 15.23 are homeless or in danger of homelessness,
- 15.24 including assistance with the following:
- 15.25 (1) utilities;
- 15.26 (2) employment; and
- 15.27 (3) legal issues.
- 15.28 The assistance authorized under this paragraph
- 15.29 must be made only to veterans who have
- 15.30 resided in Minnesota for 30 days prior to
- 15.31 application for assistance and according to
- 15.32 other guidelines established by the
- 15.33 commissioner. In order to avoid duplication
- 15.34 of services, the commissioner must ensure that

- 16.1 this assistance is coordinated with all other
16.2 available programs for veterans.
- 16.3 **(d) State's Veterans Cemeteries. \$6,172,000**
16.4 the first year and \$1,672,000 the second year
16.5 are for the state's veterans cemeteries. Of these
16.6 amounts, \$4,500,000 the first year is to
16.7 construct and equip the new veterans cemetery
16.8 in Redwood Falls.
- 16.9 **(e) Honor Guards. \$200,000 each year is for**
16.10 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
16.11 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
16.12 197.231.
- 16.13 **(f) Minnesota GI Bill. \$200,000 each year is**
16.14 for the costs of administering the Minnesota
16.15 GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits,
16.16 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
16.17 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
16.18 197.791.
- 16.19 **(g) Gold Star Program. \$100,000 each year**
16.20 is for administering the Gold Star Program for
16.21 surviving family members of deceased
16.22 veterans.
- 16.23 **(h) County Veterans Service Office.**
16.24 \$1,100,000 each year is for funding the
16.25 County Veterans Service Office grant program
16.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.608.
- 16.27 **(i) Veteran Homelessness Initiative.**
16.28 \$3,165,000 each year is for an initiative to
16.29 prevent and end veteran homelessness. The
16.30 commissioner of veterans affairs may provide
16.31 housing vouchers and other services to
16.32 alleviate homelessness among veterans and
16.33 former service members in Minnesota. The
16.34 commissioner may contract for program

17.1 administration and may establish a vacancy
17.2 reserve fund. The base for this appropriation
17.3 in fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is
17.4 \$1,311,000.

17.5 (j) **Camp Bliss.** \$75,000 each year is for a
17.6 grant to Independent Lifestyles, Inc. for
17.7 expenses related to retreats for veterans at
17.8 Camp Bliss in Walker, Minnesota, including
17.9 therapy, transportation, and activities
17.10 customized for veterans.

17.11 (k) **Veterans On The Lake.** \$50,000 in the
17.12 first year is for a grant to Veterans on the Lake
17.13 for expenses related to retreats for veterans,
17.14 including therapy, transportation, and activities
17.15 customized for veterans.

17.16 (l) **Veterans Resilience Project.** \$400,000
17.17 each year is for a grant to the veterans
17.18 resilience project. Grant funds must be used
17.19 to make eye movement desensitization and
17.20 reprocessing therapy available to veterans and
17.21 current military service members who are
17.22 suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder
17.23 and trauma. The base for this appropriation in
17.24 fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is
17.25 \$200,000.

17.26 The veterans resilience project must report to
17.27 the commissioner of veterans affairs and the
17.28 chairs and ranking minority members of the
17.29 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
17.30 veterans affairs policy and finance by January
17.31 15 of each year on the program. The report
17.32 must include an overview of the program's
17.33 budget, a detailed explanation of program
17.34 expenditures, the number of veterans and
17.35 service members served by the program, and

18.1 a list and explanation of the services provided
 18.2 to program participants.

18.3 (m) 9/11 Task Force. \$500,000 the first year
 18.4 is for the Advisory Task Force on 9/11 and
 18.5 Global War on Terrorism Remembrance. The
 18.6 task force must collect, memorialize, and
 18.7 publish stories of Minnesotans' service in the
 18.8 Global War on Terrorism and impacts on their
 18.9 dependents. The task force must host a
 18.10 remembrance program in September 2021.
 18.11 This is a onetime appropriation.

18.12 Subd. 3. Veterans Health Care 62,457,000 71,033,000

18.13 The base for this appropriation in fiscal year
 18.14 2024 and each year thereafter is \$70,086,000.

18.15 (a) \$61,457,000 the first year and \$70,383,000
 18.16 the second year may be transferred to a
 18.17 veterans homes special revenue account in the
 18.18 special revenue fund in the same manner as
 18.19 other receipts are deposited according to
 18.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 198.34, and are
 18.21 appropriated to the commissioner of veterans
 18.22 affairs for the operation of veterans homes
 18.23 facilities and programs. The base for this
 18.24 transfer in fiscal year 2024 and each year
 18.25 thereafter is \$69,536,000.

18.26 Of the amounts transferred under this
 18.27 paragraph, \$337,000 the first year and
 18.28 \$8,347,000 the second year are for the
 18.29 operation of the new veterans homes in
 18.30 Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston.

18.31 The department shall seek opportunities to
 18.32 maximize federal reimbursements of
 18.33 Medicare-eligible expenses and provide annual
 18.34 reports to the commissioner of management

19.1 and budget on the federal Medicare
 19.2 reimbursements received. Contingent upon
 19.3 future federal Medicare receipts, reductions
 19.4 to the homes' general fund appropriation may
 19.5 be made.

19.6 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
 19.7 second year are to address the problem of
 19.8 death by suicide among veterans in Minnesota.
 19.9 The commissioner of veterans affairs may use
 19.10 funds for personnel, training, research,
 19.11 marketing, and professional or technical
 19.12 contracts. The base for this appropriation in
 19.13 fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is
 19.14 \$550,000.

19.15 **Sec. 38. CANCELLATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

19.16 (a) \$379,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First
 19.17 Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 10, is canceled.

19.18 (b) \$300,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First
 19.19 Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 11, subdivision 1, is canceled. This amount is
 19.20 from the fiscal year 2021 appropriation for government and citizen services.

19.21 (c) \$1,367,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First
 19.22 Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 13, is canceled.

19.23 (d) \$8,274,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First
 19.24 Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 14, subdivision 1, is canceled. Of this amount,
 19.25 \$7,305,000 is from the fiscal year 2021 appropriation for tax system management and
 19.26 \$969,000 is from the fiscal year 2021 appropriation for debt collection management.

19.27 (e) \$86,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for moving and relocation
 19.28 expenses under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 24, subdivision
 19.29 2, as amended by Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 2, section 4, is canceled.

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

20.1 **Sec. 39. CANCELLATIONS; ITA ACCOUNT.**

20.2 (a) \$179,000 from the information and telecommunications technology systems and
 20.3 services account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.21, is canceled to the
 20.4 general fund.

20.5 (b) \$14,000 from the information and telecommunications technology systems and
 20.6 services account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.21, is canceled to the
 20.7 workers' compensation fund.

20.8 (c) \$5,000 from the information and telecommunications technology systems and services
 20.9 account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.21, is canceled to the state
 20.10 government special revenue fund.

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

20.12 **Sec. 40. CANCELLATION; DATA SECURITY ACCOUNT.**

20.13 On July 1, 2023, \$1,200,000 from the data security account established under Minnesota
 20.14 Statutes, section 3.9741, subdivision 5, is canceled to the general fund.

20.15 **Sec. 41. HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT ACCOUNT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
 20.16 **GRANTS.**

20.17 \$3,000,000 of the total amount appropriated to the secretary of state by Laws 2019, First
 20.18 Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 40, and Laws 2020, chapter 77, section 3, must
 20.19 be distributed as grants to political subdivisions for activities authorized by those laws.

20.20 **Sec. 42.** Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 40, is amended to
 20.21 read:

20.22 **Sec. 40. HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS;**
 20.23 **SECRETARY OF STATE.**

20.24 (a) \$6,595,610 is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the HAVA account established
 20.25 in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, to the secretary of state for the purposes of improving
 20.26 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law. Use of the
 20.27 appropriation is limited to the following activities:

20.28 (1) modernizing, securing, and updating the statewide voter registration system and for
 20.29 cybersecurity upgrades as authorized by federal law;

20.30 (2) improving accessibility;

21.1 (3) preparing training materials and training local election officials; and

21.2 (4) implementing security improvements for election systems.

21.3 (b) Any amount earned in interest on the amount appropriated under paragraph (a) is
21.4 appropriated from the HAVA account to the secretary of state for purposes of improving
21.5 the administration and security of elections as authorized by federal law.

21.6 (c) The appropriations under paragraphs (a) and (b) are onetime and available until
21.7 March 23, ~~2023~~ 2027.

21.8 (d) \$167,000 expended by the secretary of state in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for
21.9 increasing secure access to the statewide voter registration system is deemed:

21.10 (1) to be money used for carrying out the purposes authorized under the Omnibus
21.11 Appropriations Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002,
21.12 Public Law 107-252, section 101; and

21.13 (2) to be credited toward any match required by those laws.

21.14 Sec. 43. Laws 2020, chapter 77, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

21.15 Subd. 6. **Availability of appropriations.** The appropriations provided in this section
21.16 are onetime and available until December 21, ~~2024~~ 2028.

21.17 ARTICLE 2

21.18 STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

21.19 Section 1. **[3.888] LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CYBERSECURITY.**

21.20 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity consists
21.21 of the following eight members:

21.22 (1) four senators, including two senators appointed by the senate majority leader and
21.23 two senators appointed by the senate minority leader; and

21.24 (2) four members of the house of representatives, including two members appointed by
21.25 the speaker of the house and two members appointed by the minority leader of the house.

21.26 Subd. 2. **Terms; vacancies.** Members of the commission serve for a two-year term
21.27 beginning on appointment and expiring on appointment of a successor after the opening of
21.28 the next regular session of the legislature in the odd-numbered year. A vacancy in the
21.29 membership of the commission must be filled for the unexpired term in a manner that will
21.30 preserve the representation established by this section.

22.1 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The commission shall provide oversight of the state's cybersecurity
 22.2 measures. The commission shall review the policies and practices of state agencies with
 22.3 regard to cybersecurity and may recommend changes in policy to adequately protect the
 22.4 state from cybersecurity threats. The commission may develop recommendations and draft
 22.5 legislation to support and strengthen the state's cybersecurity infrastructure.

22.6 Subd. 4. **Chair.** The commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of members
 22.7 present. If the commission is unable to elect a chair by a majority vote at its first meeting
 22.8 of a biennium, the ranking member of the majority party shall serve as chair. The officers
 22.9 shall alternate between a member of the senate and a member of the house of representatives.
 22.10 A chair shall serve a two-year term expiring upon election of a new chair after the opening
 22.11 of the next regular session of the legislature in the odd-numbered year.

22.12 Subd. 5. **Meetings.** The commission must meet at least three times per calendar year.
 22.13 The meetings of the commission are subject to section 3.055, except that the commission
 22.14 may close a meeting when necessary to safeguard the state's cybersecurity. The minutes,
 22.15 recordings, and documents from a closed meeting under this subdivision shall be maintained
 22.16 by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and shall not be made available to the public
 22.17 until eight years after the date of the meeting.

22.18 Subd. 6. **Administration.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide
 22.19 administrative services for the commission.

22.20 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The commission expires December 31, 2028.

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

22.22 Sec. 2. **[10.551] INDIA DAY.**

22.23 (a) August 15 of each year is designated India Day to commemorate and celebrate the
 22.24 diverse culture, heritage, traditions, and contributions of Minnesotans of Indian ancestry.

22.25 (b) The diverse culture, traditions, and values of this community have contributed to the
 22.26 vitality of Minnesota. Each year, the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring the
 22.27 observance of India Day and shall encourage Minnesotans to take the opportunity to learn
 22.28 about and appreciate the community and its contributions.

22.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 14.389, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

22.30 Subd. 5. **Option.** A law authorizing or requiring rules to be adopted under this section
 22.31 may refer specifically to this subdivision. If the law contains a specific reference to this
 22.32 subdivision, as opposed to a general reference to this section:

23.1 (1) the notice required in subdivision 2 must include a statement that a public hearing
 23.2 will be held if ~~100~~ 50 or more people request a hearing. The request must be in the manner
 23.3 specified in section 14.25; and

23.4 (2) if ~~100~~ 50 or more people submit a written request for a public hearing, the agency
 23.5 may adopt the rule only after complying with all of the requirements of chapter 14 for rules
 23.6 adopted after a public hearing.

23.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, and applies to rules proposed
 23.8 on or after that date.

23.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16A.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 23.10 read:

23.11 **Subd. 12. Audit of state's use of federal funds.** The commissioner shall contract with
 23.12 a qualified auditor to conduct the annual audit required by the Single Audit Act of 1984,
 23.13 Public Law 98-502; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Public Law 104-156; and
 23.14 Code of Federal Regulations, title 2, part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost
 23.15 Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). The cost of
 23.16 the audit shall be billed to the agencies audited during the subsequent fiscal year. Amounts
 23.17 paid by state agencies shall be deposited in the general fund.

23.18 Sec. 5. **[16A.401] VIRTUAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED.**

23.19 **Subdivision 1. Virtual payments.** The commissioner may establish a program to issue
 23.20 virtual payments from the state treasury. Any rebate to the state generated by the program
 23.21 must be deposited in the general fund unless retained under subdivision 3.

23.22 **Subd. 2. Rebates.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, rebates attributable to expenditures
 23.23 in funds established in the state constitution or protected by federal law must be returned
 23.24 to the account from which the expenditure originated.

23.25 **Subd. 3. Rebates retained.** The commissioner may retain a portion of rebates for the
 23.26 administration of this section. Money retained under this subdivision must be deposited in
 23.27 an account in the special revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner for the
 23.28 purposes of this section.

24.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to
24.2 read:

24.3 Subd. 13. **Electric vehicle charging.** The commissioner shall require that a user of a
24.4 charging station located on the State Capitol complex used to charge a private electric
24.5 vehicle pay an electric service fee. The commissioner shall set the electric service fee rate
24.6 to cover electricity costs for charging an electric vehicle and for the administrative costs
24.7 associated with providing electric charging stations.

24.8 Sec. 7. **[43A.231] PROCUREMENT OF A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER**
24.9 **AND A PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY VENDOR.**

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

24.12 (b) "Market check" means a technology-driven evaluation of prescription drug pricing
24.13 based on benchmarks derived from reverse auction processes conducted in the United States
24.14 over the immediately preceding 12 months.

24.15 (c) "Pharmacy benefit management services" means:

24.16 (1) the procurement of prescription drugs at a negotiated rate for dispensation within
24.17 the State Employees Group Insurance Program (SEGIP) to enrollees;

24.18 (2) the administration and management of the prescription drug benefit under SEGIP;
24.19 and

24.20 (3) any services defined in section 62W.02, subdivisions 8, 12, and 15, paragraph (a).

24.21 (d) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning given in section 62W.02, subdivision
24.22 15, paragraph (a).

24.23 (e) "Price" means the projected cost of a bid for providing pharmacy benefit management
24.24 services over the duration of the contract.

24.25 (f) "Reverse auction" means an automated bidding process conducted online that starts
24.26 with an opening price and allows qualified bidders to counteroffer a lower price for multiple
24.27 rounds of bidding.

24.28 (g) "SEGIP" means the State Employees Group Insurance Program under sections 43A.22
24.29 to 43A.31.

24.30 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to optimize prescription drug savings
24.31 in SEGIP through:

25.1 (1) contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager to manage and administer the
25.2 prescription drug benefit for SEGIP;

25.3 (2) the adoption of a reverse auction process for the selection of a pharmacy benefit
25.4 manager;

25.5 (3) providing a process for the electronic review and validation of pharmacy benefit
25.6 manager claims invoices for the purpose of reconciling pharmacy bills;

25.7 (4) market checks of the pharmacy benefit manager's prescription drug pricing; and

25.8 (5) limiting independent pharmacies from unsustainable reimbursement practices.

25.9 Subd. 3. **Procurement of a pharmacy benefit manager.** (a) Notwithstanding any law
25.10 to the contrary, the commissioner of management and budget shall procure a contract for
25.11 the services of a pharmacy benefit manager to administer the prescription drug benefit and
25.12 pharmacy benefit management services, effective January 1, 2023.

25.13 (b) For the contract effective January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall conduct a reverse
25.14 auction as described in this section to select the pharmacy benefit manager and use a reverse
25.15 auction for procurement of subsequent pharmacy benefit manager contracts as provided in
25.16 subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

25.17 (c) In consultation with the technology platform vendor selected under subdivision 4,
25.18 the commissioner shall specify the terms of a participant bidding agreement that all bidders
25.19 must accept as a prerequisite for participation in the reverse auction process, including:

25.20 (1) common definitions;

25.21 (2) prescription drug classifications;

25.22 (3) retail pricing rules, including maximum allowable cost price lists and dispensing
25.23 fees; and

25.24 (4) any other contract terms the commissioner deems necessary to further the purpose
25.25 of this section as specified under subdivision 2.

25.26 (d) A pharmacy benefit manager who submits a bid under this subdivision must provide
25.27 the commissioner access to complete pharmacy claims data necessary for the commissioner
25.28 to conduct the reverse auction and to carry out administrative and management duties.

25.29 (e) The terms of a contract entered into under this subdivision shall not be modified by
25.30 the pharmacy benefit manager except with the approval of the commissioner.

26.1 (f) The commissioner may structure the contract awarded under this subdivision to pay
26.2 the cost of the technology platform and the associated professional services contracted for
26.3 under this subdivision by assessing a fee per prescription to be paid directly by the pharmacy
26.4 benefit manager to the technology platform vendor.

26.5 (g) The commissioner must perform annual market checks on pharmacy benefit manager
26.6 services performed by the pharmacy benefit manager during the term of the contract. A
26.7 market check performed under this paragraph may include an evaluation of the effect of
26.8 alternative drug pricing metrics, such as the national average drug acquisition cost and
26.9 average wholesale price, on the cost of prescription drugs and savings to the state.

26.10 (h) The commissioner shall make regular, periodic payment of invoices within the time
26.11 periods specified in the contract based on the automated adjudication of invoiced claims
26.12 using the technology platform to validate that claims payments comply with the terms of
26.13 the contract.

26.14 (i) The joint labor-management committee on health plans shall assist in the process
26.15 through which the commissioner conducts the reverse auction, evaluation, and comparison
26.16 of the competing pharmacy benefit manager bids for award of the contract.

26.17 Subd. 4. **Technology platform.** (a) At least three months before the reverse auction
26.18 process is scheduled to be completed, the commissioner shall procure through a competitive
26.19 bidding process a contract with a professional services vendor for a technology platform
26.20 and any associated professional services necessary to operate the platform to:

26.21 (1) evaluate the qualifications of prospective pharmacy benefit manager bidders for the
26.22 pharmacy benefit manager procurement;

26.23 (2) automatically adjudicate prescription drug claims; and

26.24 (3) collect data on pharmacy reimbursement.

26.25 (b) The platform procured under paragraph (a) must have the following capabilities to
26.26 ensure optimal performance of the reverse auction and security of data:

26.27 (1) host and conduct an online automated reverse auction:

26.28 (i) using a software application and high-performance data infrastructure to intake,
26.29 cleanse, and normalize pharmacy benefit manager data; and

26.30 (ii) with development methods and information security standards that have been validated
26.31 by receiving Service Organization Control 2 (SOC 2) and National Institute of Standards
26.32 and Technology certification;

27.1 (2) automate repricing of diverse and complex pharmacy benefit manager prescription
27.2 drug pricing proposals to enable direct comparisons of the price of bids using all annual
27.3 claims data available for the program using code-based classification or prescription drugs
27.4 from nationally accepted drug sources;

27.5 (3) simultaneously evaluate, within six hours, diverse and complex multiple proposals
27.6 from full-service pharmacy benefit managers that shall include at least guaranteed net cost,
27.7 Average Wholesale Price and National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) pricing
27.8 models, as well as proposals from pharmacy benefit administrators and specialty drug and
27.9 rebate carve-out services providers;

27.10 (4) produce an automated report and analysis of bids, including ranking of bids on the
27.11 comparative costs and qualitative aspects of the costs within six hours after the close of
27.12 each round of reverse auction bidding; and

27.13 (5) after the close of the reverse auction process, perform an electronic, line-by-line,
27.14 claim-by-claim review of all invoiced pharmacy benefit manager claims within six hours
27.15 of receipt that allows for an online comparison of pharmacy benefit manager invoices and
27.16 identifies all deviations from the specific terms of the services contract resulting from the
27.17 reverse auction.

27.18 (c) The commissioner may require additional capabilities or more rigorous standards
27.19 than those specified in paragraph (b).

27.20 (d) The commissioner shall not award the platform technology vendor contract under
27.21 this subdivision to:

27.22 (1) a pharmacy benefit manager;

27.23 (2) a subsidiary or affiliate of a pharmacy benefit manager; or

27.24 (3) a vendor who is managed by a pharmacy benefit manager or who receives, directly
27.25 or indirectly, remuneration from a pharmacy benefit manager for aggregating clients into
27.26 a contractual relationship with a pharmacy benefit manager.

27.27 (e) The vendor who is awarded the contract under this subdivision must not subcontract
27.28 any part of the reverse auction process or the review described under paragraph (b), clause
27.29 (5).

27.30 **Subd. 5. Report; savings determination; process for selecting successor pharmacy**
27.31 **benefit manager.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget, with the assistance of
27.32 an actuarial consultant, shall compare the following: (1) actual, electronically adjudicated
27.33 prescription drug costs under the first two years of the contract that begins on January 1,

28.1 2023, with a pharmacy benefit manager that was selected by the reverse auction; and (2) a
28.2 projection of what prescription drug costs would have been for those same two years under
28.3 the pharmacy benefit manager contract in effect from 2018 to 2022, with appropriate
28.4 adjustment for any adopted formulary or beneficiary utilization changes. The projection
28.5 must use industry-recognized data sources. The commissioner of management and budget
28.6 shall report the results of the comparison to the legislative auditor and to the chairs and
28.7 ranking minority members of the committees in the senate and house of representatives
28.8 with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy by March 1, 2025.

28.9 (b) The commissioner of management and budget must require the actuarial consultant
28.10 to take appropriate measures to ensure that the consultant's work is not compromised by a
28.11 conflict of interest.

28.12 (c) By April 1, 2025, the legislative auditor shall provide a report to the commissioner
28.13 of management and budget and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees
28.14 in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government finance
28.15 and policy. The legislative auditor's report must make a determination as to whether the
28.16 commissioner's report accurately performs the comparison required under paragraph (a).

28.17 (d) The technology platform vendor shall provide to the commissioner of management
28.18 and budget and to the legislative auditor the electronically adjudicated prescription drug
28.19 data and any other support or assistance required by the commissioner of management and
28.20 budget to prepare a report and for the legislative auditor to validate the accuracy of the
28.21 commissioner's results of the comparison, by deadlines established by the commissioner of
28.22 management and budget and the legislative auditor. Individual-identifying data received
28.23 from the technology platform vendor is private data on individuals, as defined by section
28.24 13.02, subdivision 12.

28.25 (e) If the commissioner of management and budget determines that savings on
28.26 prescription drug costs were not achieved, based on the comparison required under paragraph
28.27 (a), with appropriate adjustment for any adopted formulary or beneficiary utilization changes,
28.28 the commissioner may forego the use of a reverse auction for procurement of a successor
28.29 pharmacy benefit manager contract. If the commissioner of management and budget
28.30 determines that savings have been achieved, the commissioner must select the successor
28.31 pharmacy benefit manager contract using the reverse auction process described in this
28.32 section. If the commissioner's comparison in paragraph (a) finds that savings are not achieved,
28.33 the commissioner's report under paragraph (a) must include the commissioner's findings
28.34 that support a determination that savings were not achieved, analysis of the factors that

29.1 caused a failure to achieve savings, and recommendations for how savings could be achieved
 29.2 in the next contract with a pharmacy benefit manager.

29.3 Subd. 6. **Data protections.** The commissioner of management and budget may only
 29.4 enter into an agreement with a technology platform vendor if the agreement provides privacy
 29.5 protections for data collected and maintained by the technology platform vendor, including:

29.6 (1) procedures for the prevention of unauthorized access or use;

29.7 (2) a prohibition on the sale of data collected and maintained as provided in the
 29.8 agreement; and

29.9 (3) a prohibition on dissemination of data unless authorized by state or federal law or
 29.10 the agreement.

29.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.38, is amended to read:

29.12 **138.38 REPORTS OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST.**

29.13 The state archaeologist shall consult with and keep the Indian Affairs Council ~~and~~, the
 29.14 director of the historical society, and the State Historic Preservation Office informed as to
 29.15 significant field archaeology, projected or in progress, and as to significant discoveries
 29.16 made. Annually, and also upon leaving office, the state archaeologist shall file with the
 29.17 commissioner a full report of the office's activities including a summary of the activities of
 29.18 licensees, from the date of the last full report of the state archaeologist. Copies of the report
 29.19 must be sent upon completion to the Minnesota Historical Society ~~and~~, the Indian Affairs
 29.20 Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office, and made available to other interested
 29.21 parties.

29.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 155A.23, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

29.23 Subd. 16. **School manager.** A "school manager" is ~~a cosmetologist who is a salon~~
 29.24 ~~manager and~~ who has a school manager license. A school manager must maintain an active
 29.25 salon manager's license.

29.26 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.01, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

29.27 Subd. 18. **Racing meeting.** "Racing meeting" is a series of days in which racing days
 29.28 are not separated by more than five nonracing days unless approved in advance by the
 29.29 commission.

30.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 7. **License suspension and revocation.** The commission:

30.3 (1) may revoke a class A license for (i) a violation of law, order, or rule which in the
30.4 commission's opinion adversely affects the integrity of horse racing in Minnesota, or for
30.5 an intentional false statement made in a license application, or (ii) a willful failure to pay
30.6 any money required to be paid by Laws 1983, chapter 214;

30.7 (2) may revoke a class A license for failure to perform material covenants or
30.8 representations made in a license application; and

30.9 (3) shall revoke a class A license if live racing has not been conducted on at least 50
30.10 racing days assigned by the commission during any period of 12 consecutive months, unless
30.11 the commission authorizes a shorter period because of circumstances beyond the licensee's
30.12 control pursuant to section 240.30, subdivision 5.

30.13 The commission may suspend a class A license for up to one year for a violation of law,
30.14 order, or rule which in the commission's opinion adversely affects the integrity of horse
30.15 racing in Minnesota, and may suspend a class A license indefinitely if it determines that
30.16 the licensee has as an officer, director, shareholder, or other person with a direct, indirect,
30.17 or beneficial interest a person who is in the commission's opinion inimical to the integrity
30.18 of horse racing in Minnesota or who cannot be certified under subdivision 1, clause (4).

30.19 A license revocation or suspension under this subdivision is a contested case under
30.20 sections 14.57 to 14.69 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and is in addition to criminal
30.21 penalties imposed for a violation of law or rule.

30.22 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.11, is amended to read:

30.23 **240.11 LICENSES NONTRANSFERABLE.**

30.24 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a license issued under this chapter may not be
30.25 transferred.

30.26 (b) A class A, class B, class C, or class D license to provide advance deposit wagering
30.27 may be transferred with prior approval by the commission.

30.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.131, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

30.29 Subd. 7. **Payments to state.** (a) A regulatory fee is imposed at the rate of two percent
30.30 of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering
30.31 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW

31.1 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month
 31.2 in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the
 31.3 state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special
 31.4 revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the costs incurred by the
 31.5 commission as described in section 240.30, subdivision 9, or the costs associated with
 31.6 regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota.

31.7 (b) A breeders fund fee is imposed in the amount of one-quarter of one percent of all
 31.8 amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering
 31.9 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW
 31.10 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month
 31.11 in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the
 31.12 state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special
 31.13 revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the cost of administering the
 31.14 breeders fund and promote horse breeding in Minnesota.

31.15 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.24, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

31.16 Subd. 2a. **Reimbursement.** Increased expenses related to the use of upgraded drug
 31.17 testing technologies and procedures are deemed to be necessary costs within the meaning
 31.18 of section 240.155 and the commission ~~shall~~ may be reimbursed for these expenses from
 31.19 receipts from card playing activities regulated by the commission.

31.20 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.24, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.21 Subd. 3. **Fees.** The commission shall establish by rule a fee or schedule of fees that may
 31.22 be used to recover the costs of medical testing of horses running at racetracks licensed by
 31.23 the commission. Fees charged for the testing of horses shall cover the cost of the medical
 31.24 testing laboratory. Fee receipts shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the
 31.25 racing reimbursement account.

31.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 240.30, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

31.27 Subd. 5. **Limitation.** (a) The commission shall not authorize a licensee to operate a card
 31.28 club if the licensee has not conducted at least 50 days of live racing at a class A facility
 31.29 within the past 12 months or during the preceding calendar year unless the commission
 31.30 authorizes a shorter period ~~because of~~ as a result of an epidemic, natural disaster, flood,
 31.31 war, or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control that made conducting 50 days of
 31.32 live racing untenable for either public or equine health, welfare, or safety.

32.1 (b) Any authorization by the commission for a shorter period under paragraph (a), must
 32.2 be approved in writing by the horsepersons' organization representing the majority of
 32.3 horsepersons racing the breed racing the majority of races at the licensee's class A facility
 32.4 during the preceding 12 months.

32.5 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 270C.21, is amended to read:

32.6 **270C.21 TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

32.7 Subdivision 1. Taxpayer assistance. When the commissioner awards grants to ~~nonprofit~~
 32.8 eligible organizations to coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and aid in the provision of taxpayer
 32.9 assistance services, the commissioner must provide public notice of the grants in a timely
 32.10 manner so that the grant process is completed and grants are awarded by October 1, in order
 32.11 for recipient eligible organizations to adequately plan expenditures for the filing season. At
 32.12 the time the commissioner provides public notice, the commissioner must also notify
 32.13 ~~nonprofit~~ eligible organizations that received grants in the previous biennium.

32.14 Subd. 2. Eligible organization. "Eligible organization" means an organization that meets
 32.15 the definition of eligible organization provided in section 7526A(e)(2)(B) of the Internal
 32.16 Revenue Code.

32.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for grants awarded after June 30, 2021.

32.18 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

32.19 Subd. 2b. Counties. (a) For aids payable in 2018 and 2019, the total aid payable under
 32.20 section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, is \$103,795,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall be allocated
 32.21 as required under Laws 2014, chapter 150, article 4, section 6. For aids payable in 2020,
 32.22 the total aid payable under section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, is \$116,795,000, of which
 32.23 \$3,000,000 shall be allocated as required under Laws 2014, chapter 150, article 4, section
 32.24 6. For aids payable in 2021 through 2024, the total aid payable under section 477A.0124,
 32.25 subdivision 3, is \$118,795,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall be allocated as required under
 32.26 Laws 2014, chapter 150, article 4, section 6. For aids payable in 2025 and thereafter, the
 32.27 total aid payable under section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, is \$115,795,000. Each calendar
 32.28 year, \$500,000 of this appropriation shall be retained by the commissioner of revenue to
 32.29 make reimbursements to the commissioner of management and budget for payments made
 32.30 under section 611.27. The reimbursements shall be to defray the additional costs associated
 32.31 with court-ordered counsel under section 611.27. Any retained amounts not used for
 32.32 reimbursement in a year shall be included in the next distribution of county need aid that

33.1 is certified to the county auditors for the purpose of property tax reduction for the next taxes
33.2 payable year.

33.3 (b) For aids payable in 2018 and 2019, the total aid under section 477A.0124, subdivision
33.4 4, is \$130,873,444. For aids payable in 2020, the total aid under section 477A.0124,
33.5 subdivision 4, is \$143,873,444. For aids payable in 2021 and thereafter, the total aid under
33.6 section 477A.0124, subdivision 4, is \$145,873,444. The commissioner of revenue shall
33.7 transfer to the ~~commissioner of management and budget~~ Legislative Budget Office \$207,000
33.8 annually for the cost of preparation of local impact notes as required by section 3.987, and
33.9 other local government activities. The commissioner of revenue shall transfer to the
33.10 commissioner of education \$7,000 annually for the cost of preparation of local impact notes
33.11 for school districts as required by section 3.987. The commissioner of revenue shall deduct
33.12 the amounts transferred under this paragraph from the appropriation under this paragraph.
33.13 The amounts transferred are appropriated to the ~~commissioner of management and budget~~
33.14 Legislative Coordinating Commission and the commissioner of education respectively.

33.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 30, 2021.

33.16 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 645.071, is amended to read:

33.17 **645.071 STANDARD OF TIME.**

33.18 Every mention of, or reference to, any hour or time in any law, during any period of the
33.19 year, is to be construed with reference to and in accordance with the ~~standard time or~~
33.20 advanced standard time provided by federal law. No department of the state government
33.21 and no county, city or town shall employ, during any period of the year, any other time, or
33.22 adopt any ordinance or order providing for the use, during any period of the year, of any
33.23 other time than the federal ~~standard time or~~ advanced standard time.

33.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon the first commencement of advanced
33.25 standard time, also known as daylight saving time, following enactment of an amendment
33.26 to United States Code, title 15, section 260a, or another applicable law, which authorizes
33.27 states to observe advanced standard time year-round.

33.28 Sec. 20. **LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR; COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF COVID-19**
33.29 **RESPONSE.**

33.30 The legislative auditor is requested to conduct a special review of the state's response
33.31 to the infectious disease known as COVID-19. If conducted, the review must be designed
33.32 as a comprehensive analysis of all major aspects of the state's response, including programs

35.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 15.057, as amended by Laws 2021, chapter 28,
35.2 section 2, is amended to read:

35.3 **15.057 PUBLICITY REPRESENTATIVES.**

35.4 No state department, bureau, or division, whether the same operates on funds appropriated
35.5 or receipts or fees of any nature whatsoever, except the Department of Veterans Affairs,
35.6 the Department of Transportation, the Department of Employment and Economic
35.7 Development, the Department of Agriculture, the Game and Fish Division, State Agricultural
35.8 Society, and Explore Minnesota Tourism shall use any of such funds for the payment of
35.9 the salary or expenses of a publicity representative. The publicity representative for the
35.10 Department of Agriculture must not be an elected official or candidate for public office.
35.11 The head of any such department, bureau, or division shall be personally liable for funds
35.12 used contrary to this provision. This section shall not be construed, however, as preventing
35.13 any such department, bureau, or division from sending out any bulletins or other publicity
35.14 required by any state law or necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the business for which
35.15 such department, bureau, or division was created.

35.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 190.07, is amended to read:

35.17 **190.07 APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; RANK; TERM; VACANCY.**

35.18 Subdivision 1. Qualifications. There shall be an adjutant general of the state who shall
35.19 be appointed by the governor within 120 days of a vacancy of the position. The adjutant
35.20 general shall be a staff officer, who at the time of appointment shall be a commissioned
35.21 officer of the National Guard ~~of this state, with not less than ten years military service in~~
35.22 ~~the National Guard of this state or the armed forces of the United States, at least three of~~
35.23 ~~which shall have been commissioned~~ and who shall have reached, at a minimum, the grade
35.24 ~~of a field officer~~ rank of colonel (O-6).

35.25 Subd. 2. Rank. The adjutant general shall be promoted, if necessary, directly to and
35.26 shall hold at least the rank of major general and may be promoted to and including the
35.27 ~~highest rank authorized under federal law. However, the adjutant general may not be~~
35.28 ~~promoted to the rank of major general without having at least 20 years service in the~~
35.29 ~~Minnesota National Guard, at least one of which has been in the rank of brigadier general.~~
35.30 If not already a major general, the adjutant general's promotion is effective beginning on
35.31 the date the governor appoints the adjutant general. At the time of appointment and in
35.32 accordance with the authorities governing federal recognition of officers, the adjutant general
35.33 is authorized to wear the rank of major general.

36.1 Subd. 3. Term. The term of the adjutant general is for a single term of seven years from
 36.2 the date of appointment. Section 15.06, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, governs filling of vacancies
 36.3 in the Office of Adjutant General. The adjutant general shall not be removed from office
 36.4 during a term except upon withdrawal of federal recognition or as otherwise provided by
 36.5 the military laws of this state.

36.6 Subd. 4. Vacancy; acting or temporary adjutant general. In the event of a vacancy
 36.7 of the adjutant general, the governor may appoint a person qualified under subdivision 1 as
 36.8 an acting adjutant general. If the governor does not appoint an acting adjutant general, the
 36.9 deputy adjutant general as defined in section 190.09, subdivision 1, shall become temporary
 36.10 adjutant general without further official action. Upon taking office, the acting or temporary
 36.11 adjutant general shall have all the powers and emoluments and perform all the duties of the
 36.12 office of adjutant general until a permanent adjutant general is appointed.

36.13 **Sec. 4. [196.081] VETERANS STABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE; DATA.**

36.14 (a) The commissioner may establish a veterans stable housing initiative. If the
 36.15 commissioner establishes a veterans stable housing initiative under this section, the
 36.16 commissioner must provide resources and support to assist veterans experiencing
 36.17 homelessness in obtaining or maintaining stable housing.

36.18 (b) Data on individuals maintained by the commissioner in the Homeless Veteran Registry
 36.19 for purposes of the veterans stable housing initiative is private data on individuals as defined
 36.20 in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and must not be disclosed or shared except for coordinating
 36.21 homelessness prevention efforts with:

36.22 (1) members of the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

36.23 (2) Homeless Veteran Registry partners to address a veteran's episode of homelessness
 36.24 or maintain a veteran's housing plan through Department of Veterans Affairs funded
 36.25 programs.

36.26 (c) For purposes of this section, "homelessness" means that a veteran lacks a fixed,
 36.27 nighttime residence.

36.28 **Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 197.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:**

36.29 **Subd. 4. Eligibility.** (a) A person is eligible for educational assistance under ~~subdivisions~~
 36.30 subdivision 5 and 5a if:

36.31 (1) the person is:

37.1 (i) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United
37.2 States armed forces at any time;

37.3 (ii) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively
37.4 as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of
37.5 the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September
37.6 11, 2001;

37.7 (iii) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military and who
37.8 has died as a direct result of that military service, only if the surviving spouse or child is
37.9 eligible to receive federal education benefits under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33,
37.10 as amended, or United States Code, title 38, chapter 35, as amended; or

37.11 (iv) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time and who
37.12 has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans
37.13 Administration, only if the spouse or child is eligible to receive federal education benefits
37.14 under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as amended, or United States Code, title 38,
37.15 chapter 35, as amended; and

37.16 (2) the person receiving the educational assistance is a Minnesota resident, as defined
37.17 in section 136A.101, subdivision 8; and

37.18 (3) the person receiving the educational assistance:

37.19 (i) is an undergraduate or graduate student at an eligible institution;

37.20 (ii) is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for students
37.21 participating in federal Title IV programs;

37.22 (iii) is enrolled in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree at
37.23 an eligible institution;

37.24 (iv) has applied for educational assistance under this section prior to the end of the
37.25 academic term for which the assistance is being requested;

37.26 (v) is in compliance with child support payment requirements under section 136A.121,
37.27 subdivision 2, clause (5); and

37.28 (vi) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

37.29 (b) A person's eligibility terminates when the person becomes eligible for benefits under
37.30 section 135A.52.

37.31 (c) To determine eligibility, the commissioner may require official documentation,
37.32 including the person's federal form DD-214 or other official military discharge papers;

38.1 correspondence from the United States Veterans Administration; birth certificate; marriage
38.2 certificate; proof of enrollment at an eligible institution; signed affidavits; proof of residency;
38.3 proof of identity; or any other official documentation the commissioner considers necessary
38.4 to determine eligibility.

38.5 (d) The commissioner may deny eligibility or terminate benefits under this section to
38.6 any person who has not provided sufficient documentation to determine eligibility for the
38.7 program. An applicant may appeal the commissioner's eligibility determination or termination
38.8 of benefits in writing to the commissioner at any time. The commissioner must rule on any
38.9 application or appeal within 30 days of receipt of all documentation that the commissioner
38.10 requires. The decision of the commissioner regarding an appeal is final. However, an
38.11 applicant whose appeal of an eligibility determination has been rejected by the commissioner
38.12 may submit an additional appeal of that determination in writing to the commissioner at
38.13 any time that the applicant is able to provide substantively significant additional information
38.14 regarding the applicant's eligibility for the program. An approval of an applicant's eligibility
38.15 by the commissioner following an appeal by the applicant is not retroactively effective for
38.16 more than one year or the semester of the person's original application, whichever is later.

38.17 (e) Upon receiving an application with insufficient documentation to determine eligibility,
38.18 the commissioner must notify the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application that
38.19 the application is being suspended pending receipt by the commissioner of sufficient
38.20 documentation from the applicant to determine eligibility.

38.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 197.791, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

38.22 Subd. 5. **Educational assistance amount.** (a) On approval by the commissioner of
38.23 eligibility for the program, the applicant shall be awarded, on a funds-available basis, the
38.24 educational assistance under the program for use at any time according to program rules at
38.25 any eligible institution.

38.26 (b) The amount of educational assistance in any semester or term for an eligible person
38.27 must be determined by subtracting from the eligible person's cost of attendance the amount
38.28 the person received or was eligible to receive in that semester or term from:

38.29 (1) the federal Pell Grant;

38.30 (2) the state grant program under section 136A.121; and

38.31 (3) any federal military or veterans educational benefits including but not limited to the
38.32 Montgomery GI Bill, GI Bill Kicker, the federal tuition assistance program, vocational
38.33 rehabilitation benefits, and any other federal benefits associated with the person's status as

39.1 a veteran, except veterans disability payments from the United States Department of Veterans
 39.2 ~~Administration and payments made under the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program~~
 39.3 ~~(VRAP) Affairs.~~

39.4 (c) The amount of educational assistance for any eligible person who is a full-time
 39.5 student must not exceed the following:

39.6 (1) \$3,000 per state fiscal year; and

39.7 (2) \$10,000 in a lifetime.

39.8 (d) For a part-time student, the amount of educational assistance must not exceed \$500
 39.9 per semester or term of enrollment. For the purpose of this paragraph, a part-time
 39.10 undergraduate student is a student taking fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent for a
 39.11 semester or term of enrollment and a part-time graduate student is a student considered part
 39.12 time by the eligible institution the graduate student is attending. The minimum award for
 39.13 undergraduate and graduate students is \$50 per term.

39.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 197.791, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

39.15 Subd. 5a. **Apprenticeship and on-the-job training.** (a) The commissioner, in
 39.16 consultation with the commissioners of employment and economic development and labor
 39.17 and industry, shall develop and implement an apprenticeship and on-the-job training program
 39.18 to administer a portion of the Minnesota GI Bill program to pay benefit amounts to eligible
 39.19 persons, as provided in this subdivision.

39.20 (b) An "eligible employer" means an employer operating a qualifying apprenticeship or
 39.21 on-the-job training program that has been approved by the commissioner.

39.22 ~~(e) A person is eligible for apprenticeship and on-the-job training assistance under this~~
 39.23 ~~subdivision if the person meets the criteria established under subdivision 4, paragraph (a).~~
 39.24 ~~The commissioner may determine eligibility as provided in subdivision 4, paragraph (c),~~
 39.25 ~~and may deny or terminate benefits as prescribed under subdivision 4, paragraphs (d) and~~
 39.26 ~~(e). The amount of assistance paid to or on behalf of an eligible individual under this~~
 39.27 ~~subdivision must not exceed the following:~~

39.28 (c) A person is eligible for apprenticeship and on-the-job training assistance under this
 39.29 subdivision if the person is:

39.30 (1) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United
 39.31 States armed forces at any time;

40.1 (2) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively
 40.2 as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of
 40.3 the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September
 40.4 11, 2001;

40.5 (3) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military and who has
 40.6 died as a direct result of that military service, only if the surviving spouse or child is eligible
 40.7 to receive federal education benefits under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as
 40.8 amended, or United States Code, title 38, chapter 35, as amended; or

40.9 (4) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time and who
 40.10 has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans
 40.11 Administration, only if the spouse or child is eligible to receive federal education benefits
 40.12 under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as amended, or United States Code, title 38,
 40.13 chapter 35, as amended.

40.14 (d) The amount of assistance paid to or on behalf of an eligible individual under this
 40.15 subdivision must not exceed the following:

40.16 (1) \$3,000 per fiscal year for apprenticeship expenses;

40.17 (2) \$3,000 per fiscal year for on-the-job training;

40.18 (3) \$1,000 for a job placement credit payable to an eligible employer upon hiring and
 40.19 completion of six consecutive months' employment of a person receiving assistance under
 40.20 this subdivision; and

40.21 (4) \$1,000 for a job placement credit payable to an eligible employer after a person
 40.22 receiving assistance under this subdivision has been employed by the eligible employer for
 40.23 at least 12 consecutive months as a full-time employee.

40.24 (e) No more than \$5,000 in aggregate benefits under this paragraph subdivision may be
 40.25 paid to or on behalf of an individual in one fiscal year, and not more than \$10,000 in
 40.26 aggregate benefits under this paragraph may be paid to or on behalf of an individual over
 40.27 any period of time.

40.28 (f) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5 or 5b, the eligible person's
 40.29 aggregate benefits under this subdivision, subdivisions 5, and 5b, must not exceed \$10,000
 40.30 in the eligible person's lifetime.

40.31 ~~(d)~~ (g) Assistance for apprenticeship expenses and on-the-job training is available for
 40.32 qualifying programs, which must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

- 41.1 (1) the training must be with an eligible employer;
- 41.2 (2) the training must be documented and reported;
- 41.3 (3) the training must reasonably be expected to lead to an entry-level position; and
- 41.4 (4) the position must require at least six months of training to become fully trained.

41.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 197.791, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

41.6 Subd. 5b. **Additional professional or educational benefits.** (a) The commissioner shall
 41.7 develop and implement a program to administer a portion of the Minnesota GI Bill program
 41.8 to pay additional benefit amounts to eligible persons as provided under this subdivision.

41.9 ~~(b) A person is eligible for additional benefits under this subdivision if the person meets~~
 41.10 ~~the criteria established under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1). The commissioner~~
 41.11 ~~may determine eligibility as provided in subdivision 4, paragraph (c), and may deny or~~
 41.12 ~~terminate benefits as prescribed under subdivision 4, paragraphs (d) and (e). The amount~~
 41.13 ~~of assistance paid to or on behalf of an eligible individual under this subdivision must not~~
 41.14 ~~exceed the following amounts:~~

41.15 (b) A person is eligible for additional benefits under this subdivision if the person is:

41.16 (1) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United
 41.17 States armed forces at any time;

41.18 (2) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively
 41.19 as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of
 41.20 the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September
 41.21 11, 2001;

41.22 (3) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military and who has
 41.23 died as a direct result of that military service, only if the surviving spouse or child is eligible
 41.24 to receive federal education benefits under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as
 41.25 amended, or United States Code, title 38, chapter 35, as amended; or

41.26 (4) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time and who
 41.27 has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans
 41.28 Administration, only if the spouse or child is eligible to receive federal education benefits
 41.29 under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as amended, or United States Code, title 38,
 41.30 chapter 35, as amended.

41.31 (c) The amount of assistance paid to or on behalf of an eligible individual under this
 41.32 subdivision must not exceed the following amounts:

42.1 (1) \$3,000 per state fiscal year; and

42.2 (2) \$10,000 in a lifetime.

42.3 (d) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5 or 5a, the eligible person's
 42.4 aggregate benefits under this subdivision, subdivisions 5, and 5a, must not exceed \$10,000
 42.5 in the eligible person's lifetime.

42.6 ~~(e)~~ (e) A person eligible under this subdivision may use the benefit amounts for the
 42.7 following purposes:

42.8 (1) licensing or certification tests, the successful completion of which demonstrates an
 42.9 individual's possession of the knowledge or skill required to enter into, maintain, or advance
 42.10 in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession, provided that the
 42.11 tests and the licensing or credentialing organizations or entities that offer the tests are
 42.12 approved by the commissioner;

42.13 (2) tests for admission to institutions of higher learning or graduate schools;

42.14 (3) national tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher
 42.15 learning;

42.16 (4) a preparatory course for a test that is required or used for admission to an institution
 42.17 of higher education or a graduate program; and

42.18 (5) any fee associated with the pursuit of a professional or educational objective specified
 42.19 in clauses (1) to (4).

42.20 ~~(d) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5, the eligible person's~~
 42.21 ~~aggregate benefits under this subdivision and subdivision 5 must not exceed \$10,000 in the~~
 42.22 ~~eligible person's lifetime.~~

42.23 ~~(e) If an eligible person receives benefits under subdivision 5a, the eligible person's~~
 42.24 ~~aggregate benefits under this subdivision and subdivision 5a must not exceed \$10,000 in~~
 42.25 ~~the eligible person's lifetime.~~

42.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 198.006, is amended to read:

42.27 **198.006 SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS.**

42.28 (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must work with federal, state, local, and private agencies to
 42.29 develop alternative institutional and noninstitutional care programs for veterans to supplement
 42.30 the mission of the homes. Veterans shall be afforded the least restrictive, most appropriate
 42.31 level of care available.

43.1 (b) The commissioner may work with federal, state, local, and private entities to make
 43.2 available appropriate dental services for veterans homes residents. The commissioner may
 43.3 engage with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to support the dental benefits
 43.4 program authorized under this paragraph.

43.5 (c) The commissioner may provide adult day care center programs that offer therapeutic
 43.6 and rehabilitation health care services to veterans and support services for caregivers of
 43.7 veterans. If the commissioner provides adult day care center programs, the commissioner
 43.8 may collect fees from program participants. The commissioner is authorized to apply for
 43.9 and accept federal funding for purposes of this paragraph.

43.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 198.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.11 Subd. 2. **Cost of care.** (a) The commissioner shall set out in rules the method of
 43.12 calculating the average cost of care for the domiciliary and nursing care residents. The cost
 43.13 must be determined yearly based upon the average cost per resident taking into account,
 43.14 but not limited to, administrative cost of the homes, the cost of service available to the
 43.15 resident, and food and lodging costs. These average costs must be calculated separately for
 43.16 domiciliary and nursing care residents. The amount charged each resident for maintenance,
 43.17 if anything, must be based on the appropriate average cost of care calculation and the assets
 43.18 and income of the resident but must not exceed the appropriate average cost of care.

43.19 (b) Beginning July 1, 2021, the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for domiciliary
 43.20 residents must be based on the Minnesota Department of Human Services' (DHS) most
 43.21 recent General Assistance program PNA and is in effect the same date as the DHS PNA is
 43.22 in effect. Thereafter, the PNA for domiciliary residents must be adjusted and put into effect
 43.23 each year or each time DHS adjusts the General Assistance program PNA.

43.24 Sec. 11. **[198.45] REPORT ON VETERANS HOMES.**

43.25 No later than January 15, 2022, and biennially on January 15 thereafter, the commissioner
 43.26 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
 43.27 with jurisdiction over veterans affairs and state government finance on reserve amounts
 43.28 maintained in the veterans homes special revenue account. The report must detail current
 43.29 and historical amounts maintained as a reserve and uses of those amounts. The report must
 43.30 also include data on the use of existing veterans homes, including current and historical bed
 43.31 capacity and usage, staffing levels and staff vacancy rates, and staff-to-resident ratios.

44.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.095, is amended to read:

44.2 **609.095 LIMITS OF SENTENCES.**

44.3 (a) The legislature has the exclusive authority to define crimes and offenses and the
 44.4 range of the sentences or punishments for their violation. No other or different sentence or
 44.5 punishment shall be imposed for the commission of a crime than is authorized by this chapter
 44.6 or other applicable law.

44.7 (b) Except as provided in section 152.18 ~~or~~, 609.1056, 609.375, or upon agreement of
 44.8 the parties, a court may not refuse to adjudicate the guilt of a defendant who tenders a guilty
 44.9 plea in accordance with Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 15, or who has been
 44.10 found guilty by a court or jury following a trial. A decision by the court to issue a stay of
 44.11 adjudication under this paragraph for a charge of violating section 243.166, 609.342, 609.343,
 44.12 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 609.3453, must be justified in writing and
 44.13 on the record.

44.14 (c) Paragraph (b) does not supersede Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 26.04.

44.15 Sec. 13. **[609.1056] MILITARY VETERANS; CRIMES COMMITTED BECAUSE**
 44.16 **OF CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM SERVICE; DISCHARGE AND DISMISSAL.**

44.17 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings
 44.18 given:

44.19 (1) "applicable condition" means sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic
 44.20 stress disorder, substance abuse, or a mental health condition;

44.21 (2) "eligible offense" means any misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor, and any felony
 44.22 that is ranked at severity level 7 or lower or D7 or lower on the Sentencing Guidelines grid;
 44.23 and

44.24 (3) "veterans treatment court program" means a program that has the following essential
 44.25 characteristics:

44.26 (i) the integration of services in the processing of cases in the judicial system;

44.27 (ii) the use of a nonadversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to
 44.28 promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants;

44.29 (iii) early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program;

44.30 (iv) access to a continuum of alcohol, controlled substance, mental health, and other
 44.31 related treatment and rehabilitative services;

- 45.1 (v) careful monitoring of treatment and services provided to program participants;
45.2 (vi) a coordinated strategy to govern program responses to participants' compliance;
45.3 (vii) ongoing judicial interaction with program participants;
45.4 (viii) monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness;
45.5 (ix) continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning,
45.6 implementation, and operations;
45.7 (x) development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations,
45.8 including the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and
45.9 (xi) inclusion of a participant's family members who agree to be involved in the treatment
45.10 and services provided to the participant under the program.

45.11 Subd. 2. **Deferred prosecution.** (a) The court shall defer prosecution for an eligible
45.12 offense committed by a defendant who was, or currently is, a member of the United States
45.13 military as provided in this subdivision. The court shall defer prosecution at the request of
45.14 the defendant upon a finding of guilty after trial or upon a guilty plea.

45.15 (b) A defendant who requests to be sentenced under this section shall release or authorize
45.16 access to military service reports and records relating to an alleged applicable condition
45.17 stemming from service in the United States military. The court must file the records as
45.18 confidential, and the records must remain sealed, except as provided in this paragraph. The
45.19 defendant, through existing records or licensed professional evaluation, shall establish the
45.20 diagnosis of the applicable condition and its connection to military service. The court, on
45.21 its motion or the prosecutor's motion with notice to defense counsel, may order the defendant
45.22 to furnish to the court for in-camera review or to the prosecutor copies of all medical and
45.23 military service reports and records previously or subsequently made concerning the
45.24 defendant's condition and its connection to service.

45.25 (c) Based on the record, the court shall determine, by clear and convincing evidence,
45.26 whether the defendant suffers from an applicable condition, whether that condition stems
45.27 from service in the United States military, and whether the offense was committed as a
45.28 result of the applicable condition. Within 15 days of the court's findings, either party may
45.29 file a challenge to the findings and demand a hearing on the defendant's eligibility under
45.30 this section.

45.31 (d) If the court makes the determination described in paragraph (c), the court shall,
45.32 without entering a judgment of guilty, defer further proceedings and place the defendant
45.33 on probation upon such reasonable conditions as it may require and for a period not to

46.1 exceed the maximum period provided by law. A court may extend a defendant's term of
46.2 probation pursuant to section 609.135, subdivision 2, paragraphs (g) and (h). Conditions
46.3 ordered by the court must include treatment, services, rehabilitation, and education sufficient
46.4 so that if completed, the defendant would be eligible for discharge and dismissal under
46.5 subdivision 3. If the court determines that a defendant suffers from a substance use disorder,
46.6 the court shall order a Rule 25 assessment under Minnesota Rules, part 9530.6615, and
46.7 order the defendant to follow the recommendations contained in the assessment. If the court
46.8 determines that a defendant suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder, sexual trauma,
46.9 traumatic brain injury, or other mental health conditions, the court shall order a mental
46.10 health assessment conducted by a licensed mental health professional and follow the
46.11 recommendations contained in the examiner's report.

46.12 (e) If the court determines that the defendant is eligible for a deferred sentence but the
46.13 defendant has previously received a deferred sentence for a felony offense under this
46.14 subdivision, the court may, but is not required to, impose a deferred sentence. If the court
46.15 does not impose a deferred sentence, the court may sentence the defendant as otherwise
46.16 provided in law, including as provided in subdivision 4.

46.17 (f) Upon violation of a condition of probation, the court may enter an adjudication of
46.18 guilt and proceed as otherwise provided in law, including as provided in subdivision 4.

46.19 (g) As a condition of probation, the court may order the defendant to attend a local, state,
46.20 federal, or private nonprofit treatment program for a period not to exceed the maximum
46.21 period for which the defendant could have been incarcerated.

46.22 (h) The court, when issuing an order under this subdivision that a defendant attend an
46.23 established treatment program, shall give preference to a treatment program that has a history
46.24 of successfully treating veterans who suffer from applicable conditions caused by military
46.25 service, including but not limited to programs operated by the United States Department of
46.26 Defense or Veterans Affairs.

46.27 (i) The court and any assigned treatment program shall collaborate with, when available,
46.28 the county veterans service officer and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
46.29 to maximize benefits and services provided to the defendant. If an appropriate treatment
46.30 provider is not available in the defendant's county of residence or public funding is not
46.31 available, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs shall coordinate with the United
46.32 States Department of Veterans Affairs to locate an appropriate treatment program and
46.33 sources to fund the cost of the defendant's participation in the program.

47.1 (j) If available in the county or judicial district having jurisdiction over the case, the
47.2 defendant may be supervised by a veterans treatment court program under subdivision 5.
47.3 If there is a veterans treatment court that meets the requirements of subdivision 5 in the
47.4 county in which the defendant resides or works, supervision of the defendant may be
47.5 transferred to that county or judicial district veterans treatment court program. Upon the
47.6 defendant's successful or unsuccessful completion of the program, the veterans treatment
47.7 court program shall communicate this information to the court of original jurisdiction for
47.8 further action.

47.9 (k) Sentencing pursuant to this subdivision waives any right to administrative review
47.10 pursuant to section 169A.53, subdivision 1, or judicial review pursuant to section 169A.53,
47.11 subdivision 2, for a license revocation or cancellation imposed pursuant to section 169A.52,
47.12 and also waives any right to administrative review pursuant to section 171.177, subdivision
47.13 10, or judicial review pursuant to section 171.177, subdivision 11, for a license revocation
47.14 or cancellation imposed pursuant to section 171.177, if that license revocation or cancellation
47.15 is the result of the same incident for which the defendant is being sentenced.

47.16 Subd. 3. **Discharge and dismissal.** (a) Upon the expiration of the period of the defendant's
47.17 probation, the court shall hold a hearing to discharge the defendant from probation and
47.18 determine whether to dismiss the proceedings against a defendant who received a deferred
47.19 sentence under subdivision 2. The hearing shall be scheduled so that the parties have adequate
47.20 time to prepare and present arguments regarding the issue of dismissal. The parties may
47.21 submit written arguments to the court prior to the date of the hearing and may make oral
47.22 arguments before the court at the hearing. The defendant must be present at the hearing
47.23 unless excused under Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 26.03, subdivision 1,
47.24 clause (3).

47.25 (b) The court shall provide notice to any identifiable victim of the offense at least 15
47.26 days before the hearing is held. Notice to victims of the offense under this subdivision must
47.27 specifically inform the victim of the right to submit an oral or written statement to the court
47.28 at the time of the hearing describing the harm suffered by the victim as a result of the crime
47.29 and the victim's recommendation on whether dismissal should be granted or denied. The
47.30 judge shall consider the victim's statement when making a decision. If a victim notifies the
47.31 prosecutor of an objection to dismissal and is not present at the hearing, the prosecutor shall
47.32 make the objections known to the court.

47.33 (c) The court shall dismiss proceedings against a defendant if the court finds by clear
47.34 and convincing evidence that the defendant:

- 48.1 (1) is in compliance with the conditions of probation;
- 48.2 (2) has successfully completed court-ordered treatment and services to address the
48.3 applicable condition caused by military service;
- 48.4 (3) does not represent a danger to the health or safety of victims or others; and
- 48.5 (4) has demonstrated significant benefit from court-ordered education, treatment, or
48.6 rehabilitation to clearly show that a discharge and dismissal under this subdivision is in the
48.7 interests of justice.
- 48.8 (d) In determining the interests of justice, the court shall consider, among other factors,
48.9 all of the following:
- 48.10 (1) the defendant's completion and degree of participation in education, treatment, and
48.11 rehabilitation as ordered by the court;
- 48.12 (2) the defendant's progress in formal education;
- 48.13 (3) the defendant's development of career potential;
- 48.14 (4) the defendant's leadership and personal responsibility efforts;
- 48.15 (5) the defendant's contribution of service in support of the community;
- 48.16 (6) the level of harm to the community from the offense;
- 48.17 (7) the level of harm to the victim from the offense with the court's determination of
48.18 harm guided by the factors for evaluating injury and loss contained in the applicable victim's
48.19 rights provisions of chapter 611A; and
- 48.20 (8) the statement of the victim, if any.
- 48.21 (e) If the court finds that the defendant does not qualify for discharge and dismissal
48.22 under paragraph (c), the court shall enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise
48.23 provided in law, including as provided in subdivision 4.
- 48.24 (f) Discharge and dismissal under this subdivision shall be without court adjudication
48.25 of guilt, but a not public record of the discharge and dismissal shall be retained by the Bureau
48.26 of Criminal Apprehension for the purpose of use by the courts in determining the merits of
48.27 subsequent proceedings against the defendant. The not public record may also be opened
48.28 only upon court order for purposes of a criminal investigation, prosecution, or sentencing.
48.29 Upon request by law enforcement, prosecution, or corrections authorities, the bureau shall
48.30 notify the requesting party of the existence of the not public record and the right to seek a
48.31 court order to open the not public record under this paragraph. The court shall forward a

49.1 record of any discharge and dismissal under this subdivision to the bureau, which shall
49.2 make and maintain the not public record of the discharge and dismissal. The discharge and
49.3 dismissal shall not be deemed a conviction for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities
49.4 imposed by law upon conviction of a crime or for any other purpose. For purposes of this
49.5 paragraph, "not public" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 8a.

49.6 Subd. 4. **Sentencing departure; waiver of mandatory sentence.** (a) This subdivision
49.7 applies to defendants who plead or are found guilty of any criminal offense except one for
49.8 which registration is required under section 243.166, subdivision 1b.

49.9 (b) Prior to sentencing, a defendant described in paragraph (a) may present proof to the
49.10 court that the defendant has, since the commission of the offense, engaged in rehabilitative
49.11 efforts consistent with those described in this section. If the court determines that the
49.12 defendant has engaged in substantial rehabilitative efforts and the defendant establishes by
49.13 clear and convincing evidence that:

49.14 (1) the defendant suffered from an applicable condition at the time of the offense;

49.15 (2) the applicable condition was caused by service in the United States military; and

49.16 (3) the offense was committed as a result of the applicable condition;

49.17 the court may determine that the defendant is particularly amenable to probation and order
49.18 a mitigated durational or dispositional sentencing departure or a waiver of any statutory
49.19 mandatory minimum sentence applicable to the defendant.

49.20 Subd. 5. **Optional veterans treatment court program; procedures for eligible**
49.21 **defendants.** A county or judicial district may supervise probation under this section through
49.22 a veterans treatment court using county veterans service officers appointed under sections
49.23 197.60 to 197.606, United States Department of Veterans Affairs veterans justice outreach
49.24 specialists, probation agents, and any other rehabilitative resources available to the court.

49.25 Subd. 6. **Creation of county and city diversion programs; authorization.** Any county
49.26 or city may establish and operate a veterans pretrial diversion program for defendants eligible
49.27 under subdivision 1 without penalty under section 477A.0175. "Pretrial diversion" means
49.28 the decision of a prosecutor to refer a defendant to a diversion program on the condition
49.29 that the criminal charges against the defendant shall be dismissed after a specified period
49.30 of time or the case shall not be charged, if the defendant successfully completes the program
49.31 of treatment recommended by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a local,
49.32 state, federal, or private nonprofit treatment program.

50.1 Subd. 7. **Exception.** This section does not apply to a person charged with an offense for
 50.2 which registration is required under section 243.166, subdivision 1b.

50.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

50.4 Sec. 14. **COST OF CARE; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF RULE.**

50.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9050.0500, subparts 1, 2 and 3, the commissioner
 50.6 of veterans affairs is not required to perform the annual calculation of costs of care for
 50.7 veterans homes in fiscal year 2022. For fiscal year 2022, the commissioner may apply the
 50.8 cost of care established for fiscal year 2021. The commissioner may only suspend application
 50.9 of Minnesota Rules, part 9050.0500, subparts 1, 2, and 3, in fiscal year 2022. This section
 50.10 expires on June 30, 2022.

50.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.

50.12 Sec. 15. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

50.13 The revisor of statutes must renumber the provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 50.14 column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor must also make necessary
 50.15 cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the
 50.16 renumbering.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
50.17	<u>197.791, subdivision 5a</u>	<u>197.791, subdivision 6</u>
50.18	<u>197.791, subdivision 5b</u>	<u>197.791, subdivision 7</u>
50.19	<u>197.791, subdivision 6</u>	<u>197.791, subdivision 8</u>

50.21 **ARTICLE 4**

50.22 **ELECTIONS**

50.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

50.28 (b) The instructions must indicate that if the voter ~~does not have~~ must provide a valid
 50.29 Minnesota driver's license or identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's
 50.30 Social Security number ~~must be provided, unless the voter does not have a Social Security~~
 50.31 ~~number~~, unless the voter has not been issued one of those numbers.

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

51.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 201.121, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

51.6 Subd. 3. **Postelection sampling.** (a) Within ten days after an election, the county auditor
 51.7 shall send the notice required by subdivision 2 to a random sampling of the individuals
 51.8 registered on election day. The random sampling shall be determined in accordance with
 51.9 the rules of the secretary of state. As soon as practicable after the election, the county auditor
 51.10 shall mail the notice required by subdivision 2 to all other individuals registered on election
 51.11 day. If a notice is returned as not deliverable, the county auditor shall attempt to determine
 51.12 the reason for the return. A county auditor who does not receive or obtain satisfactory proof
 51.13 of an individual's eligibility to vote shall immediately notify the county attorney of all of
 51.14 the relevant information. ~~The~~ By February 15 of each year, the county auditor must notify
 51.15 the secretary of state of the following information for each election held in the previous
 51.16 year by each precinct:

51.17 (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;

51.18 (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that the county auditor was able to
 51.19 determine the reason for the return along with the reason for each return; and

51.20 (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or
 51.21 obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

51.22 (b) By March 1 of every ~~odd-numbered~~ year, the secretary of state shall report to the
 51.23 chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 51.24 elections the following information for each election held in the previous year by each
 51.25 precinct and each county:

51.26 (1) the total number of all notices that were returned as nondeliverable;

51.27 (2) the total number of nondeliverable notices that a county auditor was able to determine
 51.28 the reason for the return along with the reason for each return; and

51.29 (3) the total number of individuals for whom the county auditor does not receive or
 51.30 obtain satisfactory proof of an individual's eligibility to vote.

52.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.2 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
 52.3 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
 52.4 for casting the absentee ballots. The return envelope containing marked ballots may be
 52.5 mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots or may be left with the
 52.6 county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may
 52.7 be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the return
 52.8 envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by 3:00 p.m. on election
 52.9 day.

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

52.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

52.17 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
 52.18 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the return
 52.19 envelope and place it in a ~~secure location~~ locked ballot container or other secured and locked
 52.20 space with other return envelopes received by that office. Within five days after receipt, the
 52.21 county auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ballots received, except
 52.22 that during the 14 days immediately preceding an election, the county auditor or municipal
 52.23 clerk shall deliver all ballots received to the ballot board within three days. Ballots received
 52.24 on election day either (1) after 3:00 p.m., if delivered in person; or (2) after 8:00 p.m., if
 52.25 delivered by mail or a package delivery service, shall be marked as received late by the
 52.26 county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board.

52.27 Sec. 5. [203B.082] ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOXES; SECURITY AND
 52.28 INTEGRITY.

52.29 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "drop box" means a secure receptacle
 52.30 or container established to receive completed absentee ballots 24 hours per day. Drop box
 52.31 does not include a receptacle or container maintained by the United States Postal Service,
 52.32 or a location at which a voter or an agent may return a completed absentee ballot by providing
 52.33 it directly to an employee of the county auditor or municipal clerk.

53.1 Subd. 2. **Minimum security and integrity standards.** The county auditor or municipal
53.2 clerk may provide locations at which a voter may deposit a completed absentee ballot
53.3 enclosed in the completed signature envelope in a secure drop box, consistent with the
53.4 following security and integrity standards:

53.5 (1) each drop box must be continually recorded during the absentee voting period;

53.6 (2) each drop box must be designed to prevent an unauthorized person from moving,
53.7 removing, or tampering with the drop box;

53.8 (3) each drop box placed in an outdoor location must be fastened to a building, bolted
53.9 to a concrete pad, or otherwise attached to a similarly secure structure;

53.10 (4) ballots deposited in a drop box must be secured against access by any unauthorized
53.11 person, and in the case of a drop box located in an outdoor location, the drop box must be
53.12 secured against damage due to weather or other natural conditions;

53.13 (5) each drop box must contain signage or markings that:

53.14 (i) clearly identifies the drop box as an official absentee ballot return location; and

53.15 (ii) include the location and hours where an agent may return an absentee ballot;

53.16 (6) deposited ballots must be collected at least once per business day during the absentee
53.17 voting period by the county auditor, municipal clerk, or an elections official trained by the
53.18 county auditor or municipal clerk in the proper maintenance and handling of absentee ballots
53.19 and absentee ballot drop boxes, and in the security measures used to protect absentee ballots;
53.20 and

53.21 (7) ballots collected from each drop box must be properly date-stamped and stored in a
53.22 locked ballot container or other secured and locked space consistent with any applicable
53.23 laws governing the collection and storage of absentee ballots.

53.24 Subd. 3. **Publication of locations required.** (a) The county auditor or municipal clerk
53.25 must provide a list of designated absentee ballot drop box locations to the secretary of state
53.26 no later than 40 days prior to the start of the absentee voting period at every regularly
53.27 scheduled primary or general election. The list must be published on the website of the
53.28 county or municipality and on the website of the secretary of state at least 35 days prior to
53.29 the start of the absentee voting period.

53.30 (b) The county auditor or municipal clerk must provide an updated list of designated
53.31 absentee ballot drop box locations to the secretary of state no later than 20 days prior to the
53.32 start of the absentee voting period at every regularly scheduled primary or general election,

54.1 if any locations have changed or been added since submission of the list under paragraph
 54.2 (a). The list must be published on the website of the county or municipality and on the
 54.3 website of the secretary of state at least 15 days prior to the start of the absentee voting
 54.4 period.

54.5 Subd. 4. **Electioneering prohibited.** Section 211B.11 applies to conduct within 100
 54.6 feet of an absentee ballot drop box established under this section.

54.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

54.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
 54.9 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots
 54.10 must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The board must consist of a
 54.11 sufficient number of election judges ~~trained in the handling of absentee ballots and~~ appointed
 54.12 as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors
 54.13 or deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee
 54.14 ballots. Each member of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the
 54.15 processing and counting of absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on
 54.16 accepting and rejecting absentee ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines,
 54.17 the role of the ballot board, procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures
 54.18 for counting absentee ballots, and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

54.19 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
 54.20 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election.

54.21 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
 54.22 Law apply to a ballot board.

54.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

54.24 Subd. 3. **Boundary changes; prohibitions; exception.** (a) Notwithstanding other law
 54.25 or charter provisions to the contrary, during the period from January 1 in any year ending
 54.26 in zero to the time when the legislature has been redistricted in a year ending in one or two,
 54.27 no changes may be made in the boundaries of any election precinct except as provided in
 54.28 this subdivision.

54.29 ~~(a)~~ (b) If a city annexes an unincorporated area located in the same county as the city
 54.30 and adjacent to the corporate boundary, the annexed area may be included in an election
 54.31 precinct immediately adjacent to it.

55.1 ~~(b)~~ (c) A municipality or county may establish new election precincts lying entirely
 55.2 within the boundaries of any existing precinct and shall assign names to the new precincts
 55.3 which include the name of the former precinct.

55.4 ~~(e)~~ (d) Precinct boundaries in a city of the first class electing council members by wards
 55.5 may be reestablished within four weeks of the adoption of ward boundaries in a year ending
 55.6 in one, as provided in section 204B.135, subdivision 1. If precinct boundaries are
 55.7 reestablished in a year ending in one, the city council must designate polling places for each
 55.8 election precinct pursuant to section 204B.16, subdivision 1, within 30 days establishing
 55.9 precinct boundaries. The polling place designations are effective for the year ending in one.

55.10 ~~(d)~~ (e) Precinct boundaries must be reestablished within 60 days of the time when the
 55.11 legislature has been redistricted, or at least 19 weeks before the state primary election in a
 55.12 year ending in two, whichever comes first. The governing body of each municipality and
 55.13 of each county with precincts in unorganized territory must designate polling places for
 55.14 each election precinct pursuant to section 204B.16, subdivision 1, within 30 days of
 55.15 establishing precinct boundaries or at least 19 weeks before the state primary election in a
 55.16 year ending in two, whichever comes first. The adoption of reestablished precinct boundaries
 55.17 and polling places becomes effective on the date of the state primary election in the year
 55.18 ending in two.

55.19 (f) Precincts must be arranged so that no precinct lies in more than one legislative or
 55.20 congressional district.

55.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

55.22 Subdivision 1. **Authority; location.** By December 31 of each year, the governing body
 55.23 of each municipality and of each county with precincts in unorganized territory must
 55.24 designate by ordinance or resolution a polling place for each election precinct. The polling
 55.25 places designated in the ordinance or resolution are the polling places for the following
 55.26 calendar year, unless a change is made:

55.27 (1) pursuant to section 204B.175;

55.28 (2) because a polling place has become unavailable; ~~or~~

55.29 (3) because a township designates one location for all state and federal elections and
 55.30 one location for all township only elections; and

55.31 (4) pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 3.

56.1 **(b)** Polling places must be designated and ballots must be distributed so that no one is
56.2 required to go to more than one polling place to vote in a school district and municipal
56.3 election held on the same day. The polling place for a precinct in a city or in a school district
56.4 located in whole or in part in the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision
56.5 24, shall be located within the boundaries of the precinct or within one mile of one of those
56.6 boundaries unless a single polling place is designated for a city pursuant to section 204B.14,
56.7 subdivision 2, or a school district pursuant to section 205A.11. The polling place for a
56.8 precinct in unorganized territory may be located outside the precinct at a place which is
56.9 convenient to the voters of the precinct. If no suitable place is available within a town or
56.10 within a school district located outside the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02,
56.11 subdivision 24, then the polling place for a town or school district may be located outside
56.12 the town or school district within five miles of one of the boundaries of the town or school
56.13 district.

56.14 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.15 Subdivision 1. **Booths; voting stations.** (a) Each polling place must contain a number
56.16 of voting booths or voting stations in proportion to the number of individuals eligible to
56.17 vote in the precinct. The booth or station shall permit the voter to vote privately and
56.18 independently.

56.19 (b) Each polling place must have at least one accessible voting booth or other accessible
56.20 voting station and beginning with federal and state elections held after December 31, 2005,
56.21 and county, municipal, and school district elections held after December 31, 2007, one
56.22 voting system that conforms to section 301(a)(3)(B) of the Help America Vote Act, Public
56.23 Law 107-252.

56.24 (c) Local jurisdictions must make accessible voting stations purchased with funds
56.25 provided from the Help America Vote Act account available to other local jurisdictions
56.26 holding stand-alone elections. The jurisdiction providing the equipment may require the
56.27 jurisdiction using the equipment to reimburse any direct actual costs incurred as a result of
56.28 the equipment's use and any prorated indirect costs of maintaining and storing the equipment.
56.29 A rental or other similar use fee may not be charged.

56.30 Any funds received under this paragraph for expenses incurred by that local jurisdiction
56.31 as a direct result of making the equipment available that were not paid for in whole or in
56.32 part with funds from the Help America Vote Act account are not program income under
56.33 the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252.

57.1 Any funds received by a local jurisdiction making the equipment available as
 57.2 reimbursement for expenses as defined as "operating costs" under Laws 2005, chapter 162,
 57.3 section 34, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and paid for in whole or in part with funds from
 57.4 the Help America Vote Act account must be treated as program income and deposited into
 57.5 the jurisdiction's Help America Vote Act account in the direct proportion that funds from
 57.6 the Help America Vote Act account were used to pay for those "operating costs."

57.7 (d) All booths or stations must be constructed so that a voter is free from observation
 57.8 while marking ballots. During the hours of voting, the booths or stations must have
 57.9 instructions, a ~~pen~~ pen or other marking device suitable for the voting system being used,
 57.10 and other supplies needed to mark the ballots. A chair must be provided for elderly voters
 57.11 and voters with disabilities to use while voting or waiting to vote. Stable flat writing surfaces
 57.12 must also be made available to voters who are completing election-related forms.

57.13 (e) All ballot boxes, voting booths, voting stations, and election judges must be in open
 57.14 public view in the polling place.

57.15 (f) The jurisdiction providing supplies must only provide pens or marking devices suitable
 57.16 for the voting system being used.

57.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.40, is amended to read:

57.18 **204B.40 BALLOTS; ELECTION RECORDS AND OTHER MATERIALS;**
 57.19 **DISPOSITION; INSPECTION OF BALLOTS.**

57.20 The county auditors, municipal clerks, and school district clerks shall retain all election
 57.21 materials returned to them after any election for at least 22 months from the date of that
 57.22 election. All records and materials must be stored in a locked container or other secured
 57.23 and locked space. All election materials involved in a contested election must be retained
 57.24 for 22 months or until the contest has been finally determined, whichever is later. Abstracts
 57.25 filed by canvassing boards shall be retained permanently by any officer with whom those
 57.26 abstracts are filed. Election materials no longer required to be retained pursuant to this
 57.27 section shall be disposed of in accordance with sections 138.163 to 138.21. Sealed envelopes
 57.28 containing voted ballots must be retained unopened, except as provided in this section, in
 57.29 a secure location. The county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk shall not
 57.30 permit any voted ballots to be tampered with or defaced.

57.31 After the time for filing a notice of contest for an election has passed, the secretary of
 57.32 state may, for the purpose of monitoring and evaluating election procedures: (1) open the
 57.33 sealed ballot envelopes and inspect the ballots for that election maintained by the county

58.1 auditors, municipal clerks, or school district clerks; (2) inspect the polling place rosters and
 58.2 completed voter registration applications; or (3) examine other forms required in the
 58.3 Minnesota election laws for use in the polling place. No inspected ballot or document may
 58.4 be marked or identified in any manner. After inspection, all ballots must be returned to the
 58.5 ballot envelope and the ballot envelope must be securely resealed. Any other election
 58.6 materials inspected or examined must be secured or resealed. No polling place roster may
 58.7 be inspected until the voting history for that precinct has been posted. No voter registration
 58.8 application may be inspected until the information on it has been entered into the statewide
 58.9 registration system.

58.10 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

58.11 Subd. 3. **Marking ballots.** (a) The voter shall mark each ballot ~~in the following manner:~~
 58.12 as provided in this subdivision.

58.13 ~~(a)~~ (b) The voter shall fill in the oval or similar mark if a different target shape is used,
 58.14 opposite the printed name of each candidate for whom the individual desires to vote, and
 58.15 in the oval or other target shape before the "Yes" or "No" if the individual desires to vote
 58.16 for or against a question.

58.17 ~~(b)~~ (c) The voter may write in other names on the lines provided under the printed names
 58.18 of the candidates, except that no names shall be written in on primary ballots.

58.19 ~~(c)~~ (d) At a state primary an individual may vote for candidates of only one major political
 58.20 party on the partisan primary ballot. If a partisan primary ballot contains votes for the
 58.21 candidates of more than one major political party, the ballot is totally defective and no vote
 58.22 on the partisan section of the ballot shall be counted.

58.23 ~~(d)~~ (e) An individual who spoils a ballot may return it to the election judges and receive
 58.24 another.

58.25 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.35, is amended by adding a subdivision
 58.26 to read:

58.27 Subd. 2a. **Constitutional amendment recount.** In a state general election when the
 58.28 difference between the number of "yes" votes cast on ratification of a proposed constitutional
 58.29 amendment is within one-quarter percent of the number of all other ballots cast at the
 58.30 election, the canvassing board shall manually recount the votes on that question, including
 58.31 the number of "yes" or "no" votes on the question, and the number of ballots that did not

59.1 cast a vote on the question. The results of the recount must be certified by the canvassing
 59.2 board as soon as possible.

59.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204C.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

59.4 Subd. 3. **Scope of recount.** A recount conducted as provided in this section is limited
 59.5 in scope to the determination of the number of votes validly cast for the office or question
 59.6 to be recounted. Only the ballots cast in the election and the summary statements certified
 59.7 by the election judges may be considered in the recount process. Original ballots that have
 59.8 been duplicated under section 206.86, subdivision 5, are not within the scope of a recount
 59.9 and must not be examined except as provided by a court in an election contest under chapter
 59.10 209."

59.11 Delete the title and insert:

59.12 "A bill for an act
 59.13 relating to state government operation; appropriating money for certain
 59.14 constitutional offices, legislature, certain state agencies, offices, departments,
 59.15 boards, commissions, certain retirement accounts, general contingent accounts,
 59.16 tort claims, state lottery, Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Humanities
 59.17 Center, and military and veteran affairs; cancelling certain fiscal year
 59.18 appropriations; making changes to policy provisions in state government operations;
 59.19 changing military and veteran affairs policy provisions; modifying election policy
 59.20 provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 10.578; 14.389, subdivision
 59.21 5; 15.057, as amended; 16A.06, by adding a subdivision; 16B.24, by adding a
 59.22 subdivision; 138.38; 155A.23, subdivision 16; 190.07; 197.791, subdivisions 4,
 59.23 5, 5a, 5b; 198.006; 198.03, subdivision 2; 201.071, subdivision 2; 201.121,
 59.24 subdivision 3; 203B.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.121, subdivision 1; 204B.14,
 59.25 subdivision 3; 204B.16, subdivision 1; 204B.18, subdivision 1; 204B.40; 204C.13,
 59.26 subdivision 3; 204C.35, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 240.01, subdivision
 59.27 18; 240.06, subdivision 7; 240.11; 240.131, subdivision 7; 240.24, subdivisions
 59.28 2a, 3; 240.30, subdivision 5; 270C.21; 477A.03, subdivision 2b; 609.095; 645.071;
 59.29 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 40; Laws 2020,
 59.30 chapter 77, section 3, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
 59.31 Statutes, chapters 3; 10; 16A; 43A; 196; 198; 203B; 609."