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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3499

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; transferring and appropriating money for purposes of the
1.3 Help America Vote Act.

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

1.5 Section 1. HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS;
1.6 SECRETARY OF STATE.

1.7 (a) \$7,389,506 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the Help America Vote Act
1.8 (HAVA) account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, to the secretary of state
1.9 for the purposes of improving the administration and security of elections as authorized by
1.10 federal law, including but not limited to any of the following activities:

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

1.13 (2) improving accessibility;

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

1.15 (4) implementing security improvements for election systems; and

1.16 (5) funding other activities to improve the security of elections.

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

1.20 (c) The appropriations under paragraphs (a) and (b) are onetime and available until
1.21 December 21, 2024.

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