SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 2985

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; requiring rotation of major political party candidates on the
1.3 state general election ballot; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13,
1.4 by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13,
1.5 subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2a. **Major political parties; placement on the ballot.** The names of major political

1.10 party candidates on the state general election ballot shall be rotated in the manner provided

1.11 for rotation of names on state partisan primary ballots by section 204D.08, subdivision 3.

1.12 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

1.13 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 204D.13, subdivision 2, is repealed.

1.14 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

1.15 This act is effective July 1, 2022, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

204D.13 BALLOT; PARTISAN OFFICES.

Subd. 2. **Order of political parties.** The first name printed for each partisan office on the state general election ballot shall be that of the candidate of the major political party that received the smallest average number of votes at the last state general election. The succeeding names shall be those of the candidates of the other major political parties that received a succeedingly higher average number of votes respectively. For the purposes of this subdivision, the average number of votes of a major political party shall be computed by dividing the total number of votes counted for all of the party's candidates for statewide office at the state general election by the number of those candidates at the election.