

2024/2025 – Election/Voting Changes

During the 2023 legislative session, numerous large and small policy changes were enacted to modernize Minnesota's election laws and ensure that every Minnesotan has access to free, fair, secure, and accurate elections. These reforms reduce disparities, expand access, and strengthen voter participation. Legislative changes that will impact voters are summarized below.

IN EFFECT IN 2024

Automatic Voter Registration

All eligible adults will be automatically registered to vote when they get a state-issued ID, once the Office of the Secretary of State certifies that the system is operational. Automatic Voter Registration is not anticipated to be in effect until after December 2023.

Legislative District Map Modifications

Minor changes were made to the boundaries in [Senate Districts 9 & 12](#), [Senate District 17](#), and [Senate District 44](#). These changes will go into effect for the statewide primary in August 2024. Impacted municipalities and counties will adjust precinct and commissioner boundaries after the Presidential Nominating Primary and before the August 2024 election.

Permanent Absentee Voter List

As of June 2024, eligible voters will be able to request to be added to a list to automatically be sent an absentee ballot during the early vote period, instead of needing to apply again ahead of every election. This will save time for voters who know they want to continue voting from home.

Expanded Hours for Voting Before Election Day

During a statewide general election, voting locations will be required to be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the two Saturdays and the Sunday before the election, until 7 p.m. on the Tuesday the week before the election, and until 5 p.m. on the Monday before the election. For non-statewide general elections, voting locations will be required to be

open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Saturday before the election and until 5 p.m. on the Monday before the election.

Voter Language Access Resources

In all elections after January 1, 2024, voting instructions will be available on Election Day in the three most commonly spoken non-English languages in the state as determined by the state demographer for the previous calendar year. Sample ballots will be required to be translated in precincts on election day where 3% or more of the population speak English “less than very well”. Additionally, translation services will be available in precincts on election day where 20% or more of the population speak English “less than very well” and if ten or more registered voters file a request. A list of impacted precincts will be available on the OSS website in January 2024.

IN EFFECT AFTER 2025

Early Voting

The legislature has approved an early voting period to start 18 days before election day. During this time, the voter will be able to insert the ballot directly into a tabulator. Early voting will not take effect until the Office of the Secretary of State certifies the election systems work properly, which is not anticipated until after the 2024 election cycle.

Voting Issues Study

Funding is allocated to the Office of the Secretary of State to conduct a study of issues related to voter engagement, education, and improvements to the election system, including assessing ranked-choice voting. The study must include consultation with election administrators and community organizations and will review existing elections systems and procedures and their compatibility with the topics of the study. An interim report must be submitted no later than February 1, 2025, and a final report is required by June 30, 2025.

National Popular Vote Compact

Membership in this compact stipulates that Minnesota would appoint its presidential electors based on the outcome of the national popular vote, rather than the popular vote

within the state. The agreement would not take effect until enough states – representing a majority of electoral votes – have signed onto the agreement.