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

January 18, 2007

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

January 29, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

February 8, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

February 12, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to finance; authorizing transfer of appropriations within the Help
1.3 America Vote Act account; amending Laws 2005, chapter 162, section 34,
1.4 subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2005, chapter 162, section 34, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Administrative costs.** \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the Help America
1.8 Vote Act account to the secretary of state for the following purposes, to be available
1.9 until June 30, 2007:

1.10 (1) \$1,218,000 to maintain the statewide voter registration system and to develop the
1.11 capacity to handle registration and election transactions at the polling place;

1.12 (2) \$20,000 to verify voter registration data against the Department of Public Safety
1.13 driver's license and Social Security number database;

1.14 (3) \$200,000 to make the statewide voter registration system available for use by
1.15 local election officials;

1.16 (4) \$440,000 to assist local election officials using the statewide voter registration
1.17 system;

1.18 (5) \$79,000 to develop and operate the system for matching Social Security numbers
1.19 against driver's license records;

1.20 (6) \$83,000 for the state court administrator to automate the interchange of
1.21 information between the state courts and the statewide voter registration system;

1.22 (7) \$200,000 to administer implementation of the Help America Vote Act and to
1.23 audit the grants to counties and municipalities under this section;

2.1 (8) \$120,000 to process complaints received under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.2 200.04;

2.3 (9) \$40,000 to establish the state voting systems contracts required by new
2.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 206.805, and to administer the grants to counties and
2.5 municipalities under this section;

2.6 (10) \$200,000 to train local election officials on the use, maintenance, and
2.7 implementation of the new electronic voting systems purchased with the appropriations
2.8 in this section; and

2.9 (11) \$400,000 to educate voters on how to vote using the new electronic voting
2.10 systems purchased with the appropriations in this section.

2.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.285, after written notice to the
2.12 commissioner of finance and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the budget of the secretary of state, the
2.14 secretary of state may transfer the unencumbered balance from any appropriation in
2.15 clauses (4) and (7) to (11) to any appropriation in clauses (1) to (3).

2.16 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.17 This act is effective the day following final enactment.