SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 241

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to state government; requiring the use of reports produced by the statewide

1.3   voter registration system; appropriating money from the Help America Vote Act

1.4   account for certain authorized purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section

1.5   201.022, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.7   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.022, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9   Subd. 4. **Voter records updated due to voting report.** No later than eight weeks after

1.10 the election, the county auditor must use the statewide voter registration system to produce

1.11 a report that identifies each voter whose record indicates that it was updated due to voting.

1.12 The county auditor must investigate each record that is challenged for a reason related to

1.13 eligibility to determine if the voter appears to have been ineligible to vote. If the county

1.14 auditor determines that a voter appears to have been ineligible to vote and either registered

1.15 to vote or voted in the previous election, the county auditor must notify the law enforcement

1.16 agency or the county attorney as provided in section 201.275.

1.17   Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.022, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.18 read:

1.19   Subd. 5. **Inactive voter report.** By November 6, 2018, the secretary of state must develop

1.20 a report within the statewide voter registration system that provides information on inactive

1.21 voters who registered on election day and were possibly ineligible. For elections on or after

1.22 November 6, 2018, no later than eight weeks after the election, the county auditor must use

1.23 the statewide voter registration system to produce the report. The county auditor must

2.1   investigate each record to determine if the voter appears to have been ineligible to vote. If

2.2   the county auditor determines that a voter appears to have been ineligible to vote and

2.3   registered to vote in the previous election, the county auditor must notify the law enforcement

2.4   agency or the county attorney as provided in section 201.275.

2.5   Sec. 3. **SECRETARY OF STATE; HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT**

2.6   **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7   (a) $1,534,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the account established in

2.8   Minnesota Statutes, section 5.30, pursuant to the Help America Vote Act, to the secretary

2.9   of state for the purposes of modernizing, securing, and updating the statewide voter

2.10   registration system and for cybersecurity upgrades as authorized by federal law. This is a

2.11   onetime appropriation and is available until March 23, 2023.

2.12   (b) $163,000 is transferred in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the Help America

2.13   Vote Act account and is credited towards the state match requirement of the Omnibus

2.14   Appropriations Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002,

2.15   Public Law 107-252, section 101.

2.16   (c) $167,000 expended by the secretary of state in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for

2.17   increasing secure access to the statewide voter registration system is deemed: (1) to be

2.18   money used for carrying out the purposes authorized under the Omnibus Appropriations

2.19   Act of 2018, Public Law 115-1410, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law

2.20   107-252, section 101; and (2) to be credited toward any match required by those laws.

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