

**2019 House State Government Finance Omnibus
Delete-everything amendment (H1935DE1)**

Topic	Source	Summary	Location in H1935DE1
Article 1: State Government Appropriations			
Appropriations	N/A	Appropriations and riders for various agencies within the accounts managed by the state government finance committee are described in the fiscal spreadsheet.	1-35
Secretary of state attorney fees award	HF 1428 (Dehn)	Appropriates money in FY 2019 to the secretary of state to pay the attorney fees awarded against the state resulting from the case <i>Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky</i> . This is the case challenging the state law regulating campaign apparel in polling places; the law was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2018.	36
Professional/technical services contracts	HF 2768 (Nelson), as amended	Requires a reduction in professional and technical services contracts across all state agencies by at least \$890,000 in the FY 2020-21 biennium. Certain exceptions are provided.	37
HAVA election security appropriations	HF 14 (Nelson), with modifications	Appropriates federal money allocated to Minnesota under the Help America Vote Act to the secretary of state for specific purposes allowed under federal law (improving the administration and security of elections). This section also recognizes certain funds already spent by the state as qualifying for the state match required under HAVA. The appropriation is available immediately.	38
Article 2: State Government Operations			
Accessibility of legislative information technology	HF 1962 (Nelson)	Requires the legislature to comply with information technology accessibility standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services, and establishes a legislative employee working group to assist the legislature in identifying accessibility needs related to its IT services.	1, 16, 49
Legislative Commission on Data Practices	HF 804 (Lesch)	Extends the Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy to June 30, 2026.	2
Legislative Water Commission	HF 2084 (Fischer)	Extends the Legislative Water Commission to July 1, 2025.	3
Administrative law judge salaries	HF 1935 (Nelson)	Conforms the salary of the assistant chief administrative law judge and administrative law judge supervisors to equal that of a district court judge.	4

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State employee pay in event of state shutdown	HF 1863 (Lillie), with modifications	Provides a statutory appropriation for state employee salary and benefits in the event of a state government shutdown, unless expressly superseded by a later-enacted law. A reimbursement payment for lost salary and benefits would be made upon the employee's return to work. Employees in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches are included.	5
Gainsharing	N/A	Amends the state employee gainsharing program requirements. An employee would be entitled to an award only upon a suggestion that is implemented and results in a reduction in the costs of operating state government. The requirements of an existing biannual legislative report are reduced, and the report is converted to an annual report. If sufficient funding is not available to fund the entire program, a pilot program is required.	6
Capitol flag program	HF 1740 (Huot), with modifications	Establishes a program to provide a U.S. and Minnesota state flag flown over the State Capitol building to families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty, and families of members of the military who died while in active service. The program is administered by the Department of Administration. A July 1, 2020 effective date is provided.	7, 52
Renewable energy in state building projects	HF 1998 (Persell)	Modifies standards for the inclusion of renewable energy, including solar energy systems, in state building projects.	8, 9
Office of Enterprise Sustainability	HF 2053 (Cantrell)	Establishes an Office of Enterprise Sustainability as a statutory entity within the Department of Administration. The office is required to engage in a number of activities to track and reduce the impacts of state government on the environment. The current office established for this purpose exists by executive order.	10
Local government website accessibility	HF 2808 (Elkins)	Establishes a grant program and advisory council, administered by the Department of Administration, to award grants to local governments to improve website accessibility.	11
Conflict-free minerals	HF 1861 (Pierson), as amended	<p>Establishes a presumption that a vendor is in compliance with required federal disclosures related to conflict minerals when entering a state contract. Exemptions are provided, including for contracts with a value of less than \$100,000 or if compliance is not practicable or in the best interest of the state. Notice of this standard must be included solicitation for supplies or services.</p> <p>A "conflict mineral" is defined in the bill, and means a mineral or mineral derivative that finances human conflict, as determined by federal law. Examples of these types of minerals include coltan, cassiterite, gold, and wolframite.</p>	12

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Design and construction contracts in an emergency	HF 2056 (Freiberg)	Authorizes the commissioner of administration to authorize expedited design and construction for publicly-owned structures in the event of an emergency. Current law allows expedited repair, rehabilitation, and improvements to state-owned structures in an emergency, but does not allow for design or construction of new structures.	13
Small business certification	HF 2057 (Moran)	Authorizes the commissioner of administration to allow small businesses to be certified by a nationally recognized certifying organization in order to participate in the state's small business and small targeted group business programs.	14
Best and final offer	HF 1975 (Nelson)	Clarifies that the best and final offer solicitation process may be used for building and construction contracts under the best value process, but not for competitively bid contracts.	15
Hair braiding	HF 140 (Moran)	Exempts hair braiders from registration and other oversight by the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners.	17, 18, 53
Pari-mutuel horse racing	HF 2018 (Tabke)	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to pari-mutuel horse racing.	19-27, 29-34
Racing Commission ongoing operations	HF 633 (Tabke)	Provides a standing appropriation from the Racing and Card Playing Regulation account in the special revenue fund to support ongoing operations of the Racing Commission.	28
Mighty Ducks grants	HF 956 (Koegel) <i>see also</i> HF 541 (Lillie) and HF 1812 (Jurgens)	Increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities. The Mighty Ducks program provides grants to support improvements to public ice arenas, and to support increased access to ice arenas for women and girls. The law requires prioritization of rehabilitation and renovation projects that improve indoor air quality and eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant.	35
Private Cemeteries Act	HF 2087 (Nelson)	Modifies standards for protecting American Indian cemeteries and burial features from inadvertent discovery or unearthing of human remains.	36
Certified public accounting practices	HF 893 (Huot)	Modifies various licensing and regulation provisions related to the practice of certified public accounting, including the creation of a "retired" status classification.	37-44

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Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF)	HF 2512 (Long)	Provides statutory direction that increases the state's payment to the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) to \$16 million. Current law requires a \$6 million contribution to the fund in 2019 and thereafter.	45, 46
Access to multiunit residential facilities by Census workers	HF 1644 (Long), as amended	Authorizes U.S. Census workers to access multiunit housing facilities (apartments, dormitories, nursing homes, and the like) for purposes of conducting official work during each decennial census.	47
Minnesota Census 2020 mobilization	HF 1644 (Long), with modifications	Requires the commissioner of administration to implement a Census 2020 Mobilization program. A component of the program is awarding grants to local governments and nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations engaged in census mobilization activities. A list of priority outreach and mobilization activities is included.	48
Legislative Budget Office	HF 123 (Nelson)	Eliminates the Legislative Budget Office effective July 1, 2019. Existing employees must be offered reasonable opportunities for comparable employment in other offices of the legislature, to the extent practical.	50, 53
World War I plaque	HF 1471 (Bierman)	Requires a replacement plaque to be placed on the Capitol grounds to recognize all Minnesotans who served, at home and abroad, in World War I.	51
Article 3: State Payments Terminology			
Terminology and procedures related to state payments	HF 1974, as amended, with modifications	Provides a number of miscellaneous and technical changes to terminology related to the process for making payments to individuals, local governments, creditors, and other entities owed money from state accounts. Among these changes are allowances for the commissioner of management and budget to void an unpaid claim if the commissioner determines it is invalid (section 9), a requirement that the commissioner, along with the attorney general, establish internal guidelines for the collection of debt owed to the state (section 12), and new standards for legislative reporting of certain uncollectible debts (section 13).	1-41
Article 4: Elections and Voting Rights			
Automatic voter registration	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 45 (Schultz)	Establishes an "opt out" voter registration process for applicants for a Minnesota driver's license, state identification card, or instruction permit. All applicants who do not decline would be registered by the secretary of state following a review to determine the applicant's eligibility to vote. Applicants who are already registered would have their registrations updated.	1, 9

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School board vacancies	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 839 (Huot)	Allows members appointed to a school board in order to fill a vacancy to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Existing law that directs a special election to be conducted in most circumstances is eliminated.	2
Transit service on election day	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 489 (Dehn)	Directs certain public transit providers to provide fixed-route public transit service free of charge on the day of the state general election.	3, 37, 71
Restoration of voting rights	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 40 (Dehn)	Restores voting rights to individuals convicted of a felony once they have completed any term of incarceration resulting from the conviction. Under current law, voting rights for these individuals are restored only upon complete discharge of the sentence. Informational materials must be prepared by the secretary of state, and notices must be provided by certain corrections officials to a person whose rights are restored.	4, 6, 10, 28, 70, 72
Early voting	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1371 (Long)	Establishes standards and procedures for “early voting” in Minnesota. Distinct from absentee voting, early voting permits a voter to cast a ballot at a centralized polling location during a specified period prior to election day. The bill provides for early voting in all federal, state, and county elections, from 30 days prior through the third day before the election. An existing authorization for local governments to choose to offer a version of early voting (in-person absentee voting using a ballot box) is repealed.	5, 11-13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-33, 60, 61, 73, 74
Permanent absentee voters	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1372 (Long)	Authorizes voters to request that an absentee ballot be delivered automatically prior to an election. Under current law, a voter may request that an absentee ballot application be delivered automatically, but the voter must still complete and return the application before being provided the absentee ballot itself.	14, 17, 18 22
Presidential nomination primary	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1153 (Halverson)	Restricts access to a voter’s political party choice at the presidential nomination primary to only the party designated by the voter – the information would not be publicly accessible by others.	7, 8, 25, 65-68
Electronic transmission of absentee voting materials	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1152 (Freiberg)	Authorizes voters with a temporary or permanent disability to request that absentee ballots, instructions, and related materials be transmitted to the voter electronically. The voter would still be required to return a paper ballot, in a sealed envelope. A postage-paid envelope would be mailed to the voter for that purpose.	15, 36

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In-person absentee voting locations	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1818 (Bernardy)	Authorizes designated in-person absentee voting locations to be opened for fewer than the 46 days prior to an election, if notice is provided on the jurisdiction's website and to the secretary of state. A voter must still be able to submit an absentee ballot at the office of the county auditor during the full 46-day absentee voting period.	19
Electronic voting systems	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1098 (Bernardy)	Expands the types of electronic voting systems that may be certified for use in Minnesota to include systems that produced a marked paper ballot using a touch screen or other electronic device. Additional details on the functionality of the system, and a process to provide for voter anonymity in the event of a recount of the ballots in a precinct using multiple types of voting system, are included.	34, 40, 57, 58, 62
Elections by mail	HF 1603 (Dehn)	Authorizes the option of mail balloting for all towns, and all cities with fewer than 400 registered voters, regardless of their geographic location in the state. Under current law, these towns and cities are only eligible if they are located outside of a metropolitan-area county.	35
Assisting voters in a polling place	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 94 (Vang)	Eliminates the existing three-person cap on the number of voters a person may provide assistance to in a polling place.	39
Special election timeline	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1628 (Sundin)	Extends the period for conducting a special election to fill a vacant legislative seat by two weeks, in cases where an expedited process is required in order to allow the person elected to be seated quickly for a legislative session. Special primaries and special elections are prohibited during the four days before or after a holiday. A process for reimbursing local governments for the cost of conducting special elections to fill vacant state and federal offices is also included.	41-45
Ranked-choice voting	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 983 (Elkins)	Authorizes all local governments the option to elect local officials using ranked-choice voting, and establishes uniform procedures and requirements for the conduct of these elections.	46-56, 59, 61, 63, 64
National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1941 (Lesch)	Adopts an interstate compact related to election of the President: if a sufficient number of other states also ratify, this compact would require Minnesota (and other participating states) to obligate their electoral college votes to the winner of the national popular vote for president, rather than allocating those votes based on the vote totals from the state.	69

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Article 5: Campaign Finance			
Hennepin County elections	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1994 (Freiberg)	Transfers oversight of certain campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates and committees associated with certain elected offices and ballot questions in (1) Hennepin County, (2) any city located wholly within Hennepin County that has a population of 75,000 or more, and (3) the Minneapolis school district. Under current law, the Hennepin County elections administrator receives campaign finance-related reports. This bill instead places those responsibilities under the jurisdiction of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	1-9, 11-14, 16-21, 26, 27
“Expressly advocating”	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 2050 (Bahner)	Expands the definition of “expressly advocating” to include certain types of communications that are susceptible of no reasonable interpretation except as a campaign-related communication, even if the communication doesn’t use the “magic words” of a campaign, such as a “vote for” or “vote against...” This definition is used to determine when the expenditures supporting a communication are subject to reporting and oversight by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	6
Noncampaign disbursement for security-related expenses	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 673 (Lucero)	Authorizes a campaign to make an expenditure for specified security-related expenses for a candidate and any immediate family members of the candidate who live in the same household and report it as a “non-campaign disbursement.”	10
Electioneering communications	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 2050 (Bahner)	Establishes a campaign finance reporting structure for “electioneering communications.” An electioneering communication is one that refers to a clearly-identified candidate, within a short time before an election (30 days before a primary or 60 days before a general election), that is targeted to the relevant electorate, and which is made without the authorization or participation of the candidate or the candidate’s committee.	15, 20, 22-25
Article 6: Redistricting			
Redistricting Advisory Commission	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1605 (Klevorn)	Establishes a Redistricting Advisory Commission that includes five retired judges and 12 members of the public selected through an extensive application process to ensure political balance. The commission is responsible for drawing and recommending new congressional and legislative district boundaries after each decennial census. A number of details related to the commission’s structure and workflow are provided.	1, 6
Districting principles	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1605 (Klevorn)	Establishes a series of principles to guide the drawing of congressional and legislative district boundaries.	2

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LCC duties related to redistricting	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> HF 1605 (Klevorn)	Establishes a series of technical details regarding the role of the Legislative Coordinating Commission related to the process of redistricting, including designation of the population database to be used.	3
Redistricting of local governments	HF 1603 (Dehn) <i>see also</i> (HF 1605 (Klevorn)	Establishes standards and procedures, including the requirement of a commission, for redistricting in certain large counties and cities.	4