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The first legislative assembly of the new Territory of Minnesota met on September 3, 1849, at Central House, located at Second and Minnesota in St. Paul. The building served as both the Capitol and a hotel.

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### THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

**Minnesota Constitution provides:** To be elected a state senator or representative, a person must be a qualified voter, 21 years old, a resident of Minnesota for one year, and a resident of the legislative district for six months immediately preceding the election (Article IV).

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**House Information:** 175 State Office Building, St. Paul 55155, Phone: (651) 296-2146

**Term:** Senator: two or four years; Representative: two years.

Senators are elected in years ending in 0, 2, and 6. The two-year term at the beginning of each decade is due to redistricting. Legislative district boundaries change as a result of the census.

**Compensation:** \$31,140 annually; round trips between home and state capitol; per diem allowance for living expenses while conducting legislative business outside of their district.

**Membership:** The state of Minnesota is divided into 67 senate districts, each of which is divided into two, creating the 134 house districts. Each senate district elects one senator and each house district elects one representative.

**Functions and powers:** The principal legal task of the Legislature is to pass laws and to adopt a state budget, both of which affect a wide range of state programs and resources.

The Legislature also proposes amendments to the state constitution to be placed on the ballot for approval by the voters, elects regents of the University of Minnesota, and performs legislative oversight or review. The Senate has additional authority to confirm certain gubernatorial appointments.

The Legislature possesses a judicial function. It judges the election and qualifications of its members, may punish or expel members for contempt or disorderly behavior, and may impeach or remove members of the executive and judicial branches from office.

Each legislative body has a rules committee that directs the operating procedures of that body. The Legislature conducts business under the guidelines provided by the rules of that house, rules adopted jointly, state statutes, the state constitution, and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

**Organization:** Members of the Minnesota Legislature are nominated and elected in affiliation with political parties. Currently all Minnesota legislators are affiliated with either the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) or Republican (R) parties. The legislators affiliated with each party in each body make up a "caucus," e.g., House DFL caucus or House Republican caucus. The DFL caucus currently holds a majority in both the House and the Senate.

**Convening the Legislature:** On the first day of a regular session both houses of the Legislature convene at noon. The lieutenant governor, having already taken the oath of office, calls the Senate to order and presides until a president is elected and has taken the oath of office. The House is called to order by the secretary of state, who presides over that body until a speaker is elected and has taken the oath of office. After convening, the oath of office is administered to all members of each house.

**Presiding officers and leadership:** Senate members elect the president of the senate from among their members, and the House members elect the speaker of the house from among their members. The president presides over the Senate and the speaker of the house presides over the House. The speaker also presides over joint sessions of the House and Senate. Sandra L. Pappas (DFL–St. Paul) is president of the Senate and Paul Thissen (DFL–Minneapolis) is speaker of the House.

Each body elects the top staff members. The secretary of the senate, JoAnne M. Zoff, and chief clerk of the house, Albin A. Mathiowitz, are the highest ranking staff officers in each body.

Each caucus elects a leader, who serves as a leading spokesperson for caucus policies. In the Senate, the majority leader is Thomas M. Bakk (DFL–Cook) and the minority leader is David W. Hann (R–Eden Prairie). In the House, the majority leader is Erin Murphy (DFL–St. Paul) and the minority leader is Kurt Daudt (R–Crown).

**Committees:** The House and Senate have many committees that hold hearings on bills related to the topics assigned to them. The number of committees in each house and the number of members serving on each committee varies from session to session. In addition to the work they do during each legislative session, committees may hold informational hearings between legislative sessions.

In the House, the speaker appoints members for each committee, including a member to chair the committee, a vice-chair, and a lead representative from the minority caucus. In the Senate, a committee names the chairs of each committee. The majority and minority caucuses decide among themselves which of their members will serve on each committee.

**Regular sessions:** The Minnesota Legislature convenes in regular session each odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. Although it is not required to do so, the Legislature also meets in even-numbered years, starting on a date agreed to by both bodies, usually in January or February. In total, between the two years, the Legislature may not meet for more than 120 legislative days and may not meet in regular session after the first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year.

Each two-year term of the House is considered one legislative session, also known as one “biennium.” For this reason, the Legislature may take action in the second year on bills that were not passed in the first year, without having to reintroduce them. Bills are numbered consecutively in order of introduction through both years.

**Special sessions:** The governor may call the Legislature into a special session at any time. Special sessions become necessary when legislative action is needed to meet emergencies or when legislative work is unfinished at the end of a regular session. The governor does not have the power to limit the length of a special session.

**Deadlines:** Bills may be introduced at any time, but must meet certain benchmarks in the process in order to remain viable. There are usually three deadlines. By the “first deadline,” a bill must have passed through all of the required policy committees in one of the bodies. By the “second deadline,” its companion must have passed through all of the policy committees in the other body. By the “third deadline,” an omnibus appropriations bill and its companion must have passed through the required finance divisions in both bodies.

**Passage of laws:** Almost any idea may be turned into a bill – it may be an entirely new law, amend a current law or repeal a law. A bill follows eight steps on its way to becoming Minnesota law.

1. **Legislative proposal:** Anyone can come up with an idea for a bill—an individual, consumer group, corporation, governmental unit or governor. Before a bill can be considered, it must be put into proper legal form by the revisor of statutes. Only a legislator, constitutional officer, or state agency can ask the revisor to prepare a bill.

2. **Authors:** Each bill must have one legislator in each body to serve as the chief author of the bill. The chief author is usually the one to ask the revisor to prepare the bill. The chief author in each body introduces the bill, presents it in committees and on the floor.

Other legislators may sign on as “co-authors” to show their support for the proposal. There may be up to 34 co-authors in the House and four in the Senate. Co-authors are listed on the bill, but often do not take an active role in the passage of a bill.

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**3. Introduction:** When a bill is introduced, it is assigned a file number by which it is known. In the House, it is a house file number, e.g., H.F. 1531; in the Senate, a senate file number, e.g., S.F. 1331. Numbers are assigned to bills in chronological order as they are introduced. The House and Senate versions of the bills are known as companions.

At the time a bill is introduced, it is given its “first reading” and is referred to the appropriate committee. A bill must receive three readings on the floor of each body before it can be passed.

**4. Committee consideration:** The chair of the committee to which the bill was referred will decide when and if to give the bill a hearing. All committee meetings are open to the public. Committees often hear testimony from those in favor or opposed to a bill before taking action. Committees often amend the language of the bills.

Committees may vote on whether a bill should pass or may delay consideration of it by “laying it on the table.” A bill must receive the votes of a majority of the members present and voting in order to pass. Bills that are passed may be sent to another committee or to the floor for consideration by the entire House or Senate.

**5. Second Reading, General Register and General Orders:** Once a bill has passed through all of the required committees, it is sent to the full House or Senate and given its second reading and placed on the list of bills that the body may consider. In the House this list is called the General Register; in the Senate it is called General Orders.

**6. Debate, Third Reading and Passage:** At this point, House and Senate procedures differ slightly.

In the House, the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration chooses bills from the General Register for consideration by the full House by placing them on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar. The chief author presents the bill. Members may debate the merits of the bill and offer amendments. When there are no more amendments, the bill is given its third reading. After any additional debate, the House takes a roll call vote on the bill, meaning that each member’s vote for or against the bill is recorded.

The Senate uses a different procedure. The chair of the committee on Rules and Administration designates the bills from General Orders that the Senate will consider each day. The Senate then meets as the “committee of the whole,” and debates the issue and offers amendments to the bill. The Senate then votes the bill up or down.

Bills approved by the “committee of the whole” are placed on the calendar. At this point, the bill has its third reading and a roll call vote is taken on the bill.

To pass, a bill needs the votes of a majority of the members in each body. The one exception are bonding bills which require a vote of three-fifths of the members to pass. A bonding bill authorizes the sale of bonds to raise money for the state.

**7. Conference committee:** When the House and the Senate pass companion bills with language that is not identical, a conference committee is formed. Conference committees are made up of either three or five members from each body. Their goal is to find a compromise between the language passed by the House and the Senate. If they reach a compromise, their agreement must be passed by both bodies before it can be sent to the governor.

**8. The governor:** Once the House and Senate have agreed on and passed the identical bill—either when it was first passed or as a result of a conference committee—it is sent to the governor for his consideration. The governor has several options. He may sign it, in which case the bill becomes a law. The governor may veto it as a whole and provide an explanation for his decision. For bills that spend money, the governor may choose to “line item” certain expenditures, and sign the rest of the bill into law.

If the governor does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, the bill becomes a law. The governor has up to 14 days to take action on bills passed during the last three days of a legislative session in the second year of the biennium. If the governor does not take action on a bill passed during this time frame, it does not become law.

The Legislature may override a governor's veto if two-thirds of the members of both bodies vote to do so.

### ~ *Voting in Minnesota* ~

#### **The Evolving Ballot**

For the first 20 years of statehood, political parties in Minnesota printed their own ballots listing only their slate of candidates. Voters would mark their selections on a variety of ballots or write their choices on a blank piece of paper.

In 1889, Minnesota's largest cities began printing uniform ballots with all of the candidates on a single ballot called the "Australian ballot." By 1891 the entire state had adopted the design. Voting instructions often were provided in languages other than English, including German, Norwegian or Swedish.

At the time the ballot was adopted, candidates were required to file their candidacy with the secretary of state in order to be included on a ballot. For a general election ballot, a candidate had to be nominated by delegates of a political party that had received at least 1 percent of the votes cast in the last district or state election. Candidates representing new political parties could get on the ballot through a petition process requiring signatures from 1 percent of the voters for that district or the state.

Source: *Reflections of the Political Process*, Minnesota Historical Society

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MINNESOTA SENATE MEMBERS – ALPHABETICALLY (Cap = Capitol; State = State Office Building)				
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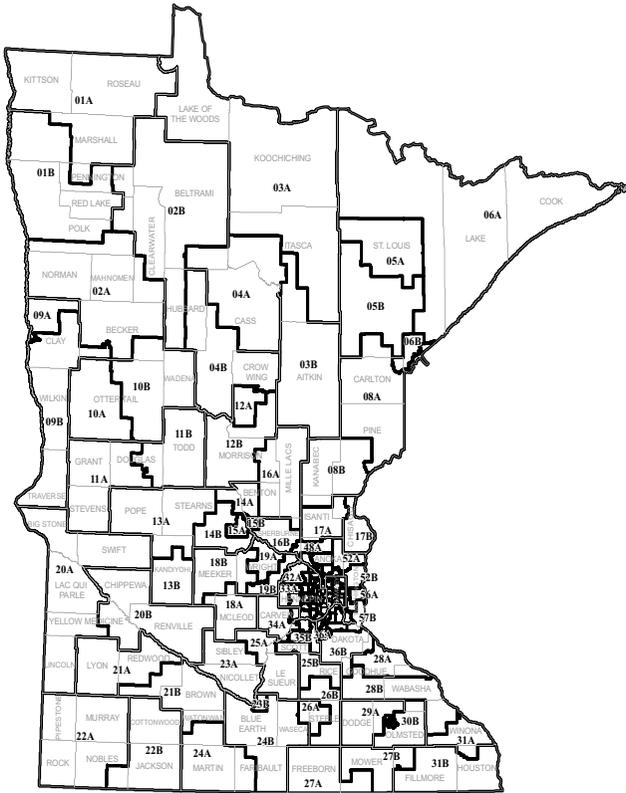
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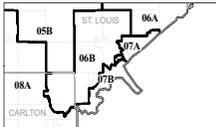
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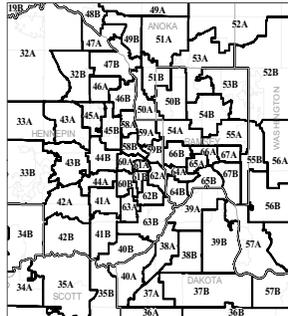
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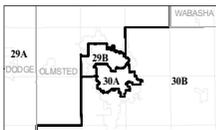
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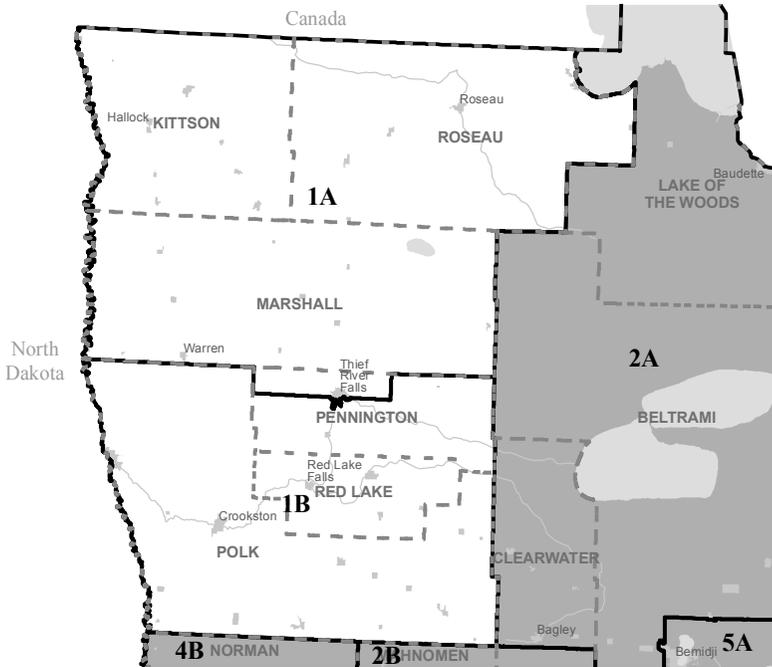
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Rochester Area



District 1



Senator District 1

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**Occupation:** Farmer

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**Elected:** 1982, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 1A

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**Committees:** Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

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**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 1B

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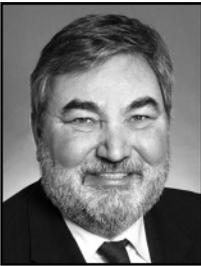
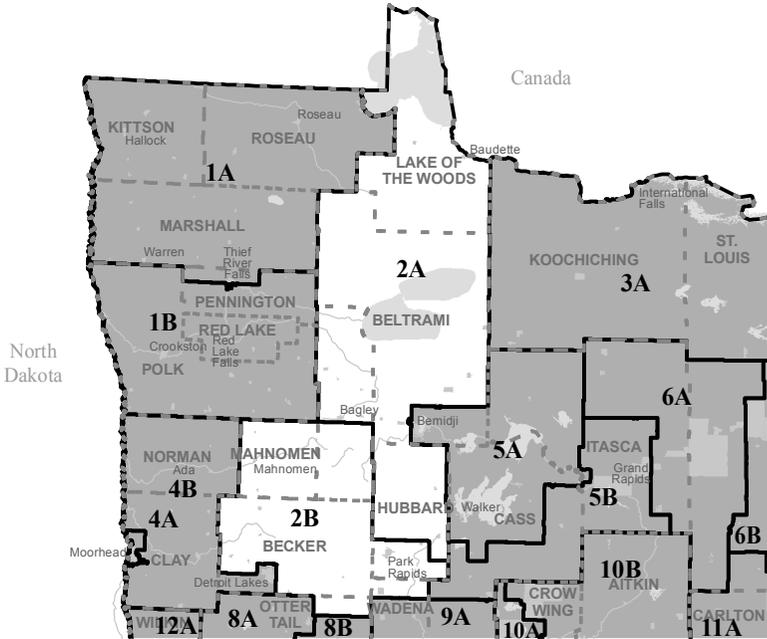
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**Committees:** Agriculture Policy; Education Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Property and Local Tax Division

**Occupation:** Farmer/Homemaker

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District 2



Senator District 2

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**Committees:** Taxes, chair; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division, Rules and Administration, Taxes - Tax Reform Division

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Education:** BA, Augsburg College

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 2A

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**Committees:** Agriculture Policy; Education Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** BS, Elementary Education, Bemidji State University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 2B

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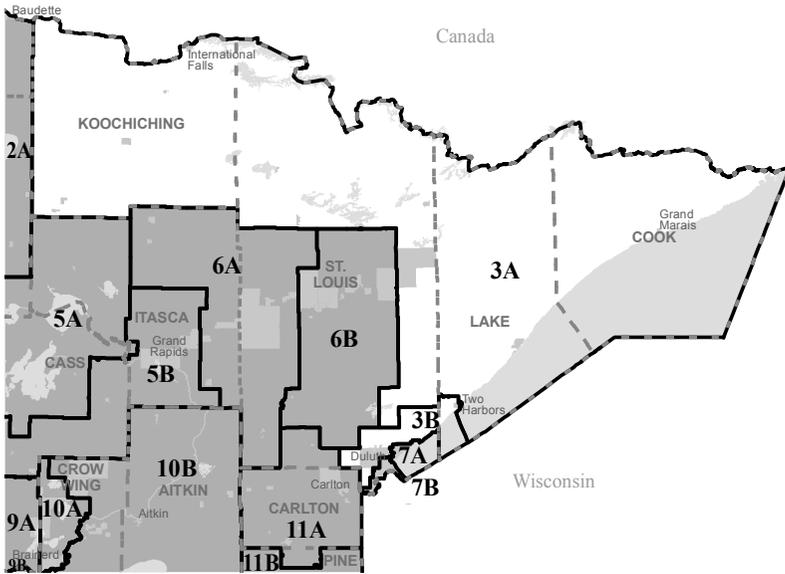
**Committees:** Capital Investment; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Housing Finance and Policy; Legacy

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** Diploma, Auto Body, Detroit Lakes Area Vocational Technical Institute

**Elected:** 2012

District 3



Senator District 3

**Thomas M. Bakk** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Majority Leader

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**Committees:** Rules and Administration, chair; Taxes

**Occupation:** Retired Labor Official

**Education:** BA, University of Minnesota: Duluth

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 3A

**Dave Dill** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Consultant

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 3B

**Mary Murphy** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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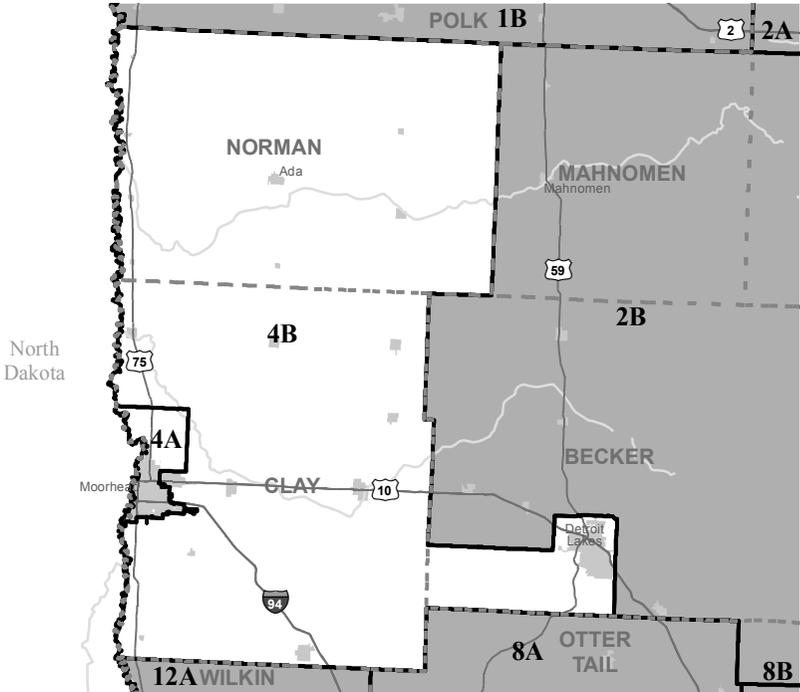
**Committees:** State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs, chair; Ethics; Legacy

**Occupation:** Grounds Manager/Historical Preservation

**Education:** BA, History/Economics, College of St. Scholastica; graduate work, University of Minnesota: Duluth

**Elected:** 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 4



Senator District 4

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**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** BA, Concordia College; MA, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 4A

**Ben Lien** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Property and Local Tax Division, vice chair; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Education:** BA, Political Science, Minnesota State University: Moorhead

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 4B

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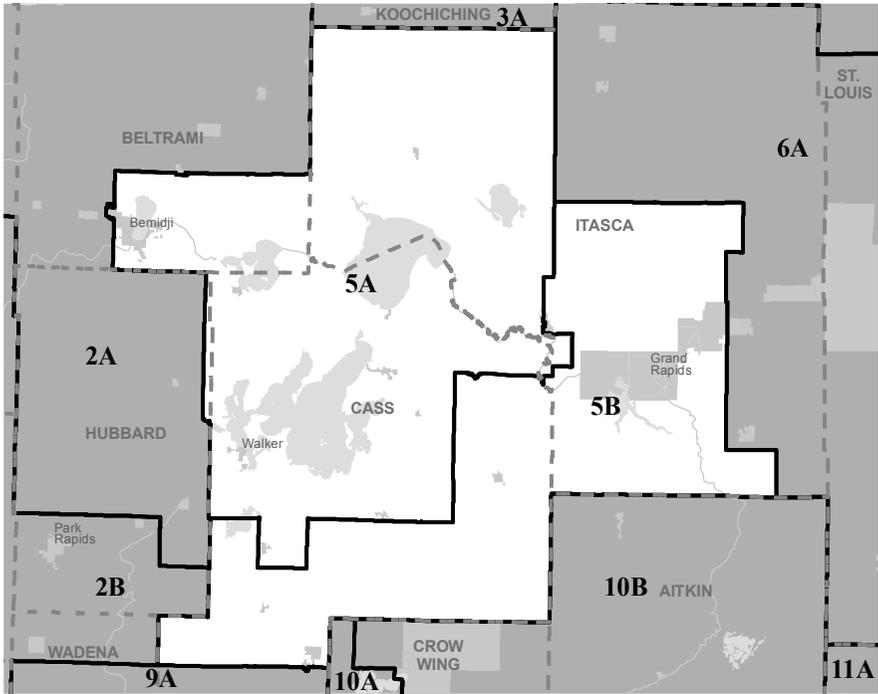
**Committees:** Education Finance, chair; Education Policy; Property and Local Tax Division; Taxes; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Education:** BS, Education/Social Studies, University of North Dakota; MS, Education Administration, Tri-College University: Moorhead

**Elected:** 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 5



Senator District 5

**Tom Saxhaug** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Legislator, Retired Insurance Agent

**Education:** BA, St. Olaf College

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 5A

**John Persell** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Majority Whip

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**Committees:** Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy, vice chair; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Policy Analyst

**Education:** BS, Biology, Bemidji State University

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 5B

**Tom Anzelc** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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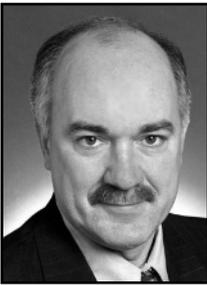
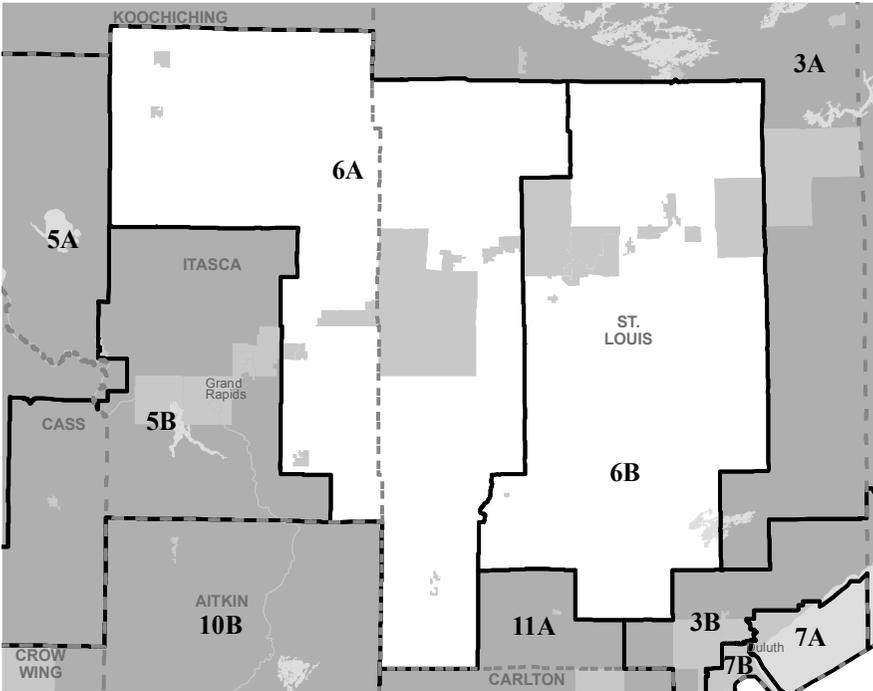
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**Committees:** Ways and Means, vice chair; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Education Finance; Taxes

**Education:** BS, Political Science, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 6



Senator District 6

**David J. Tomassoni** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BSBA, University of Denver

**Elected:** 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 6A

**Carly Melin** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
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**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BS, Bemidji State University; JD, Hamline University

**Elected:** 2011, 2012



Representative District 6B

**Jason Metsa** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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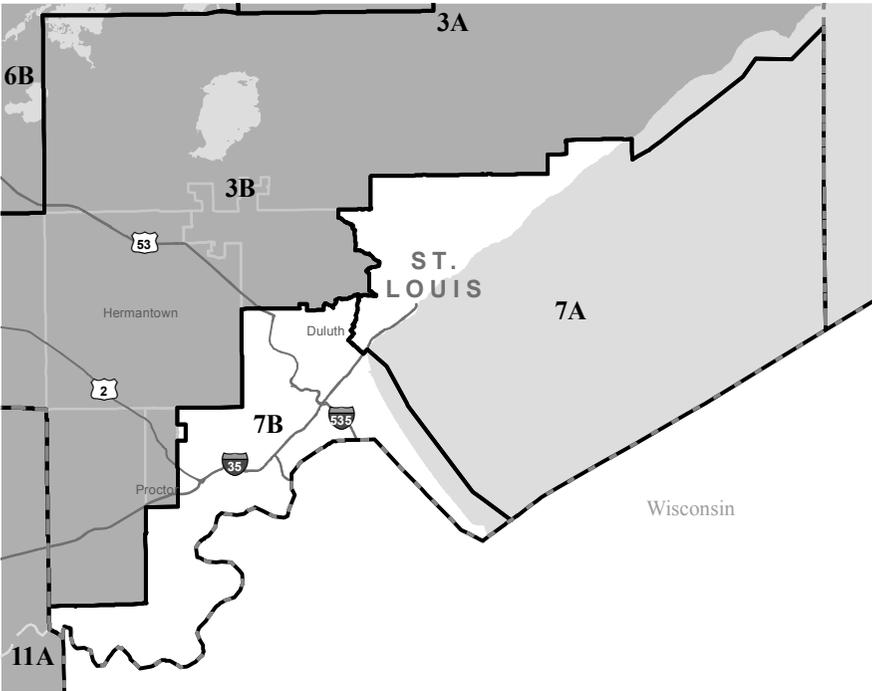
**Committees:** Housing Finance and Policy; Jobs and Economic Development; Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** AA, Mesabi Range Community and Technical College

**Elected:** 2012

District 7



Senator District 7

**Roger J. Reinert** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Commerce; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Taxes; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** College Faculty

**Education:** BS, University of Minnesota; MS, Mankato State University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 7A

**Thomas Huntley** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Health and Human Services Finance, chair; Elections; Health and Human Services Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Personal Care Attendant

**Education:** B. Chem, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities; PhD, Biochemistry, Iowa State University

**Elected:** 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 7B

**Erik Simonson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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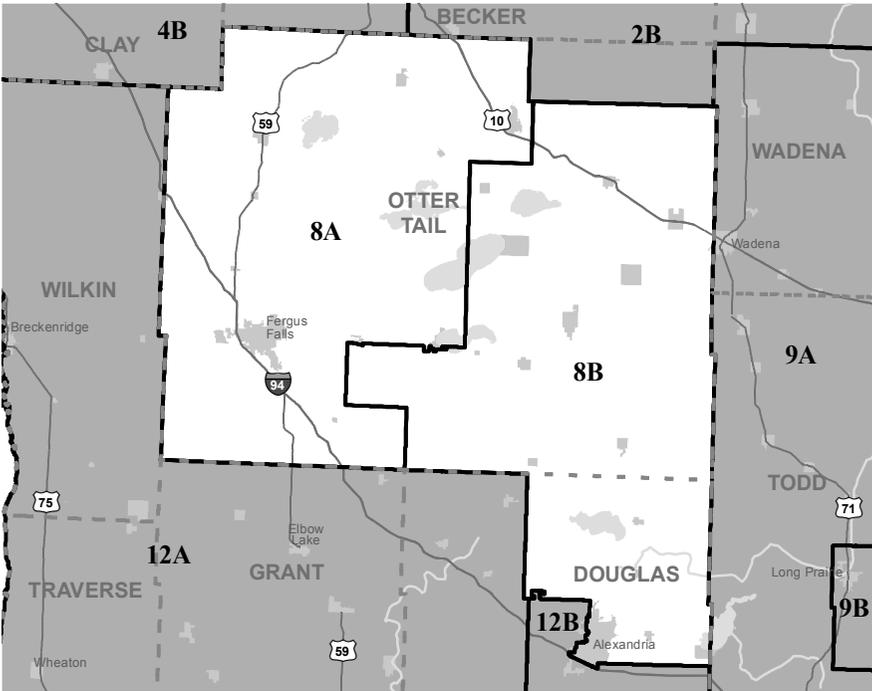
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**Committees:** Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Taxes; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Assistant Fire Chief

**Elected:** 2012

District 8



Senator District 8  
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**Occupation:** Retired County Sheriff

**Education:** AA, Alexandria Technical College

**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 8A  
**Bud Nornes** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Higher Education Finance and Policy, republican lead;  
Agriculture Policy; Education Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Communications

**Education:** Broadcasting, Brown College

**Elected:** 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 8B  
**Mary Franson** (Republican)

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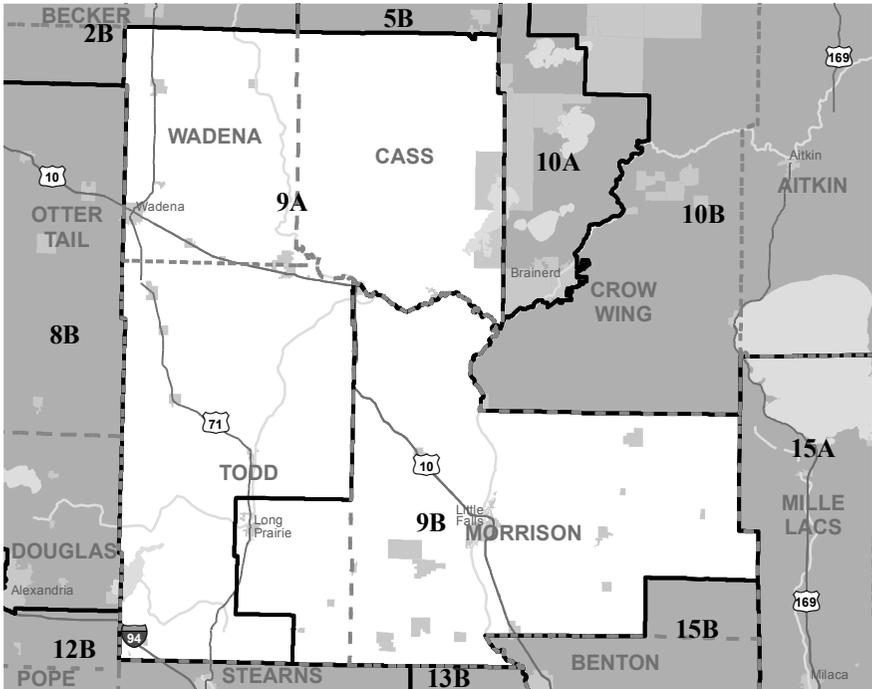
**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Health and  
Human Services Policy; Higher Education Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Homemaker/Self-employed

**Education:** BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota: Duluth

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 9



Senator District 9  
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**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Education:** BS, Oral Roberts University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 9A

**Mark Anderson** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Civil Law; Education Policy; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Pilot/Businessman

**Education:** BS, Airway Science, University of North Dakota

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 9B

**Ron Kresha** (Republican)

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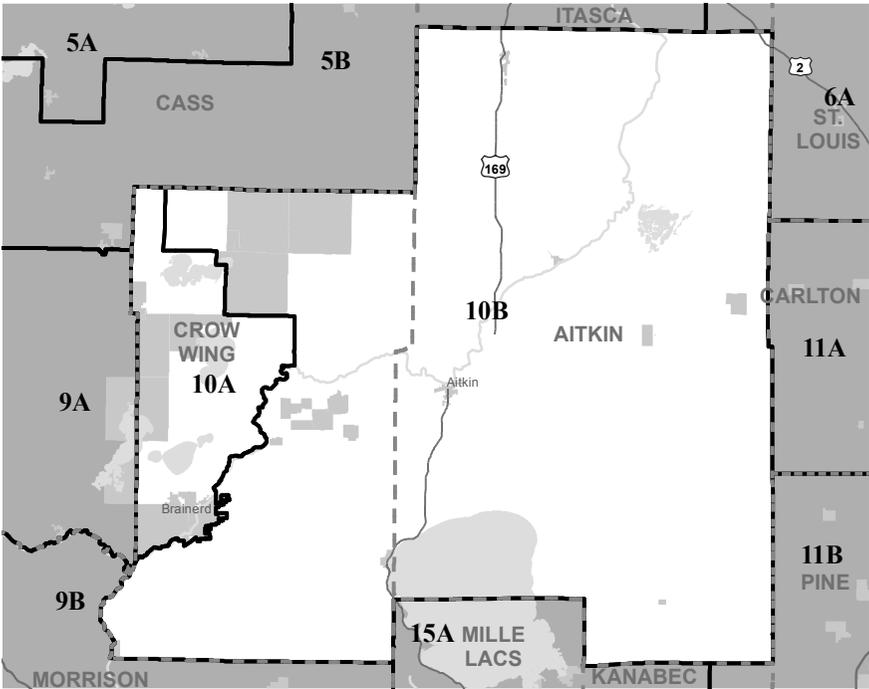
**Committees:** Agriculture Policy; Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Education Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Chief Executive Officer

**Education:** BA, English, St. Cloud State University; MBA, Finance/  
Accounting, Bellevue University

**Elected:** 2012

District 10



Senator District 10  
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**Committees:** Education; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division; Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development

**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker

**Elected:** 2002, 2012



Representative District 10A

**John Ward** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Assistant Majority Leader

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**Committees:** Capital Investment, vice chair; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Legacy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Licensed Insurance Agent/Retired Educator/Coach

**Education:** BS, Physical Education and Health, University of Minnesota: Duluth; MA, Special Education, University of Minnesota: Duluth

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 10B

**Joe Radinovich** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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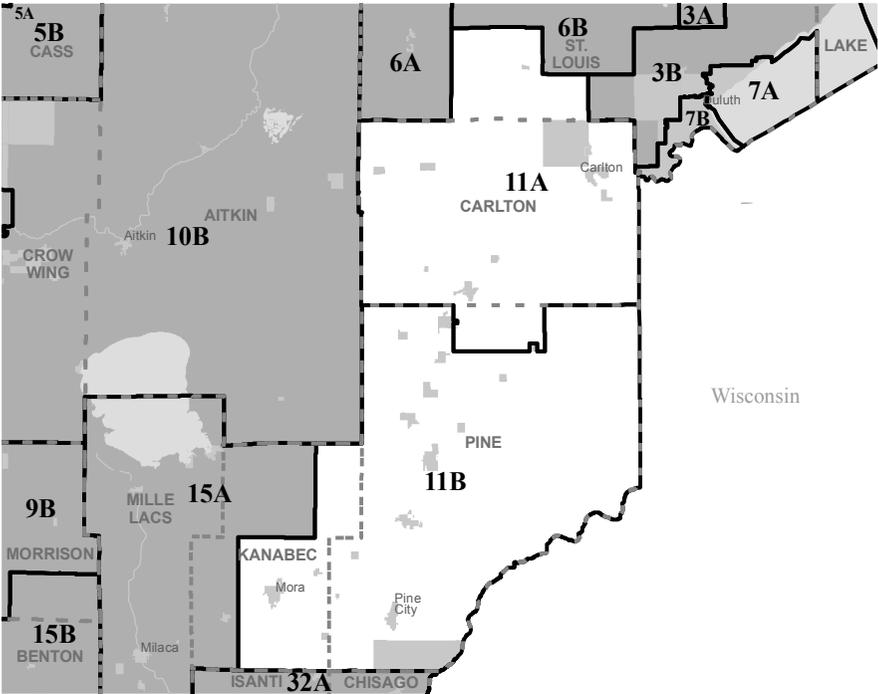
**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Education Finance; Housing Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** Macalester College

**Elected:** 2012

District 11



Senator District 11

**Tony Lourey** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Farmer, Legislator

**Education:** BA, University of Minnesota; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 11A

**Mike Sundin** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries, vice chair; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Transportation Finance; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 11B

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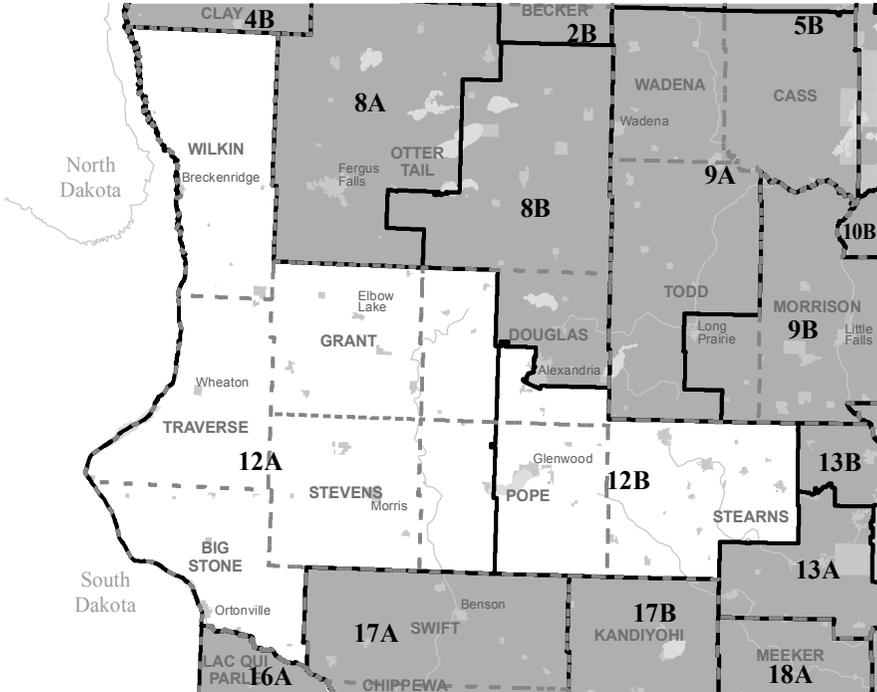
**Committees:** Agriculture Policy, vice chair; Education Policy; Property and Local Tax Division

**Occupation:** Minister

**Education:** BS, Agriculture Economics, North Dakota State University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2012

District 12



Senator District 12

**Torrey N. Westrom** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Finance; Finance - Environment, Economic and Agriculture Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Attorney, Small Business Owner

**Education:** BA, Bemidji State University; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 12A

**Jay McNamar** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Agriculture Policy; Capital Investment; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Education:** BS, Education, University of North Dakota: Ellendale

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 12B

**Paul Anderson** (Republican)

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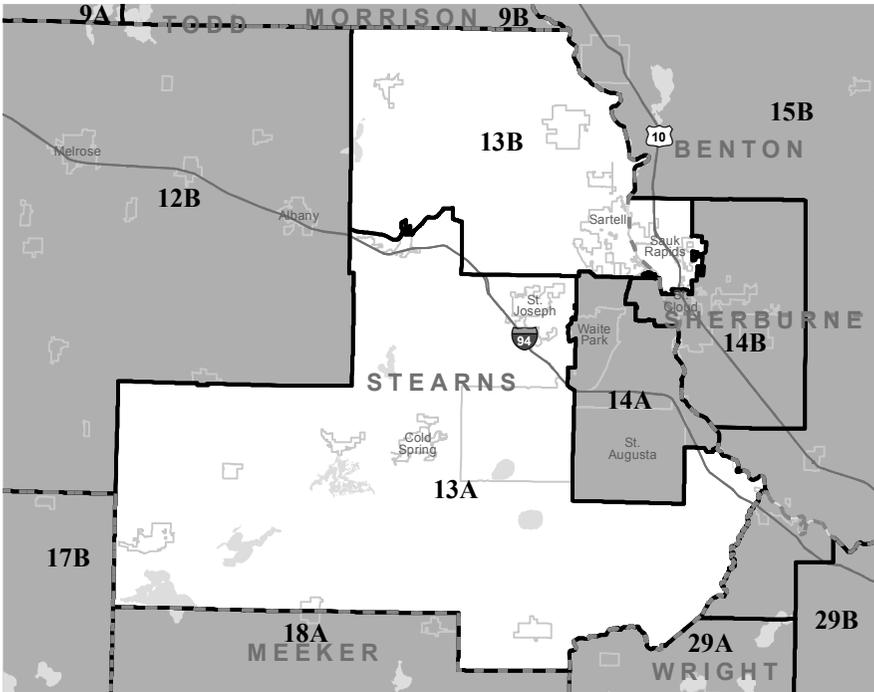
**Committees:** Housing Finance and Policy, republican lead; Agriculture Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Education:** BA, Physical Education/Education, University of Minnesota: Morris

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012

District 13



Senator District 13

**Michelle L. Fischbach** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Finance, ranking minority member; Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division; Finance - Subcommittee on Legacy; Higher Education and Workforce Development; Rules and Administration

**Education:** College of St. Benedict; BA, St. Cloud State University; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** Special 1996, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 13A

**Jeff Howe** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Civil Law; Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Education:** BA, Elective Studies, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 13B

**Tim O'Driscoll** (Republican)

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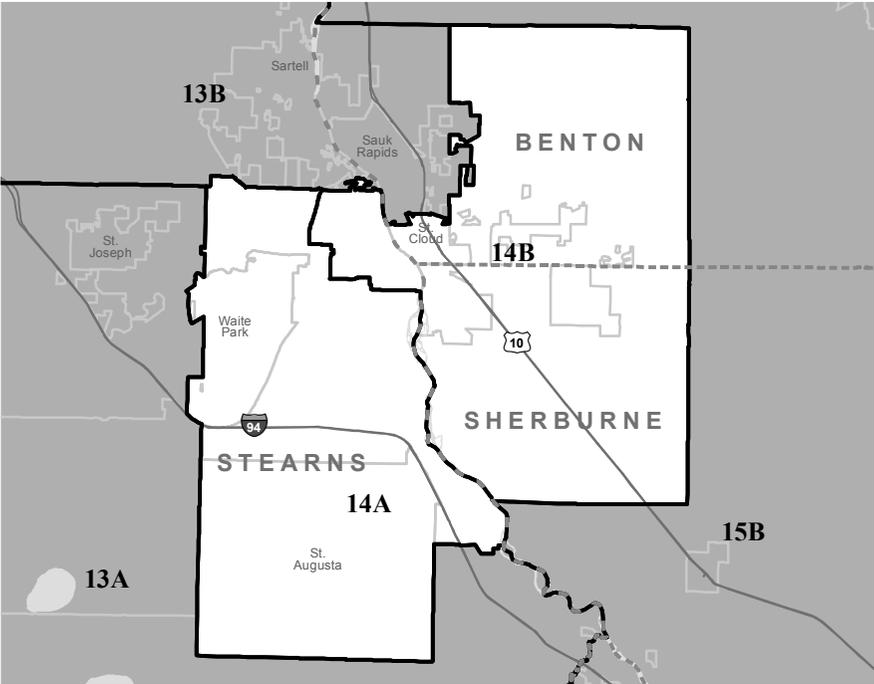
**Committees:** Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries, republican lead; Elections; Government Operations; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Corporate Trainer

**Education:** BS, Real Estate and Business Education, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 14



Senator District 14

**John C. Pederson** (Republican)

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**Education:** BA, Northwestern College; MBA, Cardinal Stritch University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 14A  
**Tama Theis** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Government Operations; Higher Education Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Small-Business Owner

**Education:** AAS, Microcomputer, St. Cloud Technical College

**Elected:** Special 2013



Representative District 14B  
**Zachary Dorholt** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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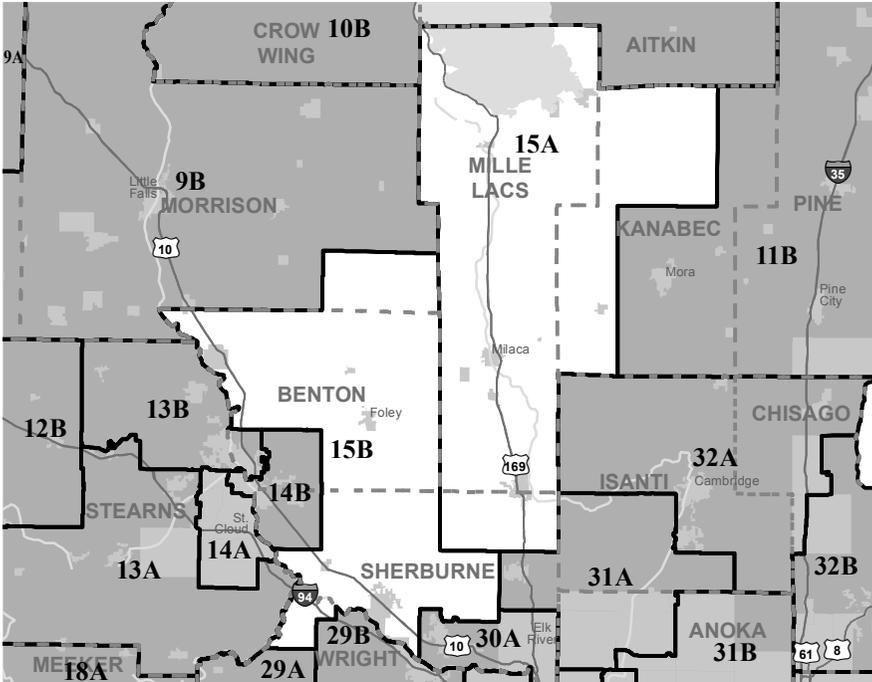
**Committees:** Higher Education Finance and Policy, vice chair; Government Operations; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Counselor

**Education:** BA, Community Development, St. Cloud State University; MS, Counseling Psychology, St. Cloud State University; Graduate Certificate, Marriage and Family Therapy, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** 2012

District 15



Senator District 15

**David M. Brown** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Insurance Agent

**Education:** BA, Oklahoma Wesleyan University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 15A  
**Sondra Erickson** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Retired English Teacher

**Education:** BA, English, Concordia College

**Elected:** Special 1998, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 15B  
**Jim Newberger** (Republican)

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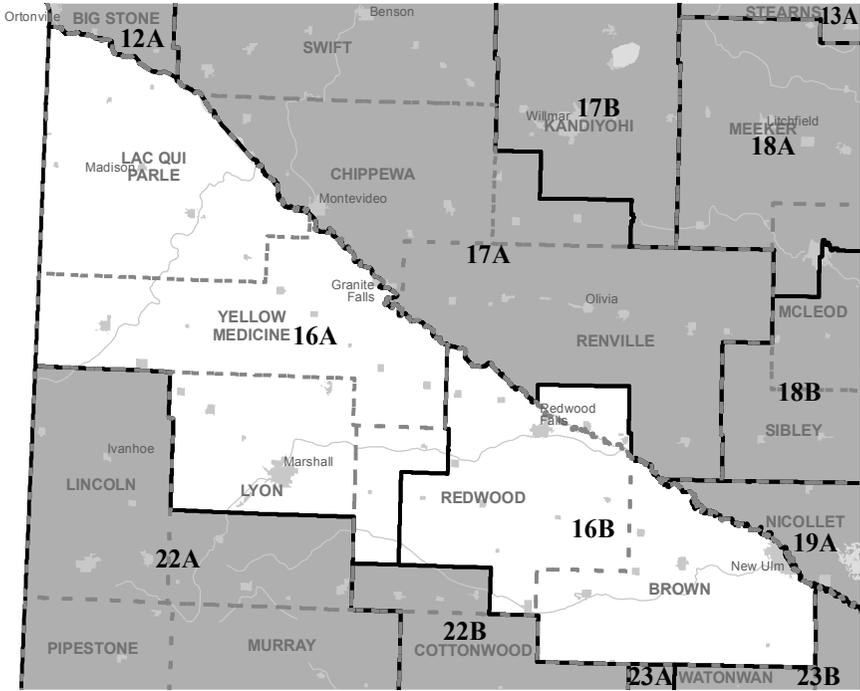
**Committees:** Civil Law; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Paramedic

**Education:** BA, Political Science/Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2012

District 16



Senator District 16  
**Gary H. Dahms** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Retired Insurance Agent, Former County Commissioner

**Education:** BS, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 16A  
**Chris Swedzinski** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Farmer

**Education:** BS, History, Minnesota State University: Mankato; BS, Political Science, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 16B  
**Paul Torkelson** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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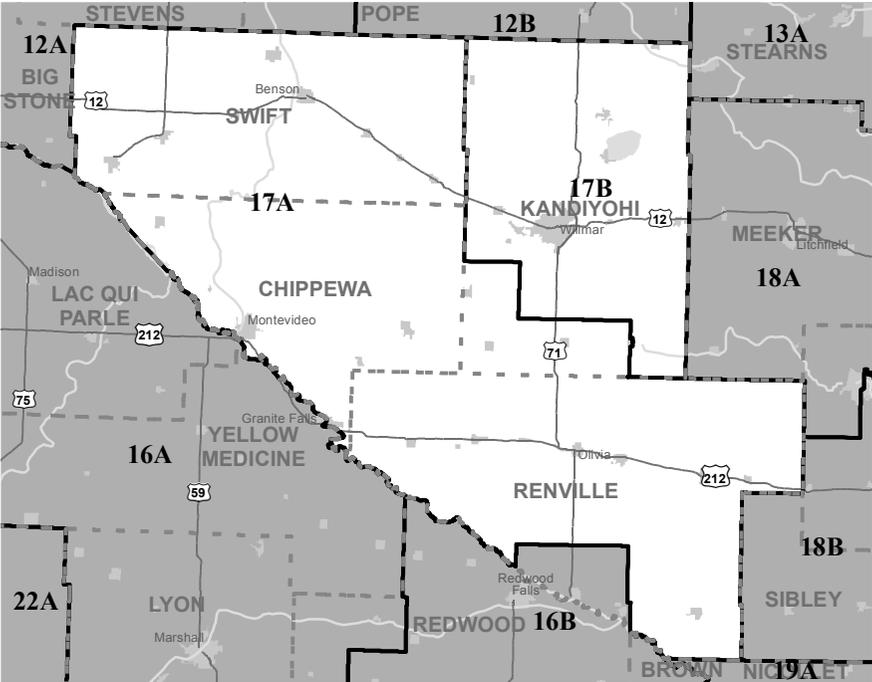
**Committees:** Property and Local Tax Division, republican lead; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Legacy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Education:** BA, Education, Gustavus Adolphus College

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012

District 17



Senator District 17

**Lyle Koenen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Majority Whip

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**Education:** AA, Ridgewater College

**Elected:** Special 2012, 2012



Representative District 17A

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**Occupation:** Farmer

**Education:** BSB, Entrepreneurial Management and Finance, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 17B

**Mary Sawatzky** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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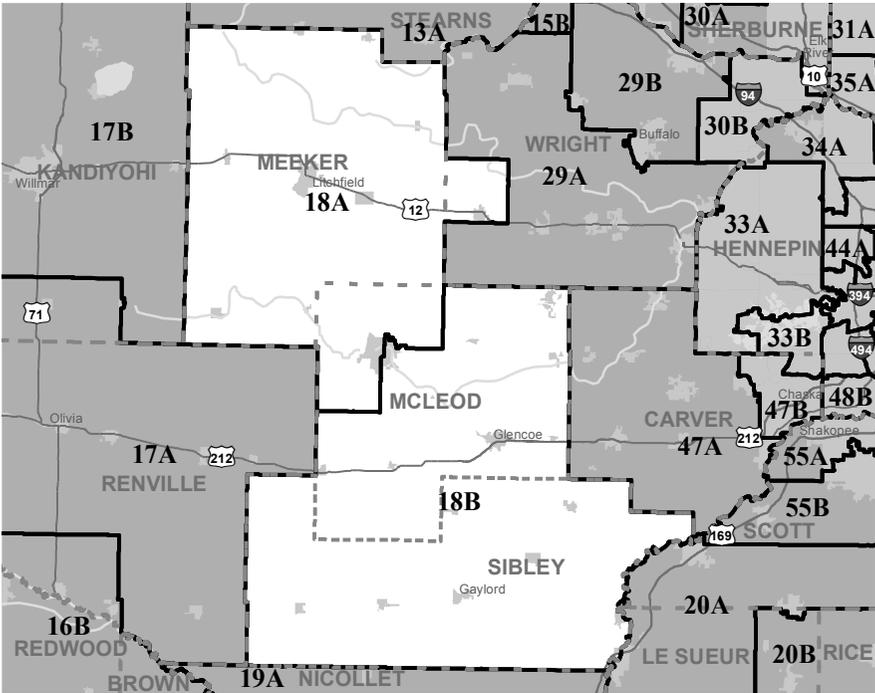
**Committees:** Education Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Special Education Teacher

**Education:** BS, Education, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2012

District 18



Senator District 18  
**Scott J. Newman** (Republican)

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**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 18A  
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**Occupation:** Author, Retired Educator

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**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 18B  
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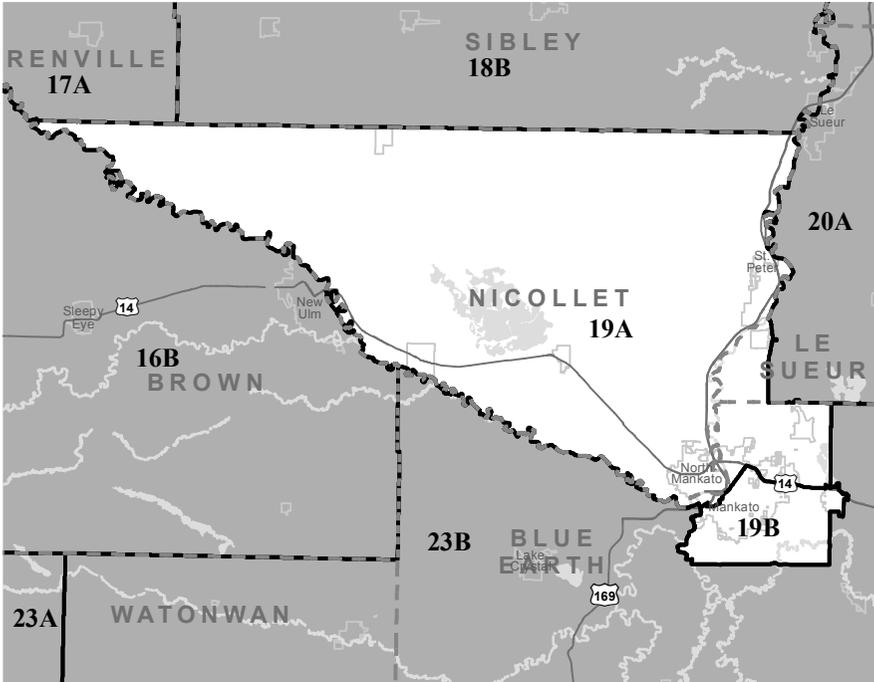
**Committees:** Education Finance; Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Higher Education Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** ChFC; CLU, Insurance, American College

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 19



Senator District 19

**Kathy Sheran** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Nurse, Nurse Educator, Small Business Partner

**Education:** BSN, College of St. Teresa; MS, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 19A

**Clark Johnson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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Health and Human Services Policy; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Student Relations Coordinator and Social Studies Coordinator

**Education:** MS, Continuing Studies, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** Special 2013



Representative District 19B

**Kathy Brynaert** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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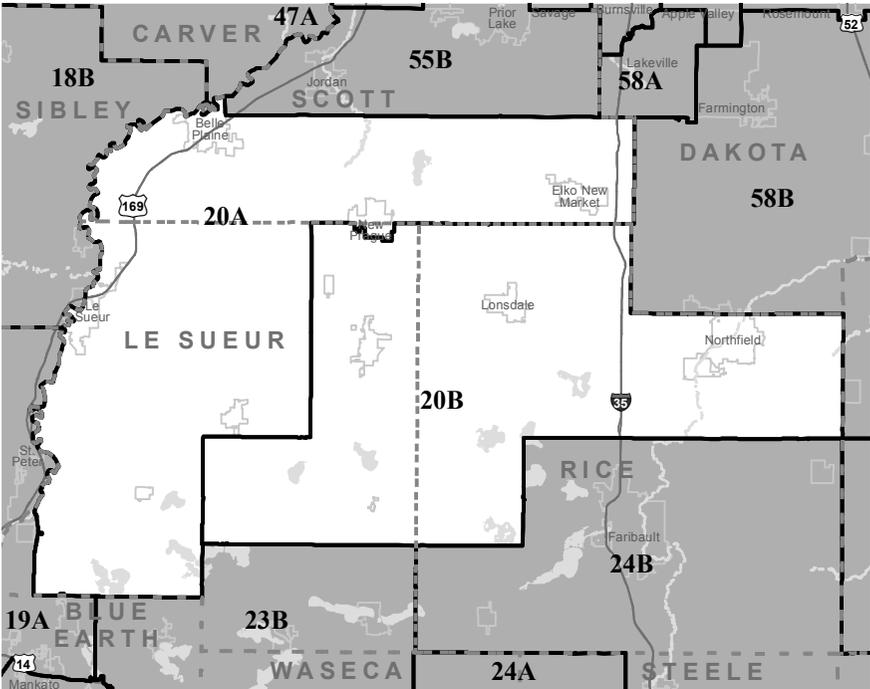
**Committees:** Education Policy, vice chair; Early Childhood and Youth  
Development Policy; Education Finance; Higher Education Finance and Policy;  
Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA, Philosophy, College of St. Teresa; MA, Philosophy,  
Duquesne University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 20



Senator District 20

**Kevin L. Dahle** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Teacher

**Education:** BA, University of Northern Iowa; MA, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** Special 2008, 2012



Representative District 20A  
**Kelby Woodard** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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**Committees:** Education Finance, republican lead; Ethics, alternate; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BS, Criminal Justice, University of North Texas; MBA, International Business, University of Dallas

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 20B  
**David Bly** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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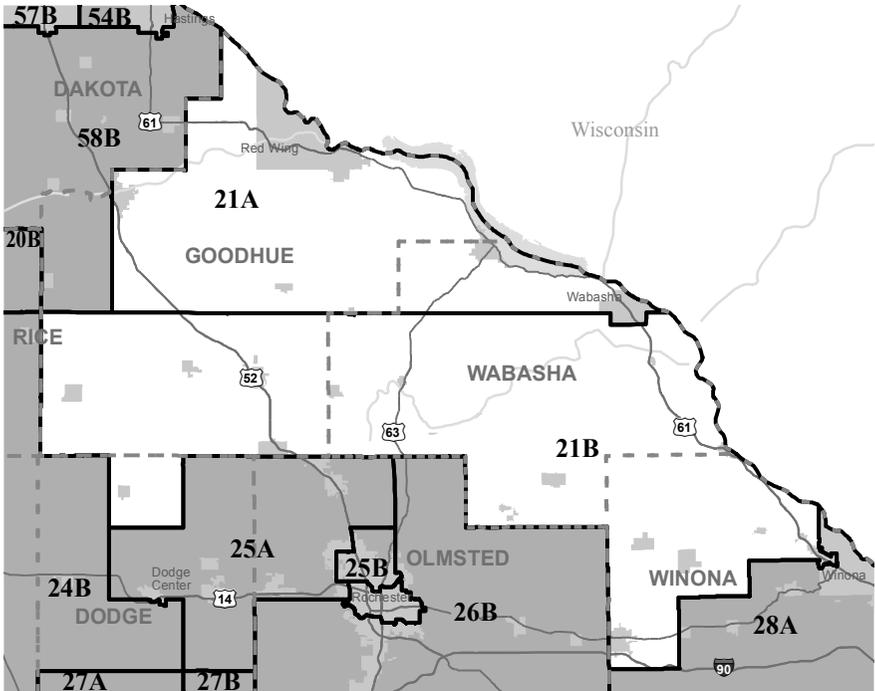
**Committees:** Housing Finance and Policy, vice chair; Education Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** BA, English, St. Olaf College; MA, Education, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2012

District 21



Senator District 21

**Matt Schmit** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, vice chair; Capital Investment; Environment and Energy; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BA, St. John's University; MPP, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 21A

**Tim Kelly** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Ethics, republican lead; Energy Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor

**Education:** BS, Marketing Management, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 21B

**Steve Draskowski** (Republican)

Assistant Minority Leader

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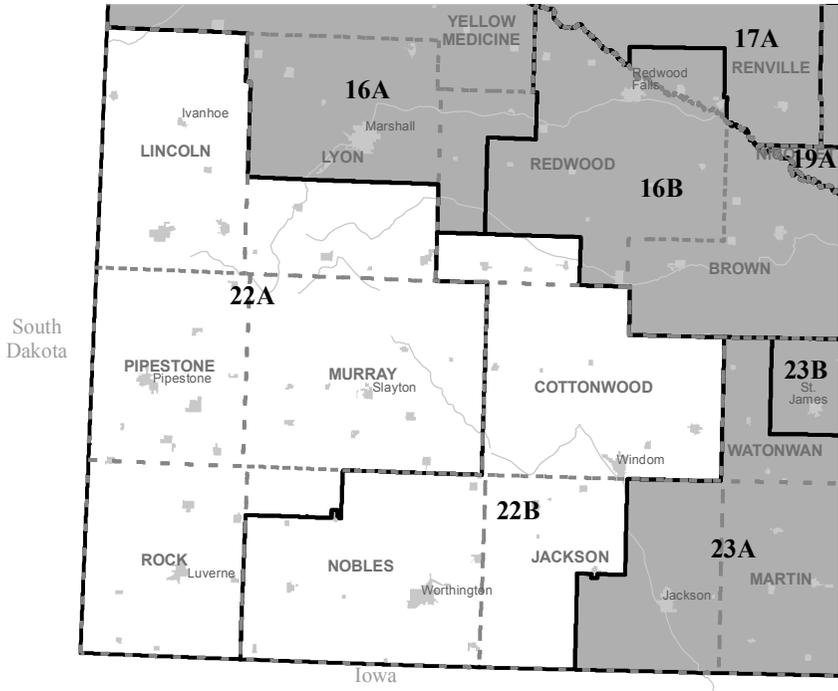
**Committees:** Judiciary Finance and Policy, republican lead; Government Operations; Taxes

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, Agriculture, University of Wisconsin: River Falls; MEd, Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** Special 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 22



Senator District 22  
**Bill Weber** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Environment and Energy; Finance - E-12 Division; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division; Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development

**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker, Appraiser, Manager

**Education:** Nettleton Business College

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 22A  
**Joe Schomacker** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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**Committees:** Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Housing Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BA, Public Administration, Speech Communication and Political Science, Southwest Minnesota State University; MPS Professional Studies, George Washington University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 22B  
**Rod Hamilton** (Republican)

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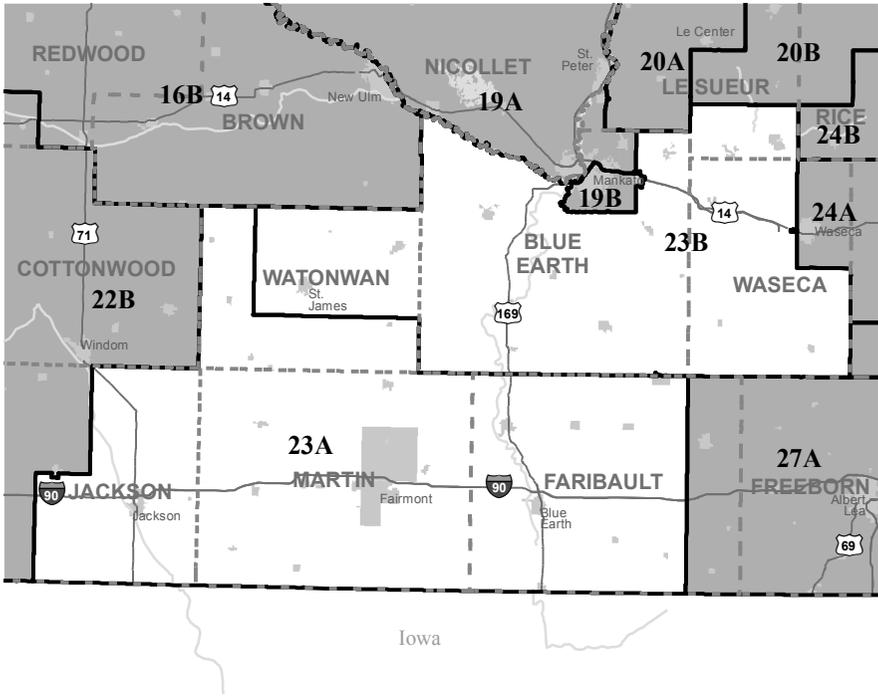
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**Committees:** Agriculture Policy, republican lead; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Pork Producer

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 23



Senator District 23  
**Julie A. Rosen** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BS, Colorado State University

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 23A  
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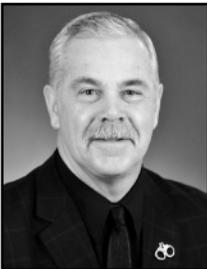
**Email:** rep.bob.gunther@house.mn

**Committees:** Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy, republican lead; Capital Investment; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, Marketing, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** Special 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 23B  
**Tony Cornish** (Republican)

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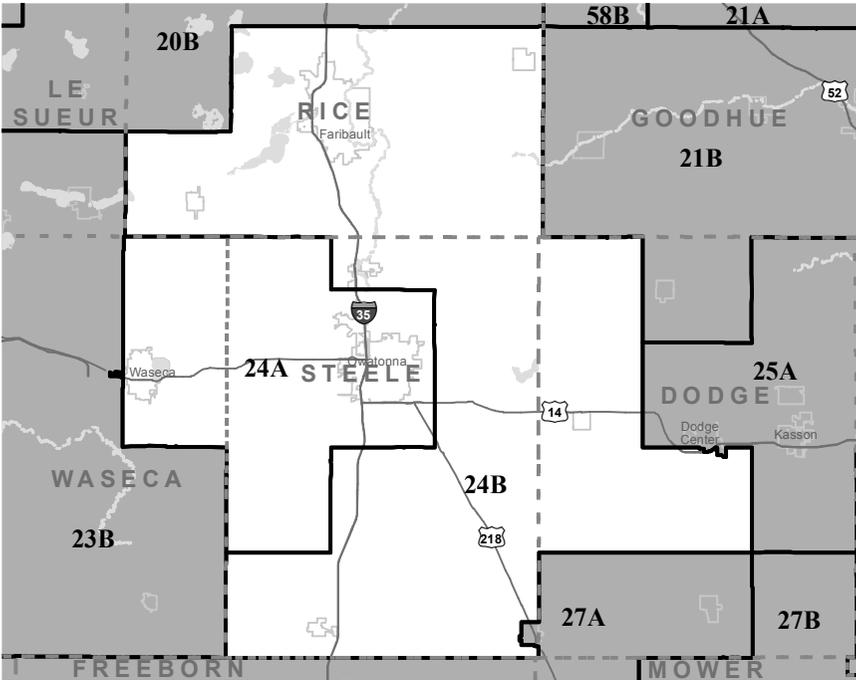
**Committees:** Public Safety Finance and Policy, republican lead; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Retired 32-year Peace Officer

**Education:** Garden City High School

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 24



Senator District 24

**Vicki Jensen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Commerce, vice chair; Finance - E-12 Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Insurance Agent

**Education:** South Central Technical College

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 24A  
**John Petersburg** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Agriculture Policy; Transportation Finance; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Church Administrator

**Education:** BS, Public Administration, Minnesota State University: Mankato; BS, Paralegal, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 24B  
**Patti Fritz** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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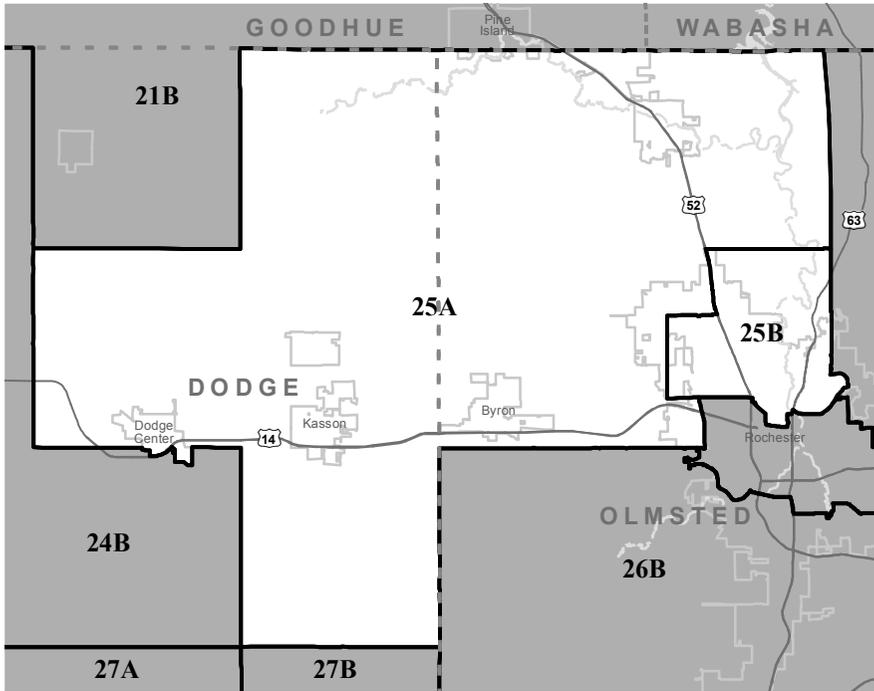
**Committees:** Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy, vice chair; Agriculture Policy; Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy

**Occupation:** Licensed Practical Nurse

**Education:** LPN, Faribault School of Practical Nursing

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 25



Senator District 25  
**David H. Senjem** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Capital Investment, ranking minority member; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Taxes; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Retired Environmental Affairs Officer, Mayo Clinic

**Education:** BA, Luther College

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 25A  
**Duane Quam** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Education Finance; Energy Policy; Government Operations

**Occupation:** Engineer

**Education:** BS, Physics, University of Texas: Dallas, MS, Physics, University of Texas: Dallas

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 25B  
**Kim Norton** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Assistant Majority Leader

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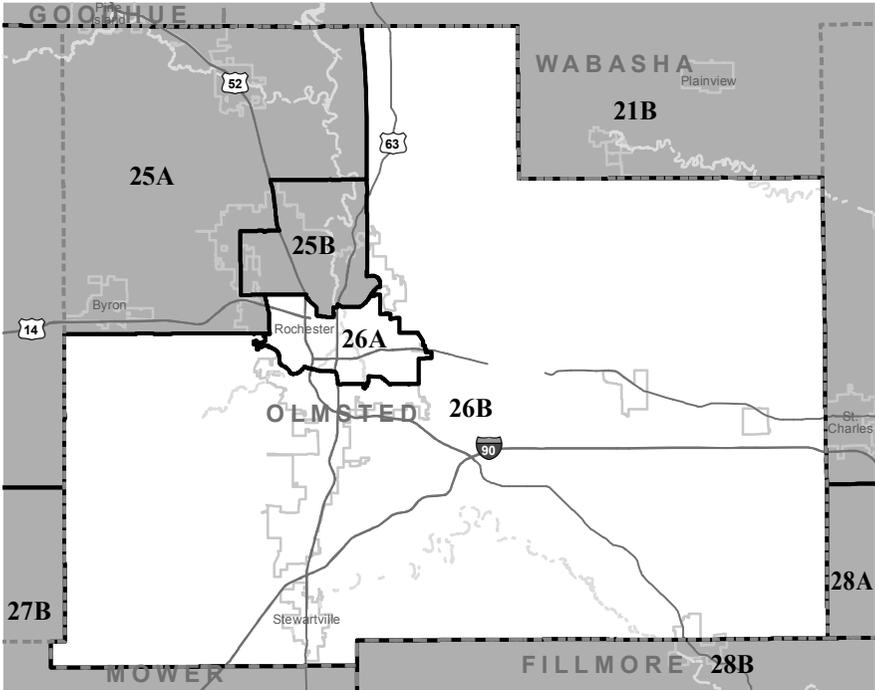
**Committees:** Health and Human Services Finance, vice chair; Capital Investment; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BS, Human Development and Special Education, University of Nebraska; some graduate courses

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 26



Senator District 26

**Carla J. Nelson** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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**Occupation:** Business Owner - Insurance, Financial Services

**Education:** BE, Drake University; ME, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 26A

**Tina Liebling** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Health and Human Services Policy, chair; Civil Law; Health and Human Services Finance; Taxes

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Spanish, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities; MS, Public Health, University of Massachusetts; JD, Boston University

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 26B

**Mike Benson** (Republican)

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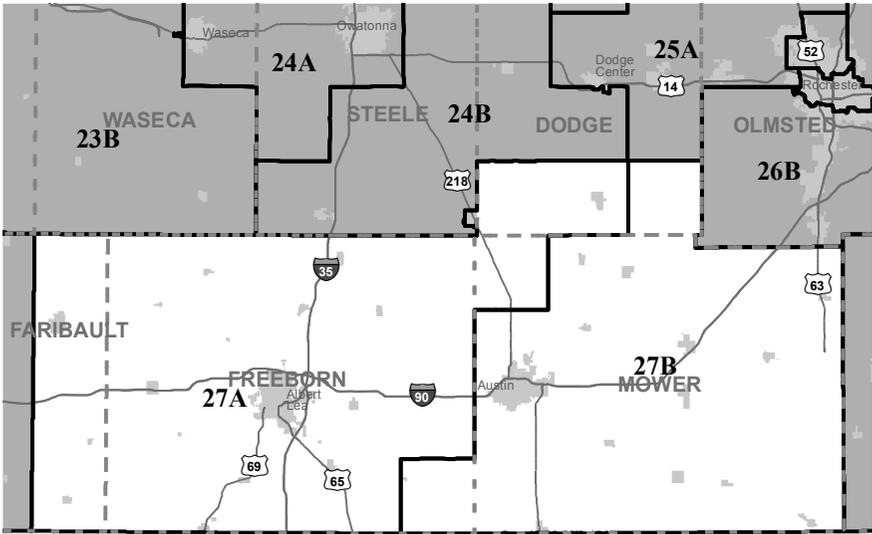
**Committees:** Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Assistant College Professor and Director of Human Resources

**Education:** BA, Organizational Management, Eastern University; MBA, Business, Eastern University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 27



Iowa



Senator District 27

**Dan Sparks** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, chair; Capital Investment; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division; Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division; Higher Education and Workforce Development

**Occupation:** Loan Officer

**Education:** St. Cloud State University; University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 27A

**Shannon Savick** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Public Safety Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Retired

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**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 27B

**Jeanne Poppe** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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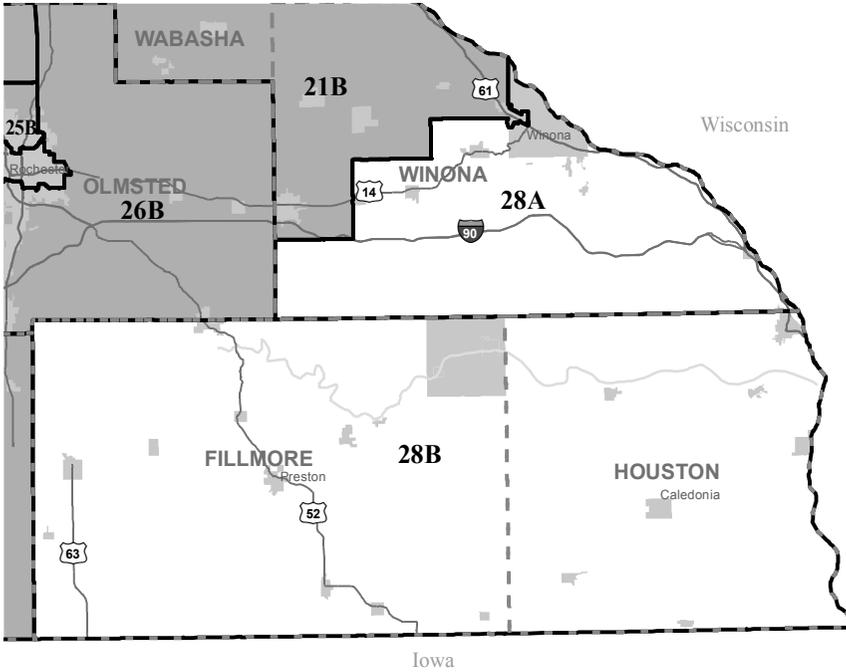
**Committees:** Agriculture Policy, chair; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Educator/Counselor

**Education:** BA, Sociology, University of Wisconsin: River Falls; MS, Counseling, Winona State University

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 28



Senator District 28  
**Jeremy R. Miller** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division, ranking minority member; Higher Education and Workforce Development, ranking minority member; Capital Investment; Finance; Finance - Subcommittee on Legacy; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** AAS, Minnesota State College Southeast Technical

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 28A

**Gene Pelowski, Jr.** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Higher Education Finance and Policy, chair; Rules and Legislative Administration; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** BS, Social Studies, Winona State University; MS, Education, Winona State University

**Elected:** 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 28B

**Greg Davids** (Republican)

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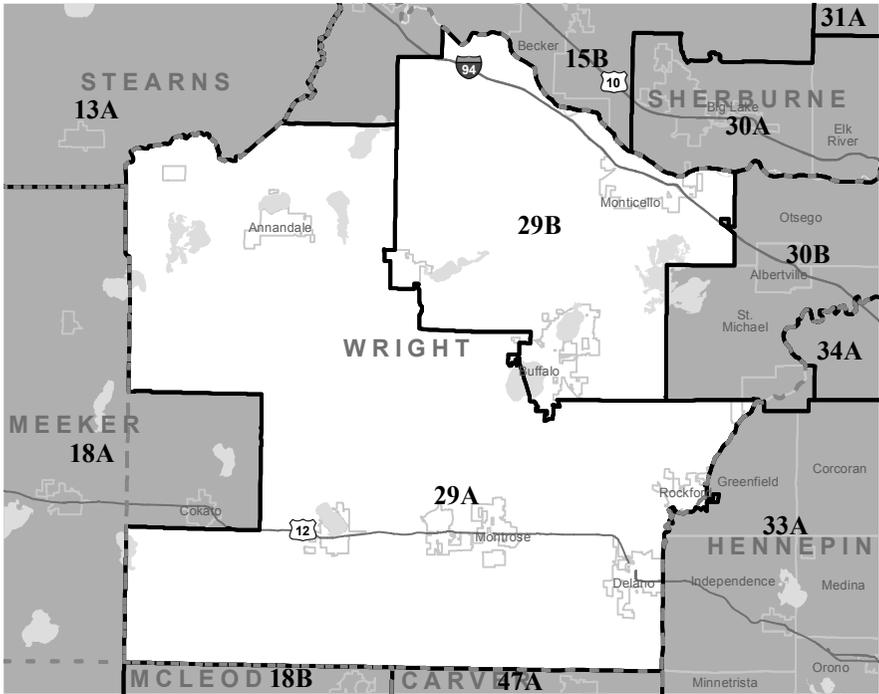
**Committees:** Taxes, republican lead; Capital Investment; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Business/Farm Owner

**Education:** BS, Social Science, Winona State University; graduate work, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** Special 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 29



Senator District 29

**Bruce D. Anderson** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Finance; Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Retired US Air Force Reserve, Retired MN Air National Guard

**Education:** AA, Willmar Technical College; BA, Northwestern College

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 29A  
**Joe McDonald** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Education Finance; Health and Human Services Finance; Legacy

**Occupation:** Master Photographer/Owner

**Education:** AA, Hennepin Technical College

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 29B  
**Marion O'Neill** (Republican)

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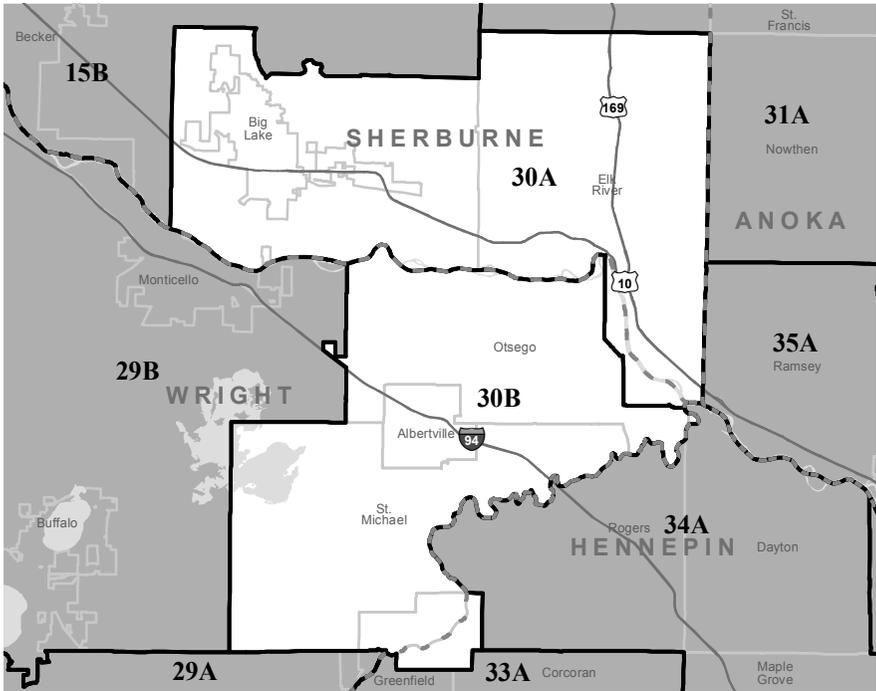
**Committees:** Housing Finance and Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BS, Applied Psychology, Bemidji State University; MA, Counseling, Regent University

**Elected:** 2012

District 30



Senator District 30  
**Mary Kiffmeyer** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Capital Investment; Elections; Finance - Health and Human Services Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** RN, Consultant

**Education:** St. Gabriel's School of Nursing

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 30A

**Nick Zerwas** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Housing Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Education:** BA, Biology, Hamline University; MBA, University of Phoenix

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 30B

**David FitzSimmons** (Republican)

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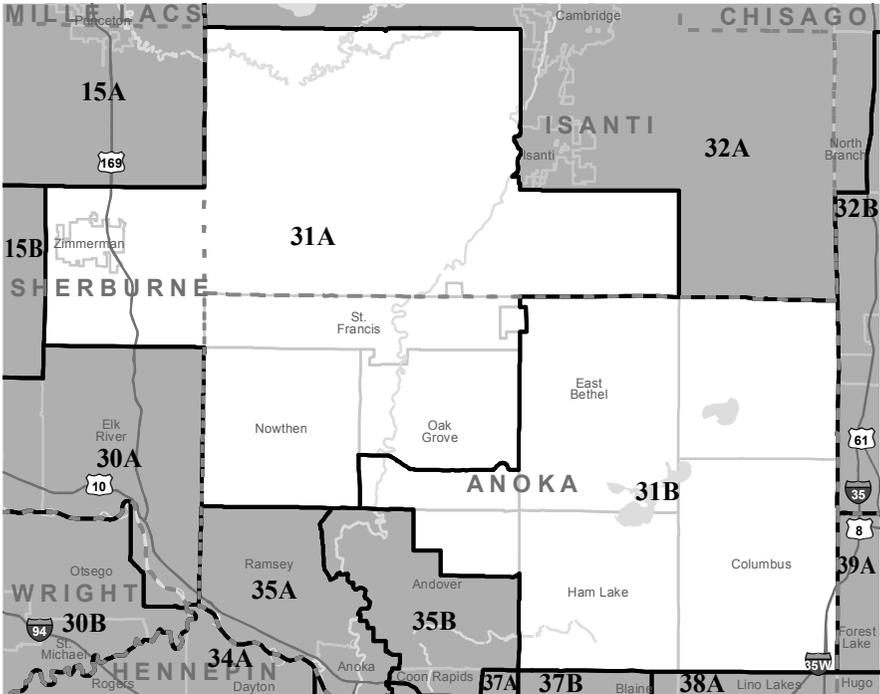
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**Elected:** 2012

District 31



Senator District 31

**Michelle R. Benson** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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**Occupation:** CPA

**Education:** BA, College of St. Catherine; MBA, St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 31A  
**Kurt Daudt** (Republican)  
Minority Leader

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**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 31B  
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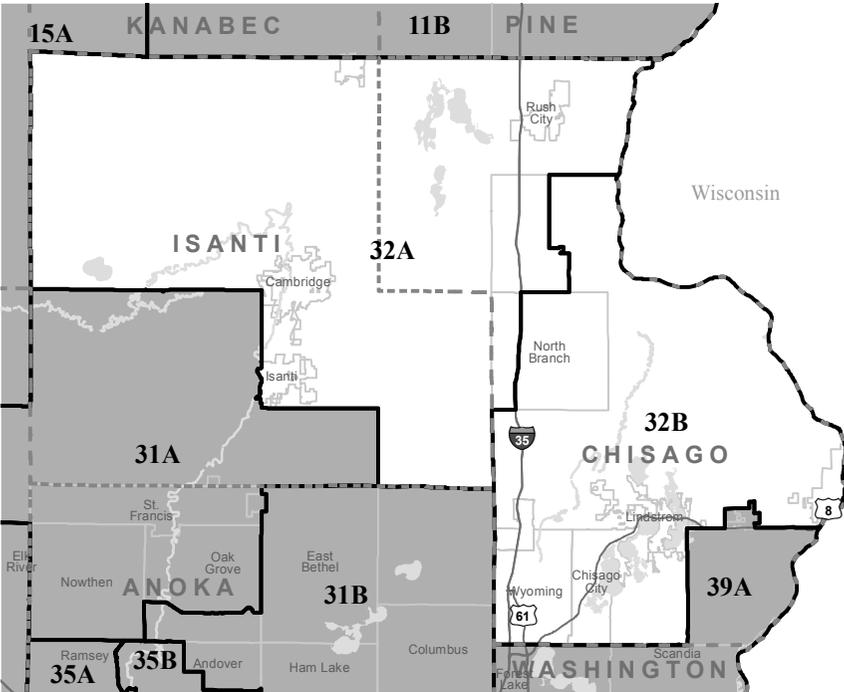
**Committees:** Environment and Natural Resources Policy, republican lead;  
Energy Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance;  
Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** North Hennepin Community College

**Elected:** 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 32



Senator District 32

**Sean R. Nienow** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Consultant

**Elected:** 2002, 2010, 2012



Representative District 32A  
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**Committees:** Civil Law; Elections; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Law Enforcement

**Education:** AAS, Law Enforcement, Hibbing Community College

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 32B  
**Bob Barrett** (Republican)

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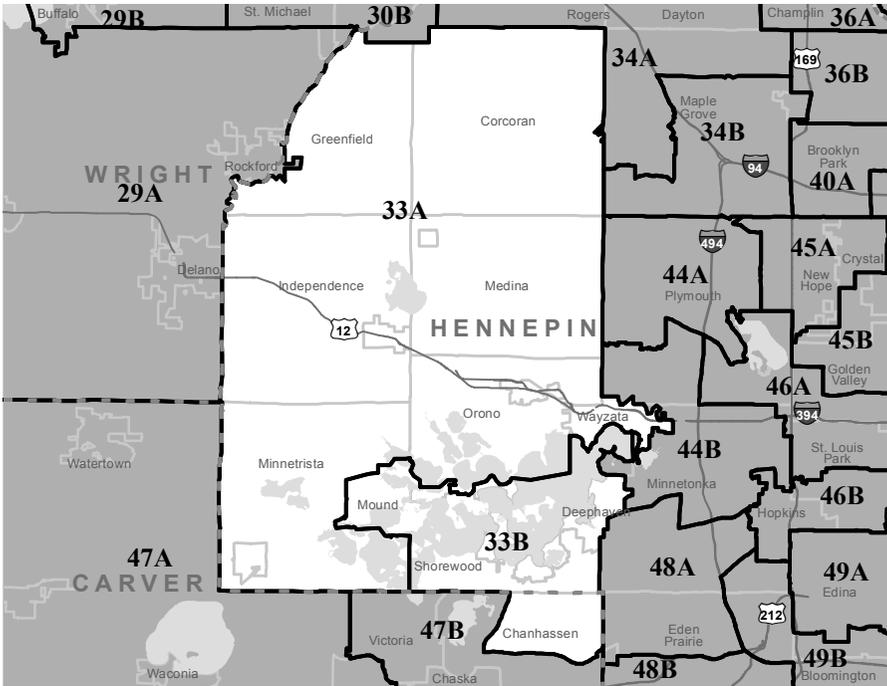
**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Education Policy; Taxes

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, Accounting, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 33



Senator District 33

**David J. Osmek** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Environment and Energy; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Project Manager

**Education:** BES, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 33A  
**Jerry Hertaus** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Education Finance; Housing Finance and Policy; Property and Local Tax Division

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** RN, Nursing, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 33B  
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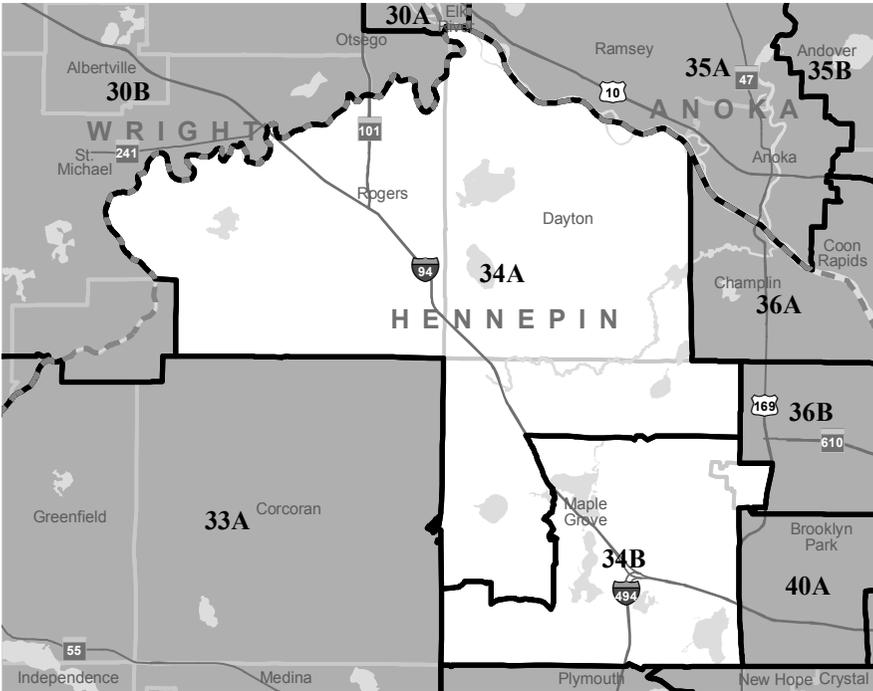
**Committees:** Civil Law; Government Operations; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Former Businesswoman

**Education:** BS, University of Wisconsin: Madison

**Elected:** 2012

District 34



Senator District 34

**Warren Limmer** (Republican)

Assistant Minority Leader

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**Committees:** Finance - Judiciary Division, ranking minority member; Judiciary, ranking minority member; Elections; Finance; Rules and Administration

**Occupation:** Real Estate Sales and Investment

**Education:** BA, St. Cloud State University

**Elected:** Special 1995, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 34A  
**Joyce Peppin** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Communications/Public Relations

**Education:** BA, Political Science and Speech Communications, University of Minnesota; Duluth; MBA, Management, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 34B  
**Kurt Zellers** (Republican)

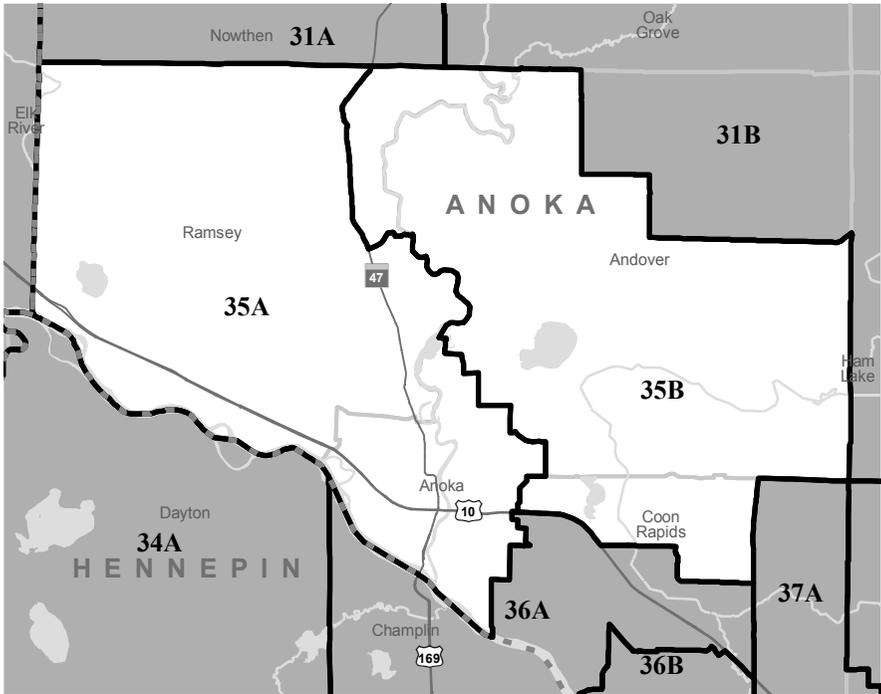
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**Education:** BS, Political Science, University of North Dakota

**Elected:** Special 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 35



Senator District 35

**Branden Petersen** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Education; Finance - E-12 Division; Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division; Higher Education and Workforce Development; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Sales Manager

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 35A  
**Jim Abeler** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Chiropractor

**Education:** Hamline University; University of Minnesota: Twin Cities; DC, Chiropractic, Northwestern College of Chiropractic

**Elected:** 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 35B  
**Peggy Scott** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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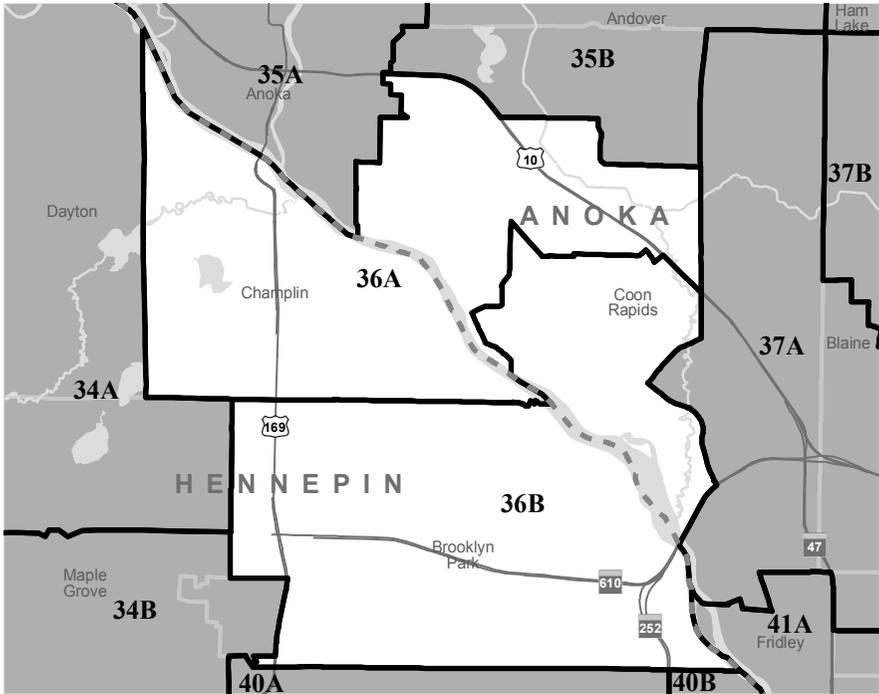
**Committees:** Civil Law, republican lead; Data Practices Subcommittee; Energy Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Homemaker

**Education:** Fashion Merchandising, Lowthian College

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012

District 36



Senator District 36

**John A. Hoffman** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Environment and Energy, vice chair; Elections; Finance - E-12 Division; Health, Human Services and Housing

**Occupation:** Marketing and Public Relations Director

**Education:** BA, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 36A  
**Mark Uglem** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Public Safety Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education:** BA, Urban Studies, University of Minnesota: Duluth

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 36B  
**Melissa Hortman** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Speaker Pro Tempore

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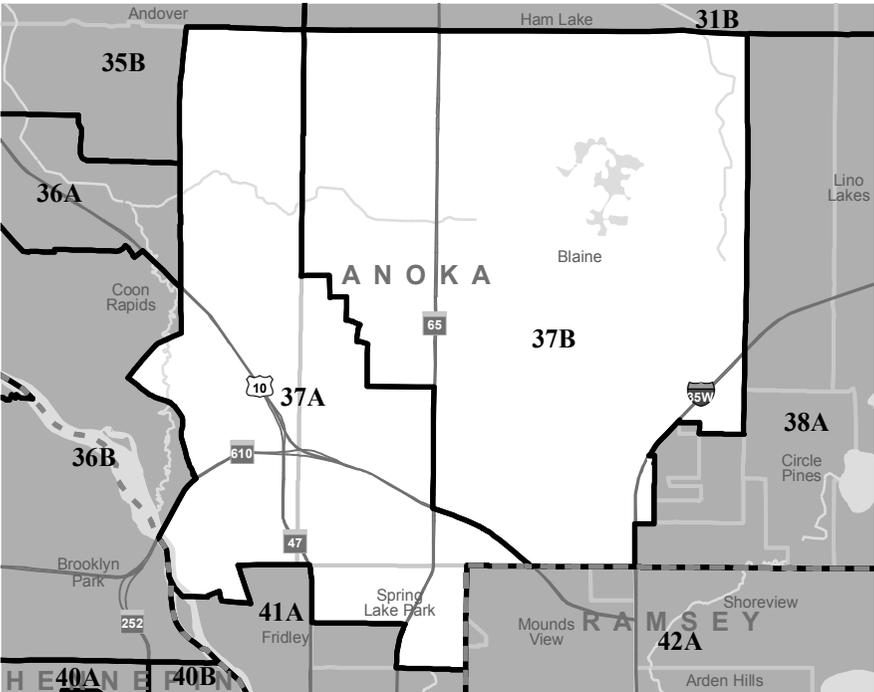
**Committees:** Energy Policy, chair; Civil Law; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Data Practices Subcommittee; Health and Human Services Finance; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Political Science/Philosophy, Boston University; JD, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 37



Senator District 37

**Alice M. Johnson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - E-12 Division, vice chair; Education; State and Local Government

**Education:** BA, Concordia University; MA, Harvard University

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 37A

**Jerry Newton** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs, vice chair; Education Finance; Health and Human Services Finance; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Educator/Teacher

**Education:** BA, Government, University of Maryland; MA, International Relations, Boston University

**Elected:** 2008, 2012



Representative District 37B

**Tim Sanders** (Republican)

Minority Whip

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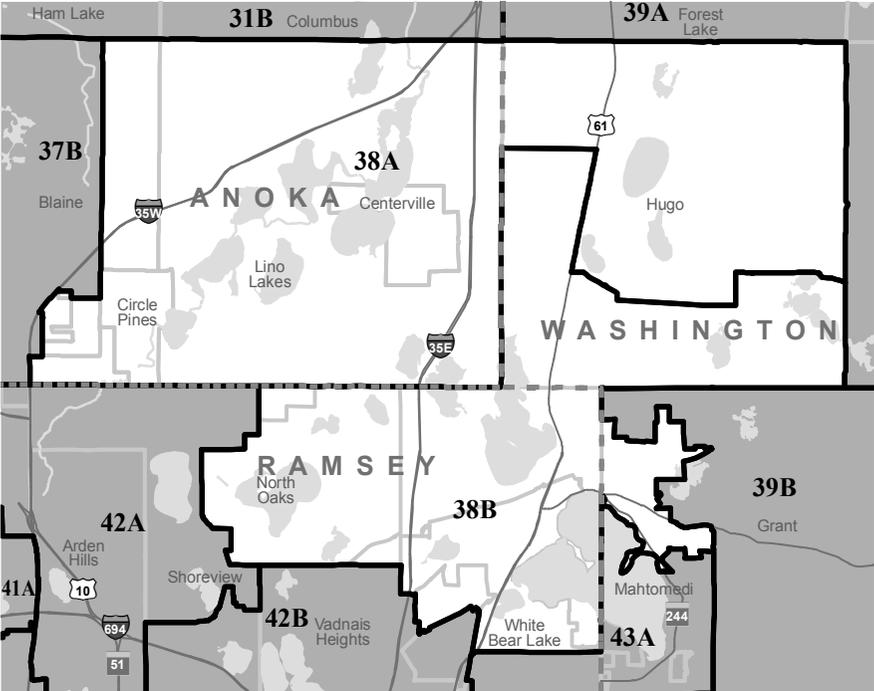
**Committees:** Elections, republican lead; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Government Operations; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Education:** BA, Political Science, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012

District 38



Senator District 38

**Roger C. Chamberlain** (Republican)  
Assistant Minority Leader

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**Committees:** Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division, ranking minority member; Education; Taxes

**Occupation:** Business Taxation

**Education:** BS, Metropolitan State University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 38A  
**Linda Runbeck** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Transportation Policy, republican lead; Property and Local Tax Division; Taxes

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BA, Sociology/Social Work, Bethel University

**Elected:** Special 1989, 1990, 2010, 2012



Representative District 38B  
**Matt Dean** (Republican)

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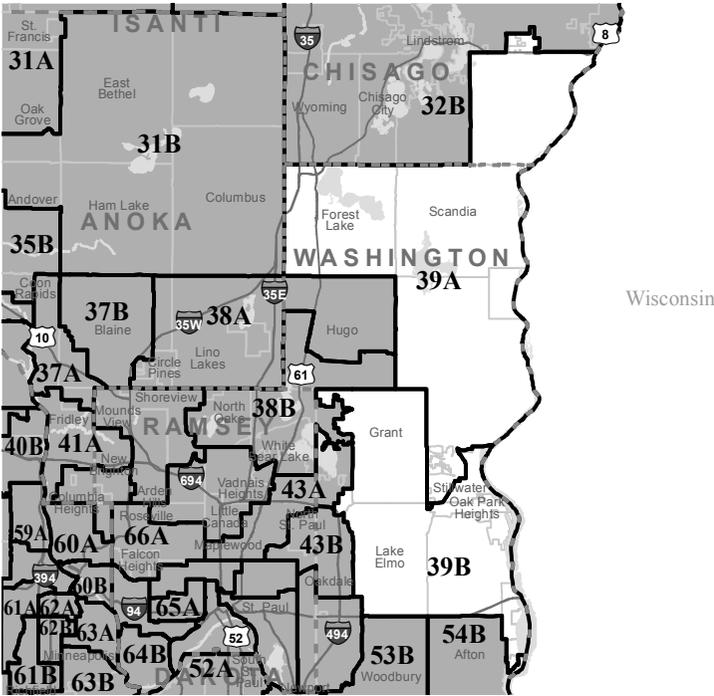
**Committees:** Capital Investment, republican lead; Health and Human Services Finance; Rules and Legislative Administration; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BArch, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 39



Senator District 39  
**Karin Housley** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Commerce; Finance - E-12 Division; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BA, State University of New York

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 39A  
**Bob Dettmer** (Republican)

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**Committees:** State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs, republican lead; Capital Investment; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Educator/Retired; Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves (retired)

**Education:** BS, Health/Physical education, Bemidji State University; MA, Education Curriculum and Instruction, University of St. Thomas.

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 39B  
**Kathy Lohmer** (Republican)

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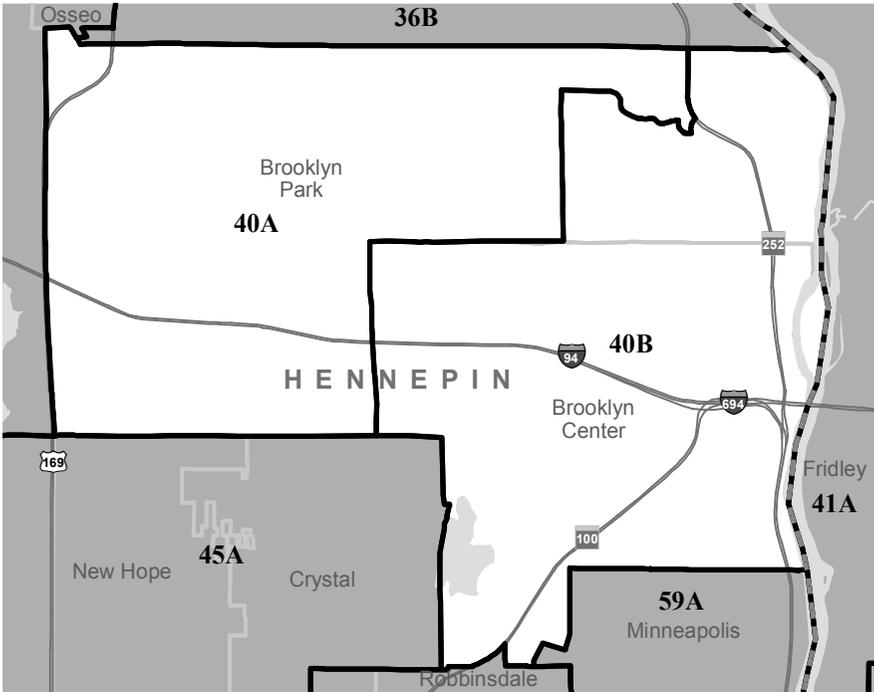
**Email:** rep.kathy.lohmer@house.mn

**Committees:** Health and Human Services Policy; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Homemaker/Legislator

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 40



Senator District 40

**Chris A. Eaton** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Majority Whip

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**Committees:** State and Local Government, vice chair; Environment and Energy; Health, Human Services and Housing; Taxes; Taxes - Tax Reform Division

**Occupation:** Registered Nurse

**Elected:** Special 2011, 2012



Representative District 40A

**Michael V. Nelson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Government Operations, chair; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Property and Local Tax Division; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Trades

**Education:** Carpentry, Hennepin Technical College

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 40B

**Debra Hilstrom** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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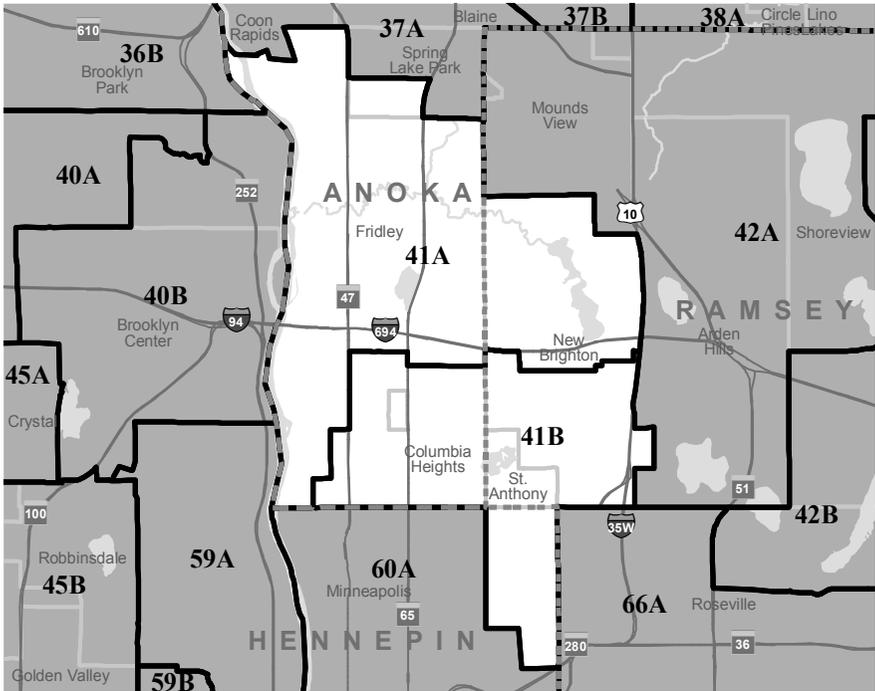
**Committees:** Judiciary Finance and Policy, chair; Civil Law; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Prosecutor

**Education:** BA, Sociology, University of Minnesota; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** Special 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 41



Senator District 41

**Barb Goodwin** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - Judiciary and Public Safety, vice chair; Judiciary, vice chair; Commerce; Finance

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA, Hamline University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 41A

**Connie Bernardy** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Transportation Finance, vice chair; Education Finance; Elections; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Education:** BA, Speech Communications, University of Minnesota; MBA; Certification; Government Acquisitions and Contract Management, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** Special 2001, 2002, 2004, 2012



Representative District 41B

**Carolyn Laine** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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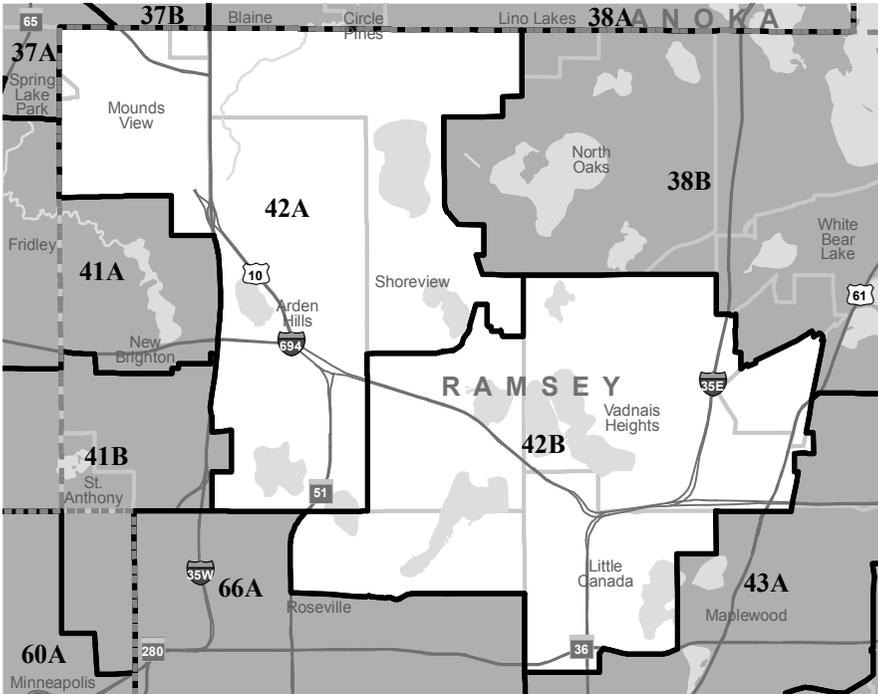
**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy, vice chair; Elections; Health and Human Services Finance; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** BS, Education, University of Minnesota: Duluth; MA, Psychology, St. Mary's University; 3 yrs. PhD work in Health Psychology

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 42



Senator District 42

**Bev Scalze** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Capital Investment, vice chair; Environment and Energy; Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** AA, Century College; AA, College of Visual Arts

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 42A

**Barb Yarusso** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Civil Law; Education Policy; Energy Policy; Environment and Natural Resources Policy

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** B. Chem. Engineering, University of Minnesota; PhD, Chemical Engineering, University of Wisconsin

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 42B

**Jason Isaacson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

Assistant Majority Leader

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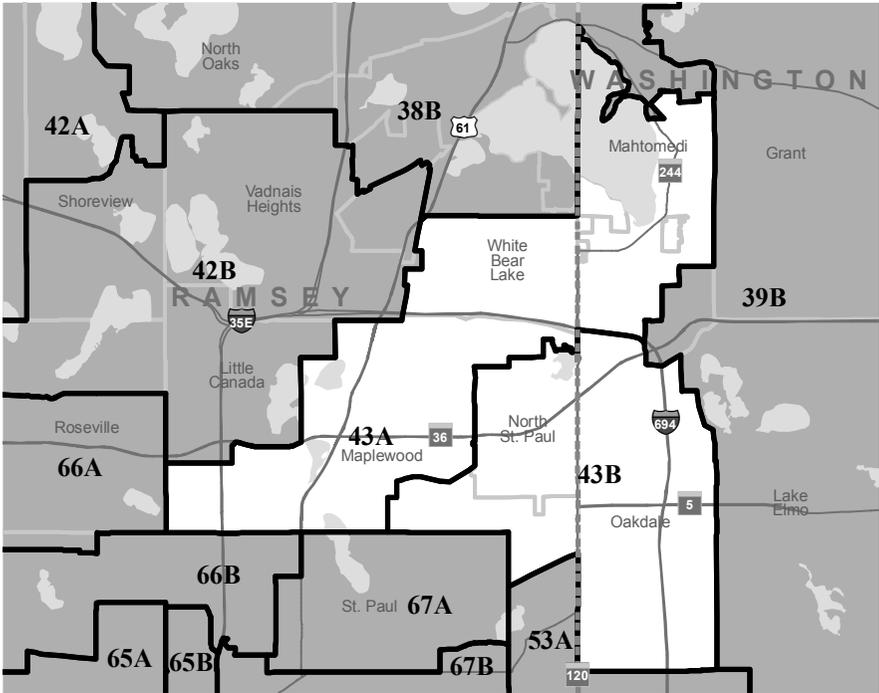
**Committees:** Education Policy; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Housing Finance and Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** College Instructor

**Education:** BS, Political Science, North Dakota State University; MA, Communications, North Dakota State University

**Elected:** 2012

District 43



Senator District 43

**Charles W. Wiger** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - E-12 Division, chair; Education; Finance; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Hamline University; Graduate Institute of Organization Management, University of Colorado: Boulder; JD, Hamline University

**Elected:** 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 43A

**Peter Fischer** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Environment and Natural Resources Policy, vice chair; Health and Human Services Finance; Housing Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Director of Finance and Operations

**Education:** AA, Lakewood Community College; BA, Business Administration, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 43B

**Leon Lillie** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

Assistant Majority Leader

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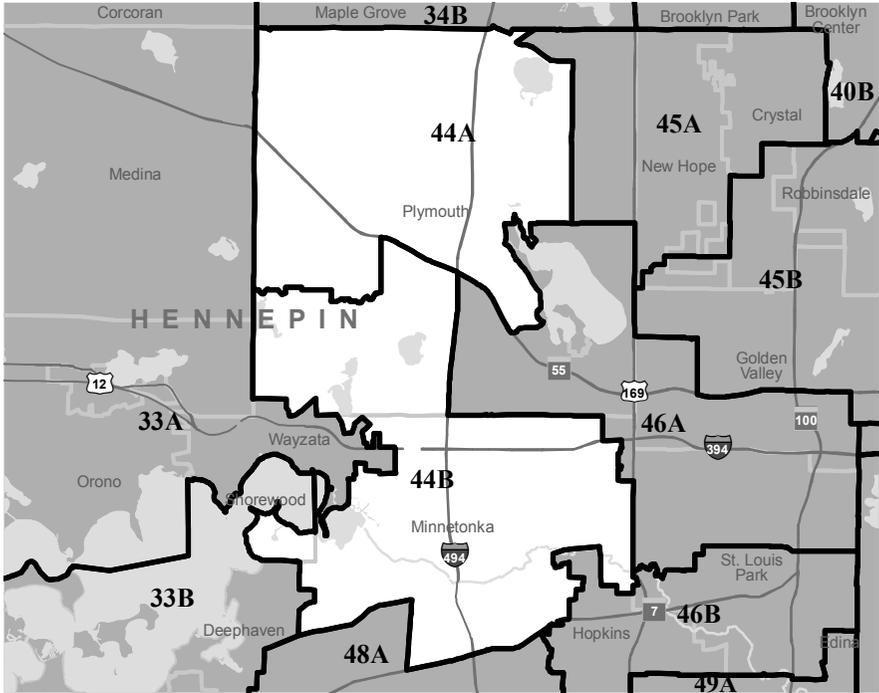
**Committees:** Legacy, vice chair; Capital Investment; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; Taxes

**Occupation:** Airline Employee

**Education:** BS, Political Science, Luther College

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 44



Senator District 44

**Terri E. Bonoff** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division, chair; Higher Education and Workforce Development, chair; Finance; Finance - E-12 Division; Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development

**Occupation:** Former Businesswoman, Homemaker

**Education:** BA, Clark University

**Elected:** Special 2005, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 44A  
**Sarah Anderson** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; Taxes; Ways and Means

**Education:** BA, Political Science and Sociology, University of Minnesota; Duluth

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 44B  
**John Benson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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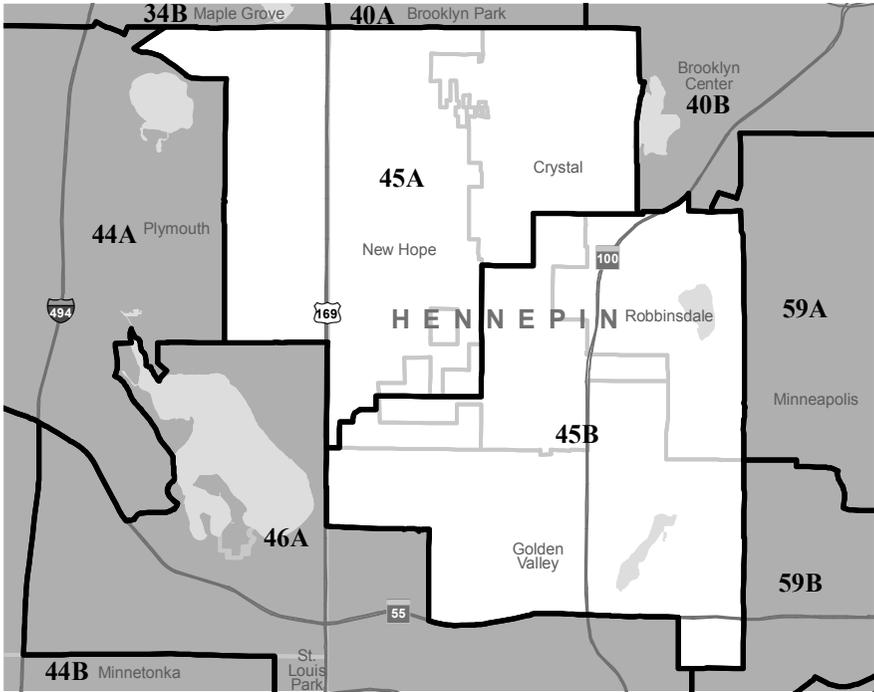
**Committees:** Rules and Legislative Administration, vice chair; Education Policy; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Taxes

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Education:** BS, Language Arts and Social Science, Minnesota State University; Mankato; MA, Political Science, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 45



Senator District 45

**Ann H. Rest** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

President Pro Tem

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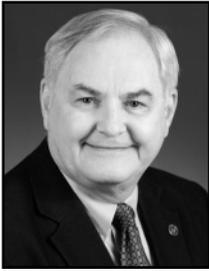
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**Committees:** Taxes - Tax Reform Division, chair; Taxes, vice chair; Elections; Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Education:** BA, Northwestern University; MA, University of Chicago; MAT, MPA, Harvard University; MBT, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 45A

**Lyndon R. Carlson Sr.** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Education:** BS, Social Studies, Minnesota State University: Mankato; graduate work, Minnesota State University: Mankato and University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 45B

**Mike Freiberg** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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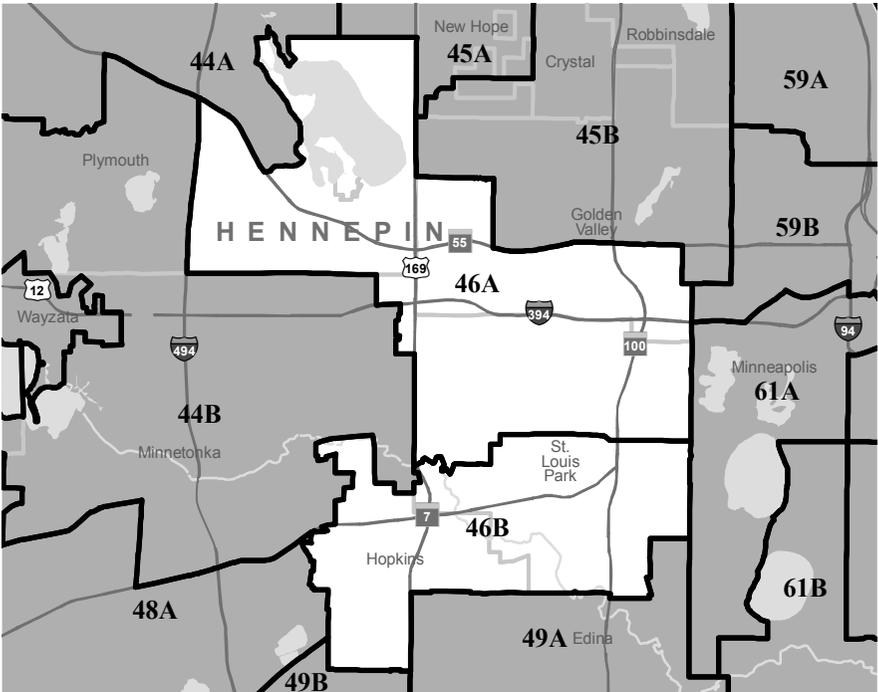
**Committees:** Government Operations, vice chair; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Legacy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Public Health Attorney

**Education:** BA, Government/Russian, Georgetown University; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2012

District 46



Senator District 46

**Ron Latz** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - Judiciary Division, chair; Judiciary, chair; Commerce; Finance

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, University of Wisconsin: Madison; JD, Harvard Law School

**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 46A

**Ryan Winkler** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Civil Law; Data Practices Subcommittee; Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Elections; Government Operations; Higher Education Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, History, Harvard College; JD, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 46B

**Steve Simon** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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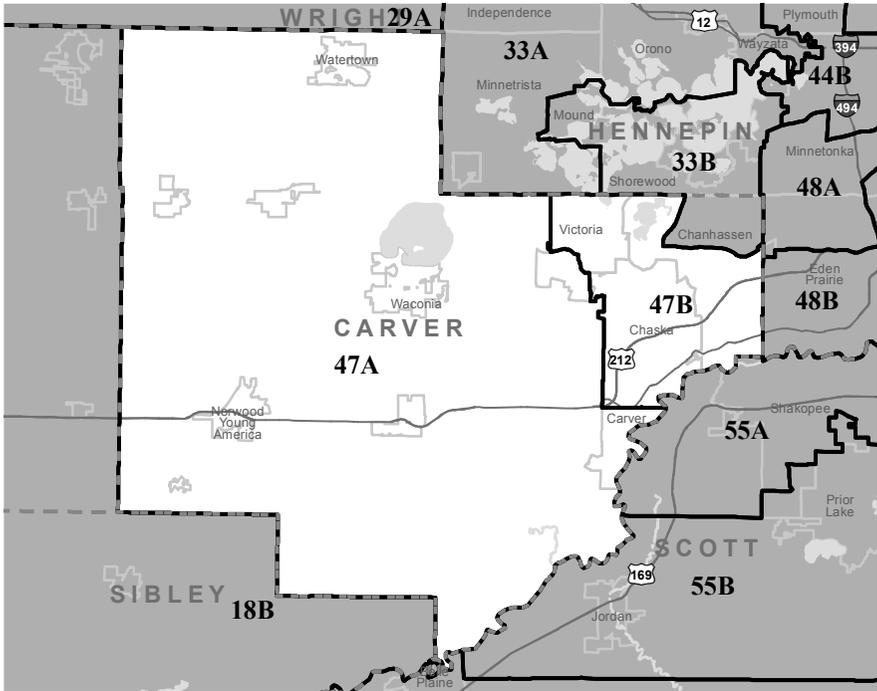
**Committees:** Data Practices Subcommittee, chair; Elections, chair; Civil Law; Public Safety Finance and Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Political Science, Tufts University; JD, University of Minnesota; Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

## District 47



Senator District 47

**Julianne E. Ortman** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Macalester College; JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 47A  
**Ernie Leidiger** (Republican)

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**Committees:** Education Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, General Engineering, U.S. Naval Academy; MS, Management, Salve Regina College; MA, National Security and Strategic Planning, U.S. Naval War College

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 47B  
**Joe Hoppe** (Republican)

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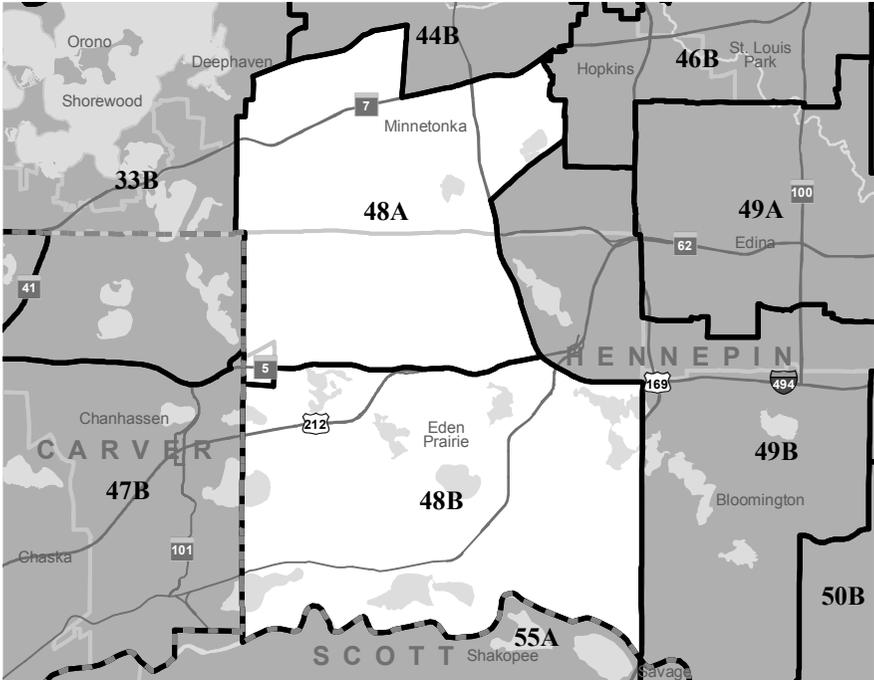
**Committees:** Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy, republican lead; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BA, History, St. John's University

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 48



Senator District 48  
**David W. Hann** (Republican)  
Minority Leader

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**Committees:** Rules and Administration, ranking minority member

**Occupation:** Business Process Consultant

**Education:** BA, Gustavus Adolphus College; graduate studies, University of Chicago

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 48A

**Yvonne Selcer** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Education Finance; Energy Policy; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BS, Education, College of St. Theresa

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 48B

**Jenifer Loon** (Republican)

Deputy Minority Leader

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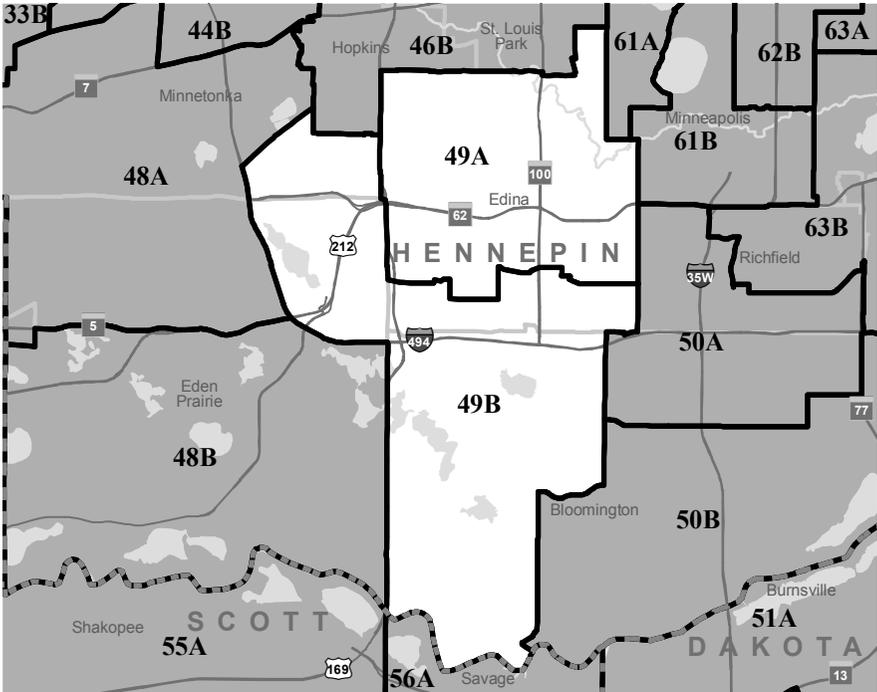
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**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012

District 49



Senator District 49

**Melisa Franzen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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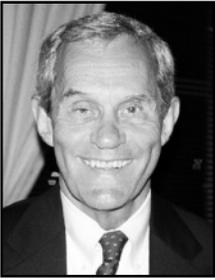
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**Committees:** Finance - Health and Human Services Division, vice chair; Education; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** MS, University of Minnesota; Doctoral, Hamline University School of Law

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 49A

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**Committees:** Transportation Policy, chair; Capital Investment; Rules and Legislative Administration; Taxes; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Financial Planner

**Education:** BA, Psychology; BBA, General Business, University of Minnesota; Twin Cities

**Elected:** 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2012



Representative District 49B

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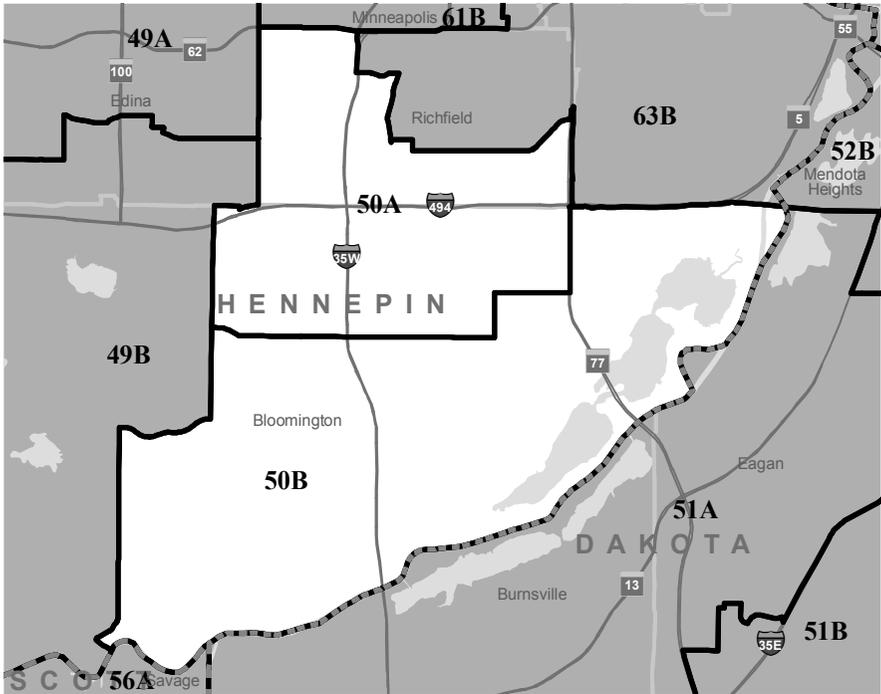
**Committees:** Public Safety Finance and Policy, vice chair; Civil Law; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Transportation Policy

**Occupation:** Foreign Currency Trader

**Education:** BA, Metropolitan Studies and Urban Planning, New York University

**Elected:** 2008, 2012

District 50



Senator District 50

**Melissa H. Wiklund** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Health, Human Services and Housing, vice chair; Education; Finance - E-12 Division; State and Local Government

**Education:** BEE, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 50A

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**Committees:** Education Finance, vice chair; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Taxes

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Education:** BA, Psychology, Simpson College; graduate work, Education, Augsburg College

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 50B

**Ann Lenczewski** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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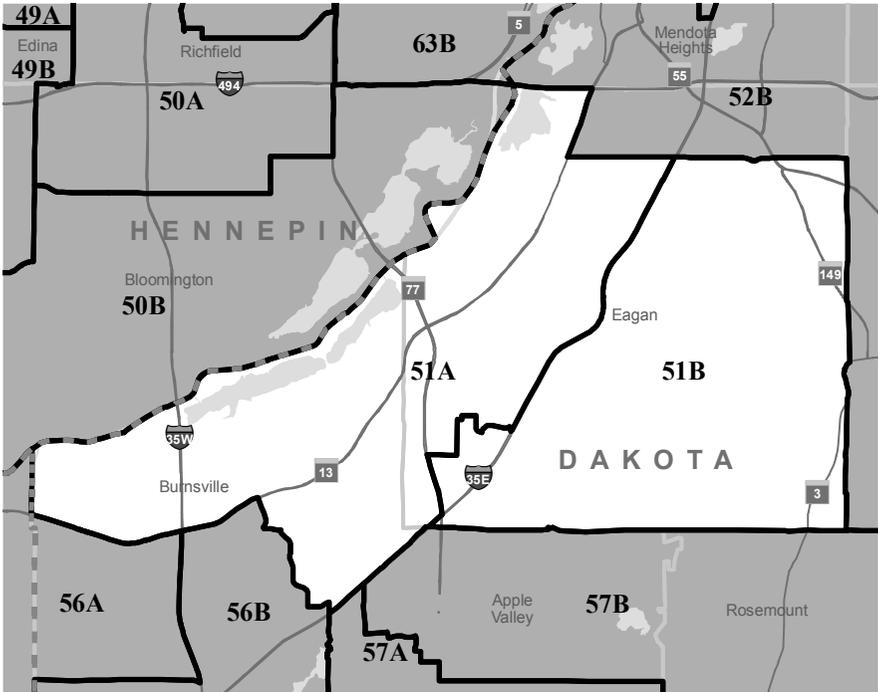
**Committees:** Taxes, chair; Property and Local Tax Division; Rules and Legislative Administration; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA, Psychology, College of St. Benedict; Public Policy, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 51



Senator District 51

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**Occupation:** Retired Mechanical Engineer

**Education:** BME, University of Minnesota; Certificate, Dunwoody Institute

**Elected:** 2006, 2012



Representative District 51A

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**Committees:** Transportation Policy, vice chair; Energy Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Business/Educator

**Education:** BA, Government, Valparaiso University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2012



Representative District 51B

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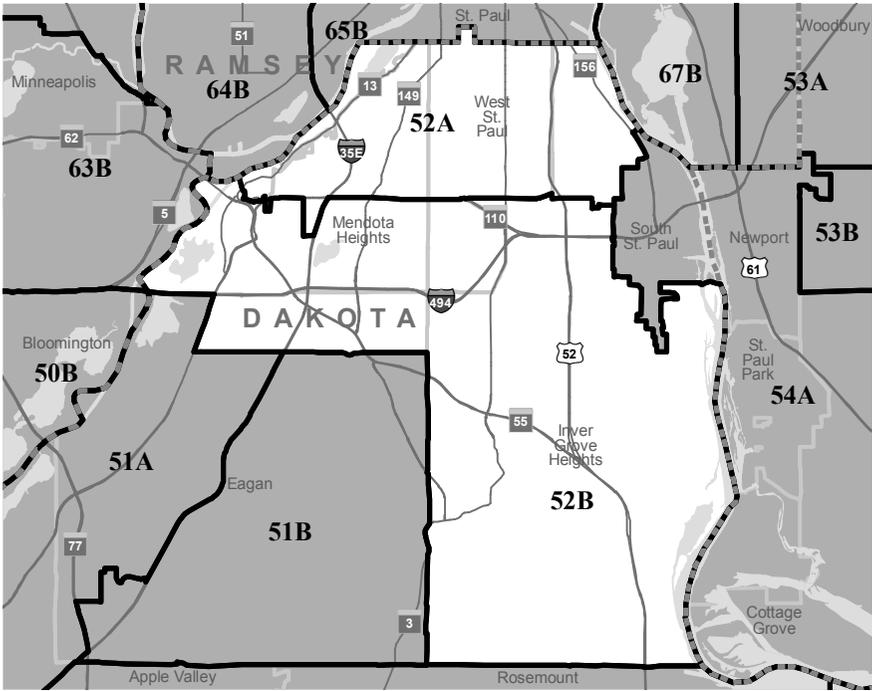
**Committees:** Elections, vice chair; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Health and Human Services Finance

**Occupation:** Homemaker

**Education:** BS, Political Science, College of St. Catherine

**Elected:** 2012

District 52



Senator District 52

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**Committees:** Commerce, chair; Capital Investment; Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division; Rules and Administration

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 52A

**Rick Hansen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, Biology, Upper Iowa University; MS, Soil Management, Iowa State University

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 52B

**Joe Atkins** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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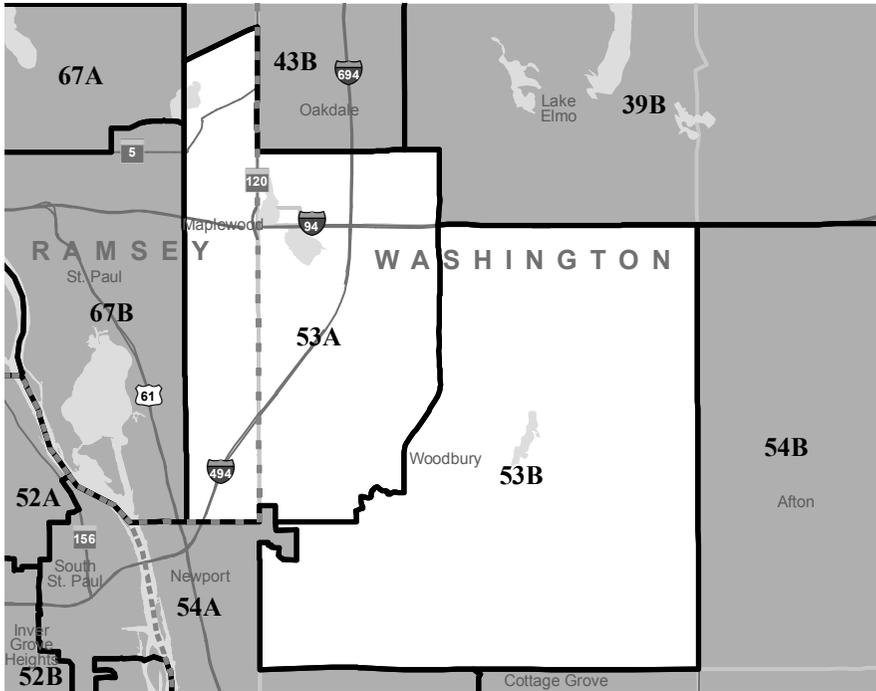
**Committees:** Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy, chair; Ethics, alternate; Capital Investment; Energy Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Political Science, University of Minnesota; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 53



Senator District 53

**Susan Kent** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Education:** BS, University of Texas: Austin

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 53A

**JoAnn Ward** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Former High School Teacher and Businesswoman

**Education:** BS, Education, Kansas State University; MA, Human Resource Development, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 53B

**Andrea Kieffer** (Republican)

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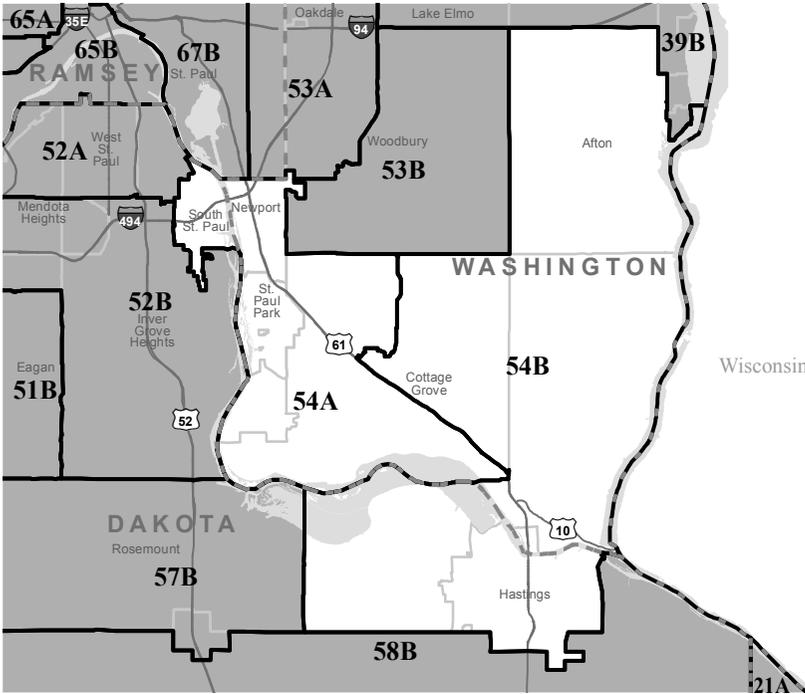
**Committees:** Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries; Public Safety Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Non-Profit Volunteer

**Education:** BSB, Management, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2010, 2012

District 54



Senator District 54

**Katie Sieben** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
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**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 54A

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**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 54B

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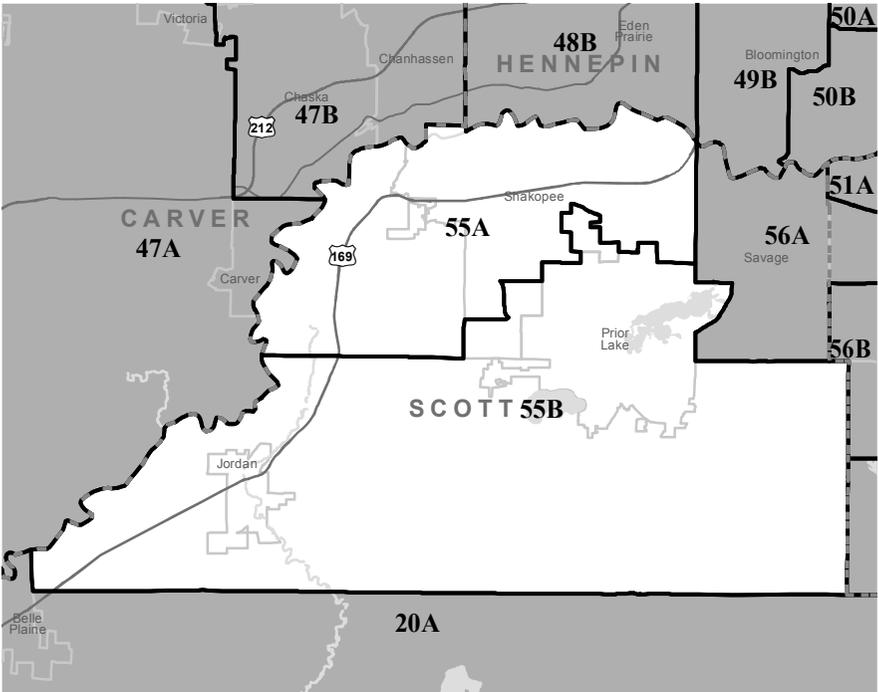
**Committees:** Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance, republican lead; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BS, Business Administration, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 55



Senator District 55

**Eric R. Pratt** (Republican)

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**Occupation:** Banking Risk Management

**Education:** BA, University of Colorado; MBA, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 55A  
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**Committees:** Transportation Finance, republican lead; Energy Policy; Transportation Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BA, Bethany College of Missions; entrepreneurial classes, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 55B  
**Tony Albright** (Republican)

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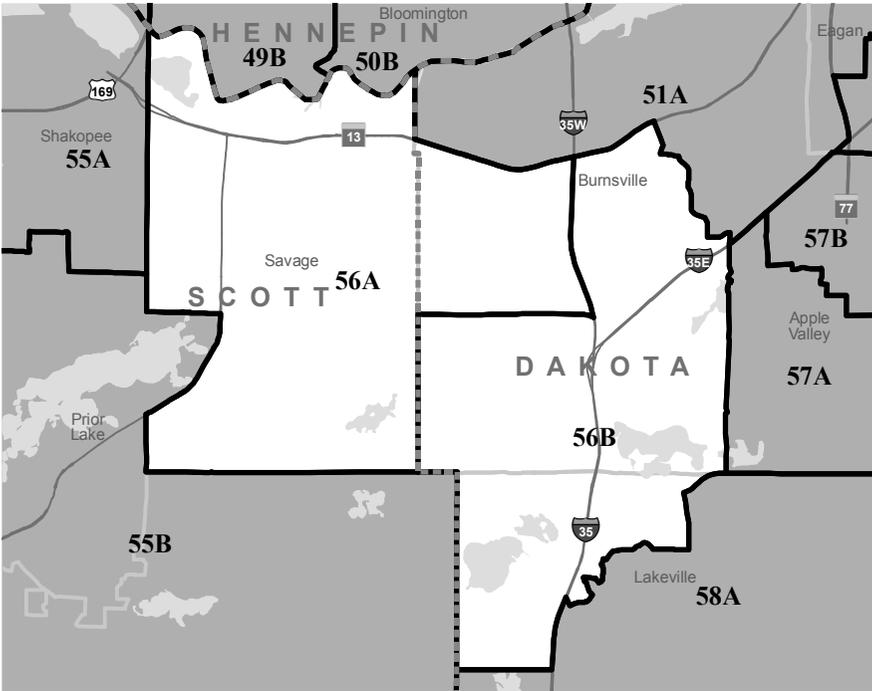
**Committees:** Capital Investment; Health and Human Services Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BS, Business Administration, Minnesota State University: Moorhead

**Elected:** 2012

District 56



Senator District 56

**Dan D. Hall** (Republican)

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Finance - E-12 Division; Finance - Judiciary Division; Judiciary

**Occupation:** Vice President of Business Relations

**Education:** Augsburg College

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 56A  
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**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy, republican lead; Education Finance; Taxes

**Occupation:** Legislator; CPA, inactive license; Teacher (retired)

**Education:** BA, Business Administration, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 56B  
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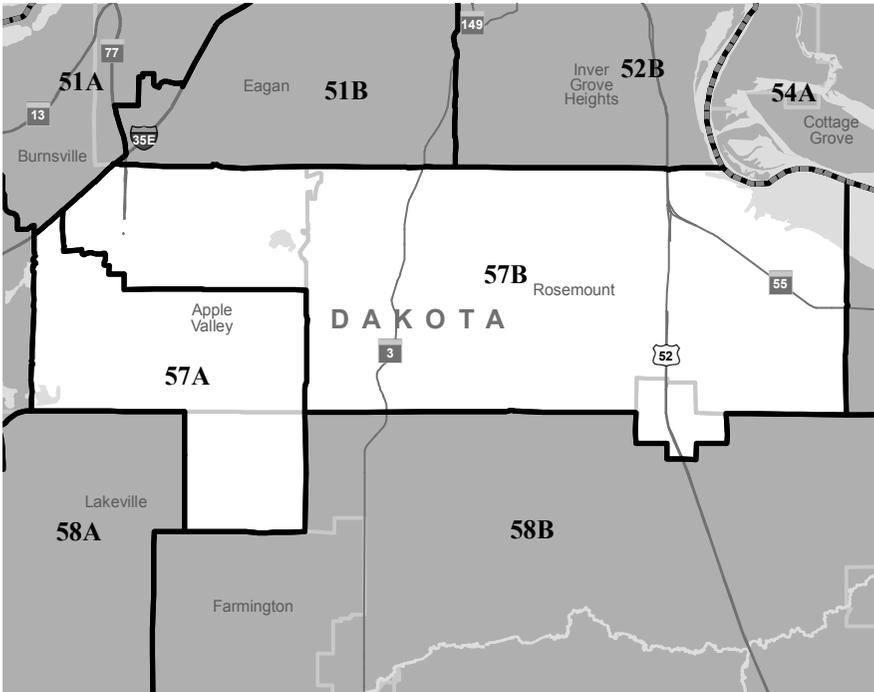
**Committees:** Energy Policy, vice chair; Education Finance; Education Policy; Health and Human Services Policy

**Occupation:** Physics and Chemistry Teacher

**Education:** BA, Physics, Carleton College; MA, Education, St. Mary's University

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2012

District 57



Senator District 57

**Greg D. Clausen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Educator

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**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 57A

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**Occupation:** Legislator

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**Elected:** 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 57B

**Anna Wills** (Republican)

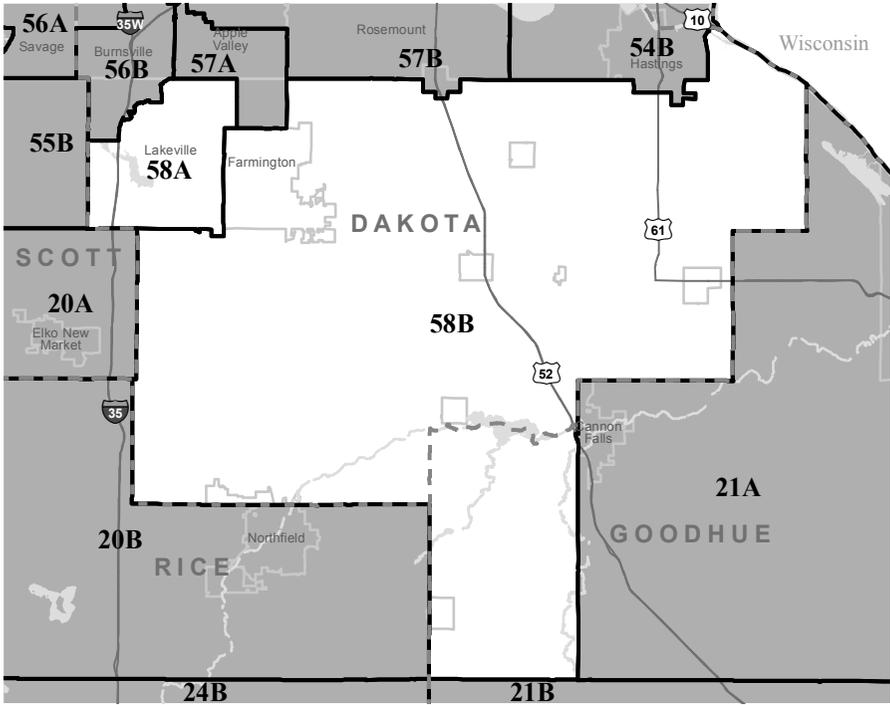
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**Occupation:** Legislator

**Elected:** 2012

District 58



Senator District 58

**Dave Thompson** (Republican)

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**Education:** BA, University of North Dakota; JD, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 58A

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**Elected:** 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 58B

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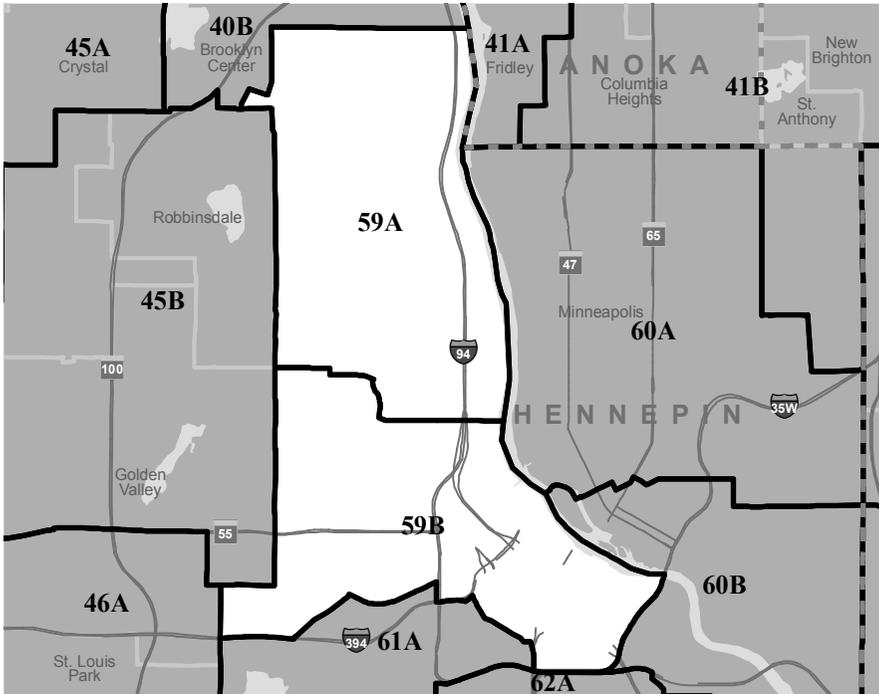
**Committees:** Energy Policy, republican lead; Property and Local Tax Division; Taxes

**Occupation:** Network Engineer

**Education:** BS, Law Enforcement, Minnesota State University: Mankato

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 59



Senator District 59

**Bobby Joe Champion** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committee:** Finance, vice chair; Capital Investment; Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division; Finance - Transportation and Public Safety Division; Transportation and Public Safety

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Macalester College; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 59A

**Joe Mullery** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy, chair; Health and Human Services Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities; JD, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 59B

**Raymond Dehn** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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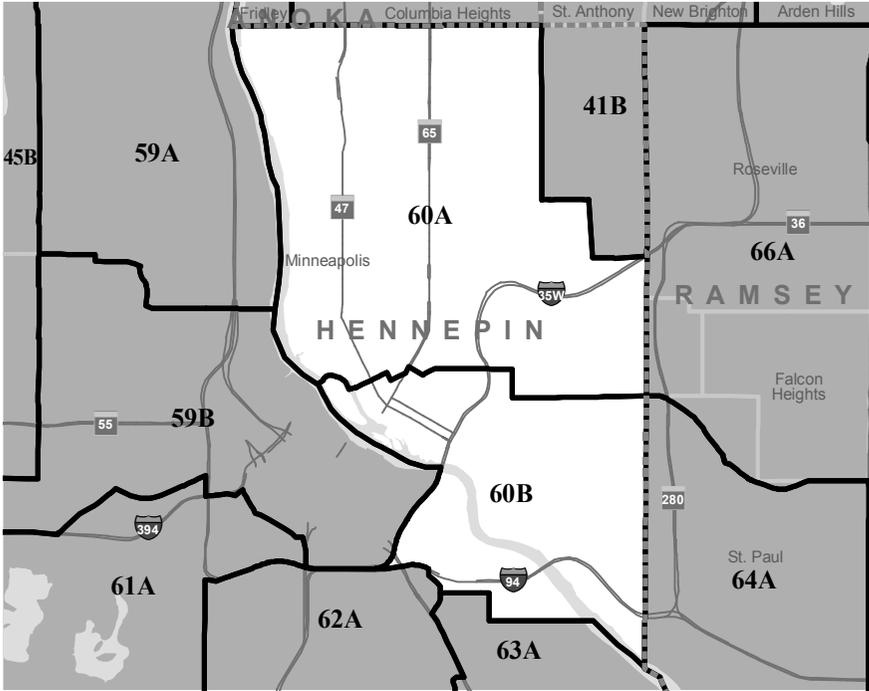
**Committees:** Capital Investment; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Transportation Finance

**Occupation:** Design/Sustainability Consultant

**Education:** BA, Architecture, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2012

District 60



Senator District 60

**Kari Dzedzic** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division;  
Finance - Judiciary Division; Taxes; Taxes - Tax Reform Division

**Elected:** Special 2012, 2012



Representative District 60A

**Diane Loeffler** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
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**Committees:** Taxes, vice chair; Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Property and Local Tax Division

**Occupation:** Public Policy Analyst/Planner

**Education:** BA, Social Science, Augsburg College; Educational Administration/Public Administration, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 60B

**Phyllis Kahn** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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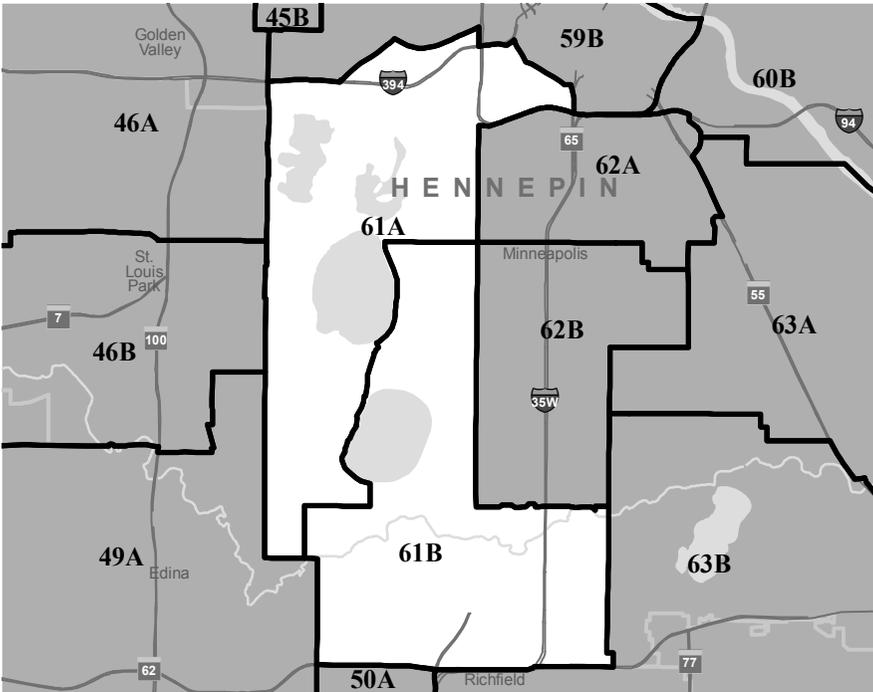
**Committees:** Legacy, chair; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Government Operations; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA, Physics, Cornell University; PhD, Biophysics, Yale University; MPA, Harvard University

**Elected:** 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 61



Senator District 61

**D. Scott Dibble** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** University of Minnesota; University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 61A

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**Occupation:** Community Organizer

**Education:** BA, Environmental Studies, Macalester College; MA, Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 61B

**Paul Thissen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

Speaker of the House

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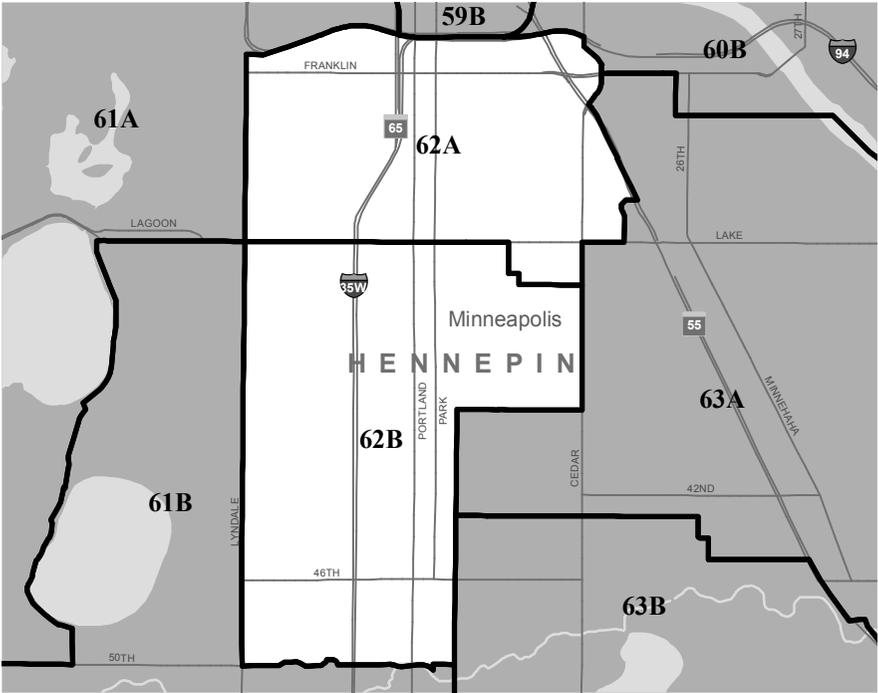
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**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** AB, Harvard University; JD, University of Chicago

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 62



Senator District 62

**Jeff Hayden** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

Deputy Majority Leader

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**Committees:** Capital Investment; Elections; Finance - Health and Human Services Division; Health, Human Services and Housing; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Manager

**Education:** Bethel University

**Elected:** Special 2011, 2012



Representative District 62A

**Karen Clark** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Housing Finance and Policy, chair; Capital Investment; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** College Instructor

**Education:** BS, Nursing, College of St. Teresa; MPA, Harvard University

**Elected:** 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 62B

**Susan Allen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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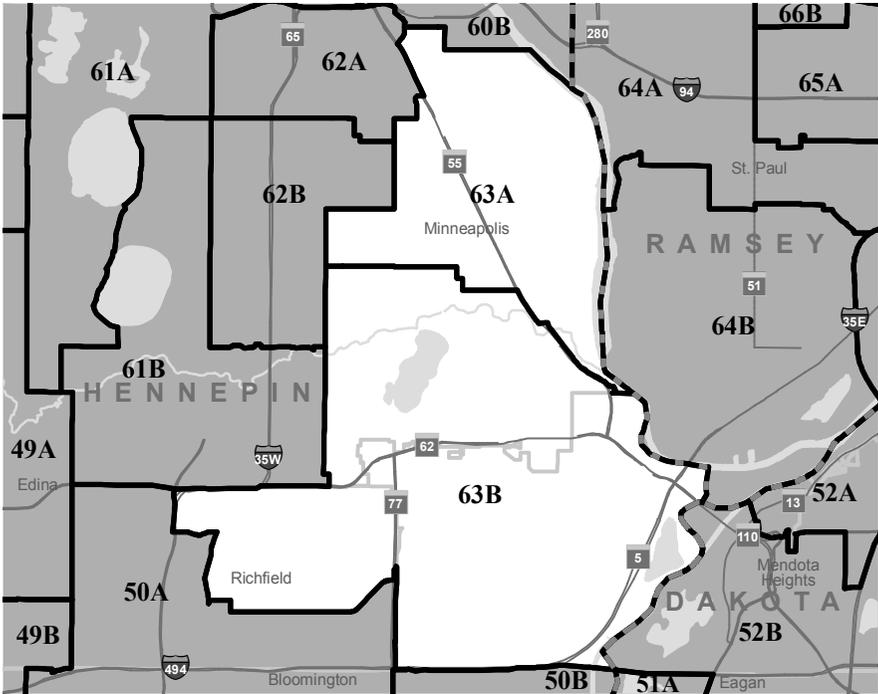
**Committees:** Civil Law, vice chair; Energy Policy; Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Economics, Augsburg College; JD, University of New Mexico School of Law; LLM, Taxation, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 2012

District 63



Senator District 63

**Patricia Torres Ray** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Education, chair; Finance - E-12 Division; Finance - Higher Education and Workforce Development Division; Higher Education and Workforce Development; State and Local Government

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Education:** BA, University of Minnesota; MPA, University of Minnesota

**Elected:** 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 63A

**Jim Davnie** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Ethics, chair; Property and Local Tax Division, chair; Education Finance; Education Policy; Taxes; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Financial Educator

**Education:** BS, Psychology/Social work, University of Minnesota; MEd, Education, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities; MPA, University of Minnesota: Twin Cities

**Elected:** 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 63B

**Jean Wagenius** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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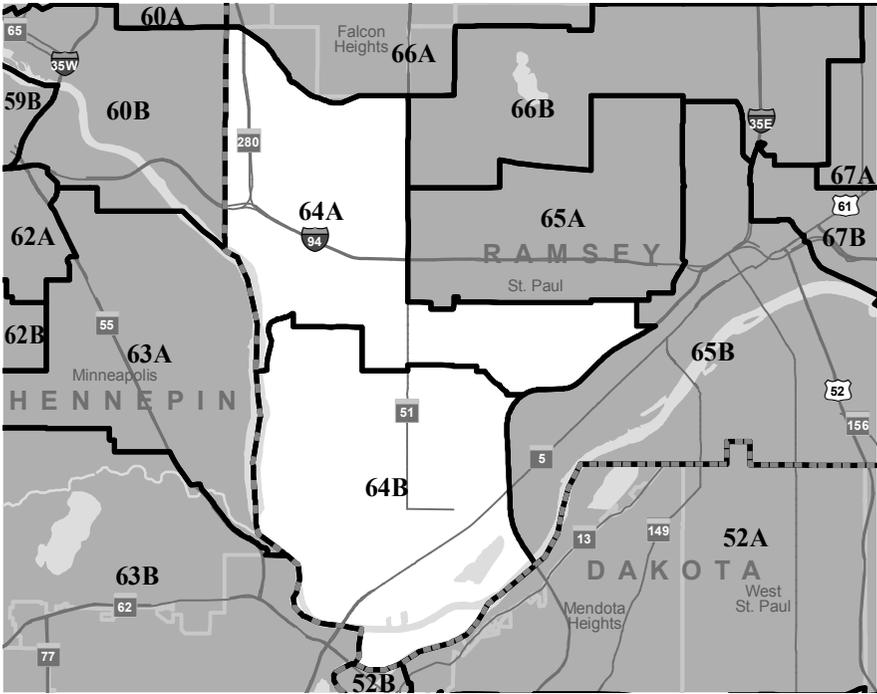
**Committees:** Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance, chair; Agriculture Policy; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Legacy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA, George Washington University; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 64



Senator District 64

**Richard Cohen** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance, chair; Finance - Subcommittee on Legacy, chair; Capital Investment; Elections; Finance - Judiciary Division; Finance - State Departments and Veterans Division; Judiciary; Rules and Administration

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA, Northwestern University; JD, William Mitchell College of Law

**Elected:** 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 64A

**Erin Murphy** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
Majority Leader

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**Committees:** Rules and Legislative Administration, chair

**Occupation:** Nursing Faculty

**Education:** BS, Nursing, University of Wisconsin: Oshkosh; MA,  
Organizational Leadership, College of St. Catherine.

**Elected:** 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 64B

**Michael Paymar** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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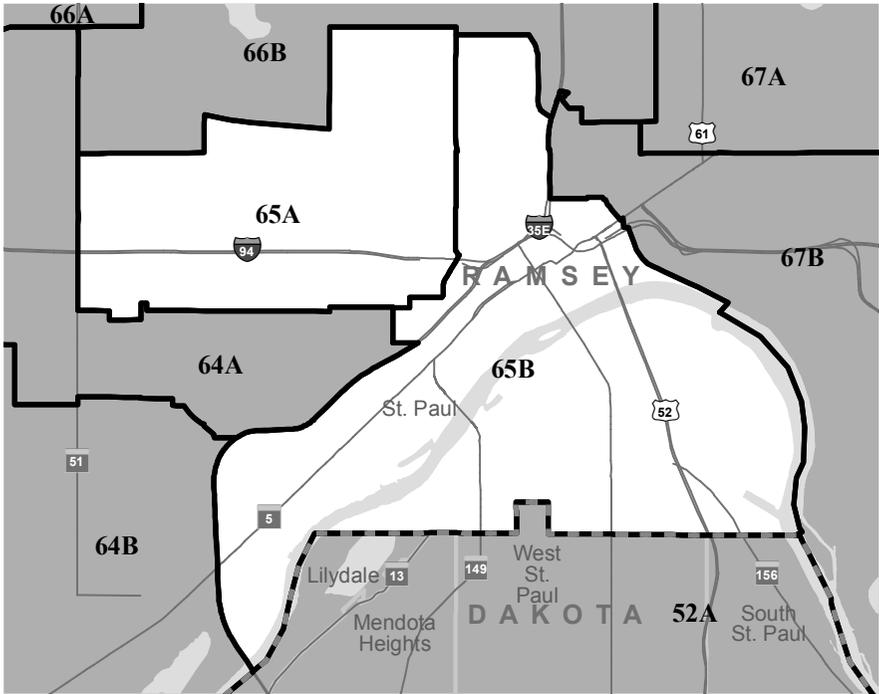
**Committees:** Public Safety Finance and Policy, chair; Civil Law; Judiciary  
Finance and Policy; Taxes; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Executive Director

**Education:** BA, Education, History, College of St. Scholastica; MA, Public  
Administration, Hamline University

**Elected:** 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 65



Senator District 65

**Sandra L. Pappas** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)  
President of the Senate

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**Committees:** State and Local Government, chair; Capital Investment;  
Commerce; Finance; Rules and Administration

**Occupation:** Vice President, Women Legislators' Lobby

**Education:** BA, Metropolitan State University; MPA, John F. Kennedy School  
of Government, Harvard University

**Elected:** 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 65A

**Rena Moran** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Health and Human Services Policy, vice chair; Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Education Finance; Health and Human Services Finance; Housing Finance and Policy

**Occupation:** Parent Leader Coordinator

**Education:** BS, Early Childhood Education, Southern Illinois University

**Elected:** 2010, 2012



Representative District 65B

**Carlos Mariani** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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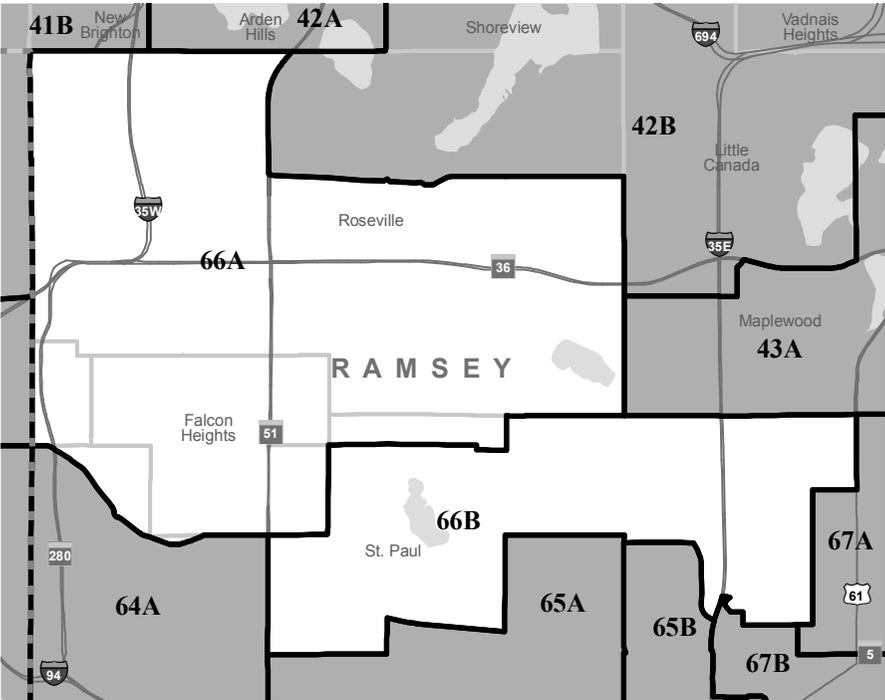
**Committees:** Education Policy, chair; Education Finance; Elections; Housing Finance and Policy; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Management

**Education:** BA, History, Macalester College

**Elected:** 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 66



Senator District 66

**John Marty** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Environment and Energy, chair; Health, Human Services and Housing; Rules and Administration; Taxes

**Occupation:** Writer

**Education:** St. Olaf College

**Elected:** 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012



Representative District 66A

**Alice Hausman** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Capital Investment, chair; Legacy; Transportation Finance; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BS, Education, Concordia University; MA, Education, Concordia University

**Elected:** Special 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 66B

**John Lesch** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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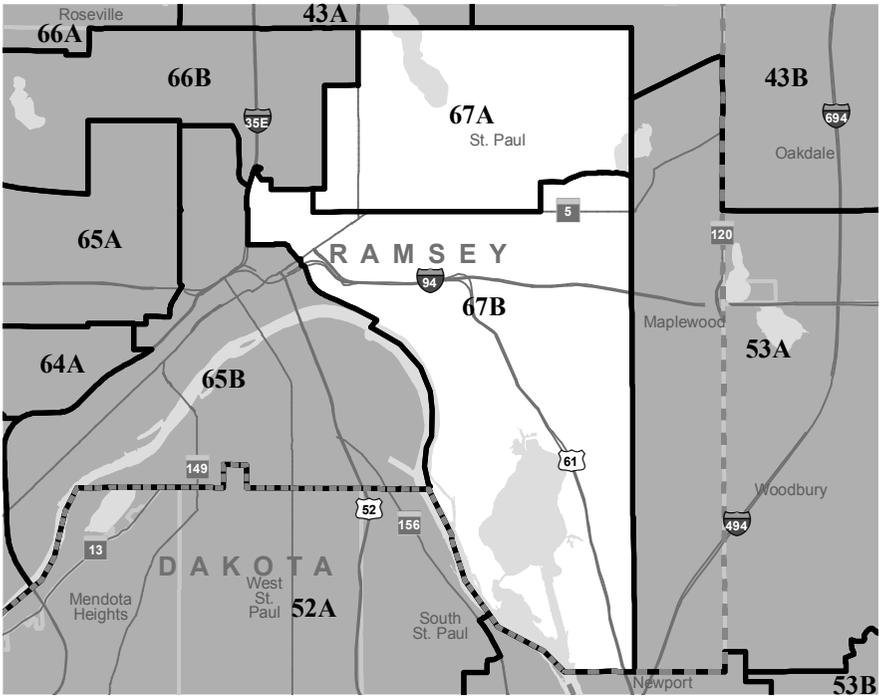
**Committees:** Civil Law, chair; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; Taxes

**Occupation:** Prosecutor

**Education:** BA, Philosophy/Psychology, St. Louis University; JD, Hamline University

**Elected:** 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

District 67



Senator District 67

**Fong Hawj** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Finance - Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division, vice chair; Environment and Energy; Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** BA, University of Kansas; MS, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York

**Elected:** 2012



Representative District 67A

**Tim Mahoney** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy, chair; Capital Investment; Property and Local Tax Division; Transportation Finance; Ways and Means

**Occupation:** Pipefitter

**Education:** Pipefitting, St. Paul College

**Elected:** 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012



Representative District 67B

**Sheldon Johnson** (Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

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**Committees:** Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industries, chair; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration

**Occupation:** Corrections

**Education:** BA, Social Work, Bethel University; MA, Psychology, University of St. Thomas

**Elected:** 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

#### Capital Investment (20 Members)

Chair: Stumpf (DFL) • Vice Chair: Scalze (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Senjem (R)

Champion (DFL)	Kiffmeyer (R)	Pappas (DFL)	Sparks (DFL)
Cohen (DFL)	Metzen (DFL)	Pederson (R)	Tomassoni (DFL)
Eken (DFL)	Miller (R)	Rosen (R)	
Hayden (DFL)	Nelson (R)	Schmit (DFL)	
Ingebrigtsen (R)	Newman (R)	Sieben (DFL)	

#### Commerce (13 Members)

Chair: Metzen (DFL) • Vice Chair: Jensen (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Gazelka (R)

Brown (R)	Goodwin (DFL)	Pratt (R)
Carlson (DFL)	Housley (R)	Reinert (DFL)
Dahle (DFL)	Latz (DFL)	
Dahms (R)	Pappas (DFL)	

#### Education (15 Members)

Chair: Torres Ray (DFL) • Vice Chair: Dahle (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Nelson (R)

Carlson (DFL)	Johnson (DFL)	Ruud (R)
Chamberlain (R)	Kent (DFL)	Thompson (R)
Clausen (DFL)	Nienow (R)	Wiger (DFL)
Franzen (DFL)	Petersen (R)	Wiklund (DFL)

#### Environment and Energy (14 Members)

Chair: Marty (DFL) • Vice Chair: Hoffman (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Brown (R)

Benson (R)	Koenen (DFL)	Schmit (DFL)
Dibble (DFL)	Osmek (R)	Sieben (DFL)
Eaton (DFL)	Rosen (R)	Weber (R)
Hawj (DFL)	Scalze (DFL)	

#### Finance (22 Members)

Chair: Cohen (DFL) • Vice Chair: Champion (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Fischbach (R)

Anderson (R)	Latz (DFL)	Nienow (R)	Stumpf (DFL)
Bonoff (DFL)	Limmer (R)	Pappas (DFL)	Tomassoni (DFL)
Dibble (DFL)	Lourey (DFL)	Pederson (R)	Westrom (R)
Goodwin (DFL)	Miller (R)	Saxhaug (DFL)	Wiger (DFL)
Ingebrigtsen (R)	Newman (R)	Sieben (DFL)	

#### E-12 Division (18 Members)

Chair: Wiger (DFL) • Vice Chair: Johnson (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Nienow (R)

Bonoff (DFL)	Housley (R)	Saxhaug (DFL)
Dahle (DFL)	Jensen (DFL)	Stumpf (DFL)
Dahms (R)	Kent (DFL)	Torres Ray (DFL)
Hall (R)	Petersen (R)	Weber (R)
Hoffman (DFL)	Pratt (R)	Wiklund (DFL)

**Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Division (14 Members)**

Chair: Tomassoni (DFL) • Vice Chair: Hawj (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Ingebrigtsen (R)

Dibble (DFL)	Saxhaug (DFL)	Sparks (DFL)
Dziedzic (DFL)	Scalze (DFL)	Weber (R)
Osmeck (R)	Schmit (DFL)	Westrom (R)
Ruud (R)	Skoe (DFL)	

**Health and Human Services Division (11 Members)**

Chair: Lourey (DFL) • Vice Chair: Franzen (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Rosen (R)

Benson (R)	Clausen (DFL)	Kiffmeyer (R)
Brown (R)	Eken (DFL)	Sheran (DFL)
Carlson (DFL)	Hayden (DFL)	

**Higher Education and Workforce Development Division (13 Members)**

Chair: Bonnof (DFL) • Vice Chair: Clausen (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Miller (R)

Eken (DFL)	Ortman (R)	Sparks (DFL)
Fischbach (R)	Petersen (R)	Torres Ray (DFL)
Kent (DFL)	Pratt (R)	
Lourey (DFL)	Sheran (DFL)	

**Judiciary Division (8 Members)**

Chair: Latz (DFL) • Vice Chair: Goodwin (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Limmer (R)

Cohen (DFL)	Hall (R)	Sheran (DFL)
Dziedzic (DFL)	Ortman (R)	

**State Departments and Veterans Division (11 Members)**

Chair: Saxhaug (DFL) • Vice Chair: Dziedzic (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Chamberlain (R)

Anderson (R)	Dahms (R)	Rest (DFL)
Champion (DFL)	Gazelka (R)	Stumpf (DFL)
Cohen (DFL)	Metzen (DFL)	

**Subcommittee on Legacy (8 Members)**

Chair: Cohen (DFL)

Dibble (DFL)	Miller (R)	Sieben (DFL)
Fischbach (R)	Saxhaug (DFL)	Tomassoni (DFL)
Ingebrigtsen (R)		

**Transportation and Public Safety Division (17 Members)**

Chair: Dibble (DFL) • Vice Chair: Kent (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Pederson (R)

Carlson (DFL)	Miller (R)	Senjem (R)
Champion (DFL)	Osmeck (R)	Tomassoni (DFL)
Franzen (DFL)	Pratt (R)	Westrom (R)
Jensen (DFL)	Reinert (DFL)	Wiger (DFL)
Kiffmeyer (R)	Rest (DFL)	

**Health, Human Services and Housing (11 Members)**

Chair: Sheran (DFL) • Vice Chair: Wiklund (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Benson (R)

Eaton (DFL)	Lourey (DFL)	Nienow (R)
Hayden (DFL)	Marty (DFL)	Rosen (R)
Hoffman (DFL)	Nelson (R)	

**Higher Education and Workforce Development (13 Members)**

Chair: Bonoff (DFL) • Vice Chair: Clausen (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Miller (R)

Eken (DFL)	Ortman (R)	Sparks (DFL)
Fischbach (R)	Petersen (R)	Torres Ray (DFL)
Kent (DFL)	Pratt (R)	
Lourey (DFL)	Sheran (DFL)	

## Chapter Three State Legislature

### Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development (10 Members)

Chair: Sparks (DFL) • Vice Chair: Schmit (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Dahms (R)

Bonoff (DFL)	Koenen (DFL)	Ruud (R)
Eken (DFL)	Nelson (R)	Weber (R)
Hawj (DFL)		

### Judiciary (8 Members)

Chair: Latz (DFL) • Vice Chair: Goodwin (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Limmer (R)

Cohen (DFL)	Hall (R)	Sheran (DFL)
Dziedzic (DFL)	Ortman (R)	

### Rules and Administration (13 Members)

Chair: Bakk (DFL) • Vice Chair: Sieben (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Hann (R)

Cohen (DFL)	Marty (DFL)	Pappas (DFL)
Fischbach (R)	Metzen (DFL)	Skoe (DFL)
Gazelka (R)	Newman (R)	Stumpf (DFL)
Limmer (R)		

### Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Committees (7 Members)

Chair: Bakk (DFL)

Cohen (DFL)	Hann (R)	Pappas (DFL)
Fischbach (R)	Metzen (DFL)	Stumpf (DFL)

### Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Elections (9 Members)

Chair: Sieben (DFL) • Vice Chair: Eken (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Newman (R)

Cohen (DFL)	Hoffman (DFL)	Limmer (R)
Hayden (DFL)	Kiffmeyer (R)	Rest (DFL)

### State and Local Government (13 Members)

Chair: Pappas (DFL) • Vice Chair: Eaton (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Hall (R)

Anderson (R)	Johnson (DFL)	Thompson (R)
Dahle (DFL)	Petersen (R)	Torres Ray (DFL)
Hayden (DFL)	Scalze (DFL)	Wiklund (DFL)
Housley (R)		

### Taxes (13 Members)

Chair: Skoe (DFL) • Vice Chair: Rest (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Ortman (R)

Bakk (DFL)	Koenen (DFL)	Reinert (DFL)
Chamberlain (R)	Marty (DFL)	Senjem (R)
Dziedzic (DFL)	Nelson (R)	Thompson (R)
Eaton (DFL)		

### Tax Reform Division (8 Members)

Chair: Rest (DFL) • Vice Chair: Koenen (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Thompson (R)

Dziedzic (DFL)	Gazelka (R)	Skoe (DFL)
Eaton (DFL)	Ortman (R)	

### Transportation and Public Safety (17 Members)

Chair: Dibble (DFL) • Vice Chair: Kent (DFL) • Ranking Minority Member: Pederson (R)

Carlson (DFL)	Kiffmeyer (R)	Reinert (DFL)	Westrom (R)
Champion (DFL)	Miller (R)	Rest (DFL)	Wiger (DFL)
Franzen (DFL)	Osmek (R)	Senjem (R)	
Jensen (DFL)	Pratt (R)	Tomassoni (DFL)	

## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

### Agriculture Policy (16 Members)

Chair: Poppe (DFL) • Vice Chair: Faust (DFL) • Republican Lead: Hamilton

Anderson, P. (R)	Fritz (DFL)	McNamar (DFL)
Dill (DFL)	Johnson, C. (DFL)	Nornes (R)
Erickson, R. (DFL)	Kiel (R)	Petersburg (R)
Falk (DFL)	Kresha (R)	Wagenius (DFL)
FitzSimmons (R)		

### Capital Investment (21 Members)

Chair: Hausman (DFL) • Vice Chair: Ward (DFL) • Republican Lead: Dean

Albright (R)	Dehn (DFL)	Gunther (R)	Norton (DFL)
Atkins (DFL)	Dettmer (R)	Lillie (DFL)	Swedzinski (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)	Erhardt (DFL)	Mahoney (DFL)	Urdahl (R)
Clark (DFL)	FitzSimmons (R)	McNamar (DFL)	
Davids (R)	Green (R)	Melin (DFL)	

### Civil Law (17 Members)

Chair: Lesch (DFL) • Vice Chair: Allen (DFL) • Republican Lead: Scott

Anderson (R)	Howe (R)	Paymar (DFL)	Simon (DFL)
Hilstrom (DFL)	Johnson, B. (R)	Pugh (R)	Winkler (DFL)
Holberg (R)	Liebling (DFL)	Rosenthal (DFL)	Yarusso (DFL)
Hortman (DFL)	Newberger (R)		

### Data Practices Subcommittee (5 Members)

Chair: Simon (DFL)

Holberg (R)	Scott (R)
Hortman (DFL)	Winkler (DFL)

### Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy (22 Members)

Chair: Atkins (DFL) • Vice Chair: Fritz (DFL) • Republican Lead: Hoppe

Anderson, S. (R)	Falk (DFL)	Lillie (DFL)	Sundin (DFL)
Anzelc (DFL)	Halverson (DFL)	Loon (R)	Swedzinski (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Hilstrom (DFL)	Sanders (R)	Theis (R)
Davids (R)	Hortman (DFL)	Schoen (DFL)	Woodard (R)
Dehn (DFL)	Johnson, S. (DFL)	Slocum (DFL)	Zellers (R)

### Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy (12 Members)

Chair: Mullery (DFL) • Vice Chair: Laine (DFL) • Republican Lead: Myhra

Barrett (R)	Howe (R)	Moran (DFL)
Brynaert (DFL)	Kresha (R)	Radinovich (DFL)
Franson (R)	Melin (DFL)	Winkler (DFL)

### Education Finance (20 Members)

Chair: Marquart (DFL) • Vice Chair: Slocum (DFL) • Republican Lead: Woodard

Anzelc (DFL)	Erickson, S. (R)	Moran (DFL)	Quam (R)
Bernardy (DFL)	Gruenhagen (R)	Morgan (DFL)	Radinovich (DFL)
Brynaert (DFL)	Hertaus (R)	Myhra (R)	Selcer (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Mariani (DFL)	Newton (DFL)	Wills (R)
Davnie (DFL)	McDonald (R)		

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## Chapter Three State Legislature

### Education Policy (21 Members)

Chair: Mariani (DFL) • Vice Chair: Brynaert (DFL) • Republican Lead: Erickson, S.

Anderson, M. (R)	Erickson, R. (DFL)	Leidiger (R)	Urdahl (R)
Barrett (R)	Faust (DFL)	Marquart (DFL)	Wills (R)
Benson (DFL)	Isaacson (DFL)	Morgan (DFL)	Yarusso (DFL)
Bly (DFL)	Kiel (R)	Nornes (R)	
Davnice (DFL)	Kresha (R)	Sawatzky (DFL)	

### Elections (12 Members)

Chair: Simon (DFL) • Vice Chair: Halverson (DFL) • Republican Lead: Sanders

Bernardy (DFL)	Johnson, B. (R)	O'Driscoll (R)
Daudt (R)	Laine (DFL)	Urdahl (R)
Huntley (DFL)	Mariani (DFL)	Winkler (DFL)

### Energy Policy (15 Members)

Chair: Hortman (DFL) • Vice Chair: Morgan (DFL) • Republican Lead: Garofalo

Allen (DFL)	Falk (DFL)	Kelly (R)	Scott (R)
Atkins (DFL)	Hackbarth (R)	Masin (DFL)	Selcer (DFL)
Beard (R)	Hornstein (DFL)	Quam (R)	Yarusso (DFL)

### Environment and Natural Resources Policy (16 Members)

Chair: Dill (DFL) • Vice Chair: Fischer (DFL) • Republican Lead: Hackbarth

Benson (DFL)	Hansen (DFL)	McNamara (R)	Wagenius (DFL)
Cornish (R)	Isaacson (DFL)	Persell (DFL)	Ward (DFL)
Fabian (R)	Johnson, C. (DFL)	Uglen (R)	Yarusso (DFL)
Green (R)			

### Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance (19 Members)

Chair: Wagenius (DFL) • Vice Chair: Falk (DFL) • Republican Lead: McNamara

Anderson, P. (R)	Dill (DFL)	Hackbarth (R)	Kiel (R)
Benson (DFL)	Erickson, R. (DFL)	Hamilton (R)	Poppe (DFL)
Bly (DFL)	Fabian (R)	Hansen (DFL)	Torkelson (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Freiberg (DFL)	Kahn (DFL)	Ward (DFL)
Clark (DFL)			

### Ethics (4 Members)

Chair: Davnice (DFL) • Republican Lead: Kelly

Atkins (DFL)*	Murphy (DFL)
Mack (R)	Woodard (R)*

### Government Operations (15 Members)

Chair: Nelson (DFL) • Vice Chair: Freiberg (DFL) • Republican Lead: Peppin

Dill (DFL)	Hansen (DFL)	Lien (DFL)	Sanders (R)
Dorholt (DFL)	Kahn (DFL)	O'Driscoll (R)	Theis (R)
Drazkowski (R)	Murphy (DFL)**	Pugh (R)	Winkler (DFL)
Falk (DFL)			

### Health and Human Services Finance (20 Members)

Chair: Huntley (DFL) • Vice Chair: Norton (DFL) • Republican Lead: Abeler

Allen (DFL)	Gruenhagen (R)	Loeffler (DFL)	Newton (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Halverson (DFL)	Mack (R)	Quam (R)
Dean (R)	Hortman (DFL)	McDonald (R)	Schomacker (R)
Fischer (DFL)	Laine (DFL)	Moran (DFL)	Zerwas (R)
Fritz (DFL)	Liebling (DFL)		

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**Health and Human Services Policy (20 Members)**

Chair: Liebling (DFL) • Vice Chair: Moran (DFL) • Republican Lead: Mack

Abeler (R)	Fritz (DFL)	Loeffler (DFL)	Schoen (DFL)
Albright (R)	Gruenhagen (R)	Lohmer (R)	Schomacker (R)
Allen (DFL)	Huntley (DFL)	Morgan (DFL)	Ward (DFL)
Benson (DFL)	Johnson, C. (DFL)	Mullery (DFL)	Zerwas (R)
Franson (R)			

**Higher Education Finance and Policy (15 Members)**

Chair: Pelowski Jr. (DFL) • Vice Chair: Dorholt (DFL) • Republican Lead: Nornes

Brynaert (DFL)	Gruenhagen (R)	Norton (DFL)	Swedzinski (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Johnson, S. (DFL)	Poppe (DFL)	Theis (R)
FitzSimmons (R)	Lien (DFL)	Rosenthal (DFL)	Winkler (DFL)
Franson (R)			

**Housing Finance and Policy (14 Members)**

Chair: Clark (DFL) • Vice Chair: Bly (DFL) • Republican Lead: Anderson, P.

Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Hertaus (R)	Metsa (DFL)	Radinovich (DFL)
Fischer (DFL)	Isaacson (DFL)	Moran (DFL)	Schomacker (R)
Green (R)	Mariani (DFL)	O’Neill (R)	Zerwas (R)

**Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy (17 Members)**

Chair: Mahoney (DFL) • Vice Chair: Persell (DFL) • Republican Lead: Gunther

Albright (R)	Isaacson (DFL)	Metsa (DFL)	Savick (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Kieffer (R)	Mullery (DFL)	Uglem (R)
Clark (DFL)	Leidiger (R)	Newton (DFL)	Ward (DFL)
Fabian (R)	Lohmer (R)	Norton (DFL)	

**Judiciary Finance and Policy (15 Members)**

Chair: Hilstrom (DFL) • Vice Chair: Melin (DFL) • Republican Lead: Drazkowski

Bly (DFL)	Johnson, B. (R)	Lien (DFL)	Paymar (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Johnson, S. (DFL)	McNamar (DFL)	Pugh (R)
Cornish (R)	Lesch (DFL)	O’Neill (R)	Scott (R)
Hortman (DFL)			

**Labor, Workplace and Regulated Industried (15 Members)**

Chair: Johnson, S. (DFL) • Vice Chair: Sundin (DFL) • Republican Lead: O’Driscoll

Benson (R)	Laine (DFL)	O’Neill (R)
Fischer (DFL)	Masin (DFL)	Savick (DFL)
Hoppe (R)	Metsa (DFL)	Simonson (DFL)
Kieffer (R)	Nelson (DFL)	Uglem (R)

**Legacy (12 Members)**

Chair: Kahn (DFL) • Vice Chair: Lillie (DFL) • Republican Lead: Urdahl

Freiberg (DFL)	McDonald (R)	Wagenius (DFL)
Green (R)	McNamara (R)**	Ward (DFL)
Hansen (DFL)**	Murphy (DFL)	Wills (R)
Hausman (DFL)	Torkelson (R)	

**Public Safety Finance and Policy (18 Members)**

Chair: Paymar (DFL) • Vice Chair: Rosenthal (DFL) • Republican Lead: Cornish

Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Kieffer (R)	Newberger (R)	Simonson (DFL)
Hilstrom (DFL)	Lesch (DFL)	Savick (DFL)	Slocum (DFL)
Johnson, B. (R)	Lohmer (R)	Schoen (DFL)	Uglem (R)
Kelly (R)	Mullery (DFL)	Simon (DFL)	Ward (DFL)

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### Rules and Legislative Administration (29 Members)

Chair: Murphy (DFL) • Vice Chair: Benson (DFL) • Republican Lead: Daudt

Albright (R)	Hoppe (R)	Lillie (DFL)	Persell (DFL)
Anderson, S. (R)	Hortman (DFL)	Loon (R)	Sanders (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)	Johnson, S. (DFL)	Melin (DFL)	Torkelson (R)
Dean (R)	Kelly (R)	Norton (DFL)	Ward (DFL)
Erhardt (DFL)	Lenczewski (DFL)	Pelowski Jr. (DFL)	Woodard (R)
Hansen (DFL)	Lesch (DFL)	Peppin (R)	Zellers (R)
Hilstrom (DFL)			

### State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs (17 Members)

Chair: Murphy (DFL) • Vice Chair: Newton (DFL) • Republican Lead: Dettmer

Benson (R)	Freiberg (DFL)	Leidiger (R)	Sawatzky (DFL)
Bernardy (DFL)	Howe (R)	Nelson (DFL)	Simon (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Kahn (DFL)	O'Driscoll (R)	Wills (R)
Dehn (DFL)	Kresha (R)	Persell (DFL)	

### Taxes (28 Members)

Chair: Lenczewski (DFL) • Vice Chair: Loeffler (DFL) • Republican Lead: Davids

Anderson, S. (R)	Erhardt (DFL)	Loon (R)	Peppin (R)
Anzelc (DFL)	Garofalo (R)	Mack (R)	Runbeck (R)
Barrett (R)	Hansen (DFL)	Marquart (DFL)	Schoen (DFL)
Benson (DFL)	Lesch (DFL)	Melin (DFL)	Simonson (DFL)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)	Liebling (DFL)	Myhra (R)	Slocum (DFL)
Davnie (DFL)	Lillie (DFL)	Paymar (DFL)	Zellers (R)
Drazkowski (R)			

### Property and Local Tax Division (15 Members)

Chair: Davnie (DFL) • Vice Chair: Lien (DFL) • Republican Lead: Torkelson

Carlson Sr. (DFL)	Hertaus (R)	Mahoney (DFL)
Erickson, S. (R)	Kiel (R)	Marquart (DFL)
Faust (DFL)	Lenczewski (DFL)	Nelson (DFL)
Garofalo (R)	Loeffler (DFL)	Runbeck (R)

### Transportation Finance (17 Members)

Chair: Hornstein (DFL) • Vice Chair: Bernardy (DFL) • Republican Lead: Beard

Benson, M. (R)	Hamilton (R)	Johnson, C. (DFL)	O'Neill (R)
Carlson Sr. (DFL)**	Hausman (DFL)	Mahoney (DFL)	Petersburg (R)
Dehn (DFL)	Holberg (R)	Masin (DFL)	Sundin (DFL)
Erhardt (DFL)	Howe (R)	Metsa (DFL)	

### Transportation Policy (15 Members)

Chair: Erhardt (DFL) • Vice Chair: Masin (DFL) • Republican Lead: Runbeck

Anderson, M. (R)	FitzSimmons (R)	Petersburg (R)	Selcer (DFL)
Beard (R)	Hornstein (DFL)	Rosenthal (DFL)	Simonson (DFL)
Dorholt (DFL)	Newberger (R)	Sawatzky (DFL)	Sundin (DFL)

### Ways and Means (34 Members)

Chair: Carlson Sr. (DFL) • Vice Chair: Anzelc (DFL) • Republican Lead: Holberg

Abeler (R)	Dean (R)	Kahn (DFL)	Nornes (R)
Anderson, S. (R)	Dettmer (R)	Lenczewski (DFL)	Paymar (DFL)
Atkins (DFL)	Gunther (R)	Loon (R)	Pelowski Jr. (DFL)
Beard (R)	Hackbarth (R)	Mahoney (DFL)	Poppe (DFL)
Brynaert (DFL)	Hausman (DFL)	Mariani (DFL)	Simon (DFL)
Clark (DFL)	Hilstrom (DFL)	Marquart (DFL)	Wagenius (DFL)
Davids (R)	Hornstein (DFL)	McNamara (R)	Woodard (R)
Davnie (DFL)	Huntley (DFL)	Mullery (DFL)	

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LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE OFFICES

**SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

231 State Capitol, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2344

**Function:** The secretary of the senate is the chief operating officer of the Senate, under the jurisdiction of the committee on rules and administration. The main functions are to act as parliamentarian and as administrator of the internal operations of the Senate. The office of the secretary of the senate produces the senate journal, all calendars, the introductions and engrossment of Senate bills and the certification of bills passed. The secretary of the senate calls the roll during floor sessions, reads bills and other documents and moves legislation through the Orders of Business. The office is responsible for keeping minutes, coordinating the functions of the session, supervising Senate personnel, and directing the daily operation of the Senate.



**Secretary of the Senate:** JoAnne M. Zoff, North St. Paul. B.A., Political Science, University of Minnesota (1970); J.D., University of California, Hastings College of Law (1974); Assistant Revisor of Statutes (1974–77); Senate Counsel (1977–2012); director of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis (1991–2012); Secretary of the Senate (Administrative) (2009–10).



**First Assistant Secretary:** Colleen J. Pacheco, Blaine. Minnesota Senate (1975–present); member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (1981–present).



**Second Assistant Secretary:** Michael Linn, St. Paul. BS, Bemidji State University; Minnesota Senate (1986–present); member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (1990–present).



**Third Assistant Secretary:** Jessica Tupper, Minneapolis. BS, Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State Senate (2000–present); member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.

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**Chaplain:** Reverend Dennis Morreim, Cloquet. Luther Seminary (Masters of Divinity, 1969); (Doctor of Ministry, 1984). 38 years of parish ministry serving congregations in Dauphin, Manitoba; Cook, MN and Cloquet, MN (1969–2007). Full-time chaplain at Community Memorial Hospital and Sunnyside Health Care Center in Cloquet (2007–present). Chaplain, Minnesota Senate (2013–present).



**Engrossing Secretary:** Melissa Mapes, Andover. Political Science, University of Minnesota, Morris. Minnesota Senate (2005–present); member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.

### SENATE COUNSEL, RESEARCH AND FISCAL ANALYSIS

G-17 State Capitol, St. Paul 55155

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**Function:** The office provides legal, research, and fiscal analysis services to senate members and committees in the development of public policy and legislation. This work includes drafting legislation, tracking budget proposals and conducting research requested by members.

**Director:** Tom Bottern

### SENATE INDEX

110 State Capitol, St. Paul, 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-5560 **Website:** [www.senate.mn/index](http://www.senate.mn/index)

**Function:** The office indexes bills in the Senate by subject, author, committee, companion bill and chapter numbers, content, and Senate journal page numbers for floor actions and tracks bill status.

**Co-directors:** Manuel Vasquez and Richard Almer

### SENATE INFORMATION OFFICE

231 State Capitol, St. Paul, 55155

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**Website:** [www.senate.mn/info](http://www.senate.mn/info) **E-mail:** [senate.information@senate.mn](mailto:senate.information@senate.mn)

**Function:** The office provides information to the public, senators, and staff. Services include the distribution of information produced by the Senate index department such as the identification of bills by subject or author, bill status, and Senate journal page numbers for floor actions. All requests for information materials, except videotapes, are handled through the information office. Other services include helping members of the public identify their legislators and answering general questions about the Legislature.

**Director:** Scott C. Magnuson

### SENATE JOURNAL PRODUCTION

G-3 State Capitol, St. Paul 551155

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**Function:** The office provides and produces all supporting documents used for daily legislative sessions, including agendas, calendars and Senate operating Resolutions. During and following the daily session, data is compiled to produce the daily Senate journal which records the actions of the day's session. Upon completion of the legislative session, the daily Senate journals become the permanent journal of the Senate. Because Minnesota is a journal entry state, the Minnesota courts refer to the permanent journal should any legal question arise for the enacted legislation. All materials produced in journal production are released to the internet for use by members, staff and public.

**Director:** Linda Jackson

**SENATE MEDIA SERVICES OFFICE**

B-44 State Capitol, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-0264 **Website:** [www.senate.mn/media](http://www.senate.mn/media)

**Function:** The office informs the public about the Senate and the legislative activities through television, photography and web-based media. It produces television coverage of Senate committee hearings, floor sessions and press conferences. The department also produces Capitol Report, a weekly public affairs program highlighting issues facing the state and featuring interviews with key policymakers. Senate Media Services programming can be viewed statewide on the Minnesota Channel and on the web at the following websites:

[www.facebook.com/MnSenateMedia](http://www.facebook.com/MnSenateMedia) and [www.youtube.com/MnSenateMedia](http://www.youtube.com/MnSenateMedia) and

[www.senate.mn/media](http://www.senate.mn/media). You can follow Senate Media Services on Twitter: @MnSenateMedia.

**Director:** Steve Senyk

**SENATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OFFICE**

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**Phone:** (651) 296-1119 **Website:** [www.senate.mn/sergeant](http://www.senate.mn/sergeant)

**Function:** Sergeants maintain order and control the admittance of people to the Senate chamber, Senate offices and Senate committee hearing rooms. The office is responsible for the security of the chamber, galleries, offices, and hearing rooms and for enforcing the dress code in the Senate chamber. The office is also responsible for scheduling rooms for committee hearings, the issuance of parking permits for senators and staff, the issuance of keys and identity cards and handling requests for the distribution of furniture and office equipment. In addition, the sergeant's office is responsible for several services that provide assistance to persons with special needs.



**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Sven Lindquist, Spring Lake Park. BA, Public Administration, Bemidji State University. Minnesota Senate (1981–present); member, National Legislative Services and Security Association; member, executive committee, associate vice president, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.



**Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:** Marilyn Logan Hall, North Branch. Office of the Governor (1989–90); Minnesota Senate (1990–present); member, National Legislative Services and Security Association.

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### HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

211 State Capitol, St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2314

**Function:** The Chief Clerk has general supervision over clerical duties pertaining to the lawmaking process and serves as a parliamentary advisor to the presiding officer and members. The Chief Clerk's Office serves as a resource center providing assistance, advice and information on the legislative process to members, staff and the public. The Minnesota Constitution and State Laws require that the Chief Clerk's Office publish a daily and permanent Journal which documents all official House action on bills from their introduction to enactment into law. The office oversees the engrossment and enrollment of bills, publishes the daily agenda items and maintains comprehensive indexes of all bills in the legislative process by number, topic and author. Additionally, the office is responsible for the management of information technology and the development, design and maintenance of the House website.



**Chief Clerk:** Albin A. Mathiowetz, St. Paul. St. Cloud State University. Minnesota House of Representatives, Journal Clerk (1973–80); Second Assistant Chief Clerk (1981–83); First Assistant Chief Clerk (1985–2004); Chief Clerk (2005–present); member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (1973–present); Associate Vice President (1996).



**First Assistant Chief Clerk:** Patrick Duffy Murphy, St. Paul. St. Thomas University. Minnesota House of Representatives (1978–present); Journal Editor (1980–2004); First Assistant Chief Clerk (2005–present); member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (1981–present).



**Second Assistant Chief Clerk:** Gail C. Romanowski, Woodbury. Concordia College, Moorhead. Minnesota House of Representatives, Second Assistant Chief Clerk (1999–present); member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (1999–present). Worked in various areas of executive and legislative branches of state government since 1984.

### INDEX DEPARTMENT

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**Index Clerk:** Carl Hamre, Roseville. BA, German, Hamline University. Minnesota House of Representatives, Public Information Assistant (1994–95); Chief Clerk's Office Administrative Assistant (1996–97); Assistant Bill Title Editor (1997–2000); Bill Title Editor (2000–05); Assistant Index Clerk (2005–07); Index Clerk (2008–present); member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (2008–present).

### HOUSE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

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**Function:** The department provides research, legislative drafting and legal services on a nonpartisan basis to the entire membership of the House and its committees.

Director: Patrick J. McCormack

**HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES**

175 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2146, (800) 657-3550 **Website:** [www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/hinfo.asp](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/hinfo.asp)

**Function:** House Public Information Services is a nonpartisan department of the Minnesota House of Representatives serving as an informational resource for the public, legislators and staff. The office is the initial point of contact for the public to have questions answered about the House of Representatives. The staff produces publications, television programming and web-based information that explain the issues before the Legislature and the legislative process. The office also provides documentary photographic services for House members and for use in publications and on the House website. Publications and services include: Session Daily—an online news service updated as needed for House news; printed and electronic versions of committee schedules; video coverage of House floor sessions, selected committee hearings and other legislative events; directories and rosters, informational brochures, and educational publications. Director: Barry A. LaGrave

**HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OFFICE**

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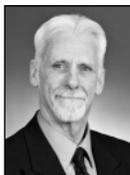
**Function:** The sergeant's office serves as a liaison with capitol security in providing security for House office areas. The chief sergeant is responsible for decorum and protocol and may be requested by the Speaker to locate and escort members to the chamber during a roll call vote. The Sergeant's office oversees House pages that serve as support staff for all House and conference committee hearings and aid all departments. The office coordinates the House's high school page program and college intern program as well as manages House facilities. The office also assigns parking spaces for members and staff, operates the House post office, House duplicating and House telecommunications.



**Chief Sergeant-at-Arms:** Travis Reese, Minneapolis. BS, Public Administration, BA, Political Science, Winona State University (2007). Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Voter Outreach Assistant (2008); Ramsey County, Elections Staff (2009); Minnesota House of Representatives, Committee Page (2008, 2009), 2nd Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms (2009–2010), Legislative Assistant (2011–2012), Chief Sergeant-at-Arms (2013–Present).



**First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:** Amanda M. Rudolph, Saint Paul. BA, Political Science, Macalester College; JD, University of St. Thomas School of Law; Institute for Executive Director Leadership, University of St. Thomas College of Business; Director, Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation, Association for Nonsmokers – Minnesota; Clerk, Office of the Hennepin County Public Defender; Clerk, Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd.; Associate, Woods & Thompson, P.A.; Executive Director, Minnesota Smoke-Free Coalition; Director, Ramsey Tobacco Coalition, Association for Nonsmokers – Minnesota; Board Member and Vice President, Pet Haven, Inc. of Minnesota; Board Member, City & County Credit Union.



**Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:** Stephen “Sam” Samuelson, Brainerd. Director of International Affairs, West Africa, 1st American International Hazelden Foundation; Department of Corrections, Rush City.

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### Permanent Rules of the Senate

88TH LEGISLATURE (2013-2014)  
As adopted on April 10, 2013

#### 1. PARLIAMENTARY REFERENCE

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (1989 edition) govern the Senate in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and orders of the Senate and the joint rules and orders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

#### 2. REPORTING OF BILLS

Every bill, memorial, order, resolution or vote requiring the approval of the Governor must be reported to the Senate on three different days before its passage. (a) The first report, called the first reading, is made when it has been received for introduction. (b) The second report, called the second reading, is made when it has been considered by all the necessary standing committees and is ready for debate. (c) The third report, called the third reading, is made when it is ready for final passage.

#### 3. BILL INTRODUCTION

3.1 Bills, memorials, and concurrent or joint resolutions may be introduced by a member or by a standing committee.

3.2 The name of the author, authors, or committee must be written on the bill, memorial or resolution. The number of authors may not exceed five.

3.3 An original and two copies are required for introduction.

3.4 A member or a committee desiring to introduce a bill, memorial or concurrent or joint resolution shall deliver it to the office of the Secretary, and the Secretary shall promptly deliver all the bills, memorials or concurrent or joint resolutions to the President who shall present them to the Senate.

3.5 During the period between the last day of the session in any odd-numbered year and the first day of the session in the following year, a bill filed with the Secretary for introduction must be given a file number and may be unofficially referred by the President, with the approval of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to an appropriate standing committee of the Senate. All bills filed for introduction during this period must be presented to the Senate when it reconvenes and must be referred to the standing committees previously indicated by the President, subject to objection to the referral under Rule 4.10.

#### 4. BILL REFERRAL

4.1 The President shall refer each bill without motion to the proper standing committee unless otherwise referred by the Senate.

4.2 A bill or resolution may not be referred to committee or amended until it has been given its first reading.

4.3 A member may not object to a bill or resolution on its introduction.

4.4 All bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to pay or expend money, or establishing a policy which to be effective will require expenditure of money, when referred to and reported by any other than the Committee on Finance, must be referred before passage to the Committee on Finance.

4.5 All bills delegating rulemaking to a department or agency of state government and all bills exempting a department or agency of state government from rulemaking, when referred to and reported by any other than the Committee on State and Local Government, must be referred before passage to the Committee on State and Local Government.

4.6 All bills creating a new commission, council, task force, board, or other body to which a member of the legislature will be appointed must be referred before passage both to the Committee on State and Local Government and to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

4.7 All bills authorizing or increasing a sentence of imprisonment to a state correctional institution must be referred before passage to the Committee on Judiciary.

4.8 All resolutions required to follow the same procedure as bills must be referred before passage to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

4.9 A bill introduced by a committee need not be referred to a standing committee unless a question arises. It must lie over one day before being given its second reading.

4.10 A member may question the reference of a bill during the order of business of first reading on the day of introduction. When a member questions the reference of a bill, the bill must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration to report the proper reference. Upon adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the bill must be referred accordingly.

## 5. RECALL FROM COMMITTEE

5.1 With the concurrence of the chief author of the bill, before the deadline for committee action on a bill, a majority of the whole Senate may recall the bill from a committee and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders. After the committee deadline for action on a bill, 41 affirmative votes of the whole Senate may recall the bill from any committee and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders.

5.2 By a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted by the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration, on request of the chief author, may remove a bill from committee and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders.

## 6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Memorial resolutions addressed to the President or the Congress of the United States, or a house or member of Congress, or a department or officer of the United States, or a state or foreign government, joint resolutions, and resolutions requiring the signature of the Governor must follow the same procedure as bills before being adopted.

6.2 A resolution may not be changed to a bill, and a bill may not be changed to a resolution.

6.3 Upon the request of a member, a resolution not required to follow the same procedure as bills and not offered by the Committee on Rules and Administration must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. If the resolution is not referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, the resolution must lie over one calendar day without debate or other action, upon the request of a member.

## 7. BUDGET TARGETS

7.1 The Committees on Taxes and on Finance must hold hearings as necessary to determine state revenues and appropriations for the fiscal biennium.

7.2 Within 30 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, targets for the general fund budget must be publicly announced by the Chair of the Committee on Finance or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Subsequent adjustments to the targets required under this rule shall be made by public announcement of the chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

7.3 The omnibus tax and appropriation bills are: (1) the omnibus tax bill; (2) the E-12 education appropriations bill; (3) the higher education and workforce development appropriations bill; (4) the health and human services appropriations bill; (5) the environment, economic development and agriculture appropriations bill; (6) the judiciary appropriations bill; (7) the state departments and veterans appropriations bill; (8) the transportation and public safety appropriations bill; and (9) the omnibus capital investment bill. An omnibus appropriation or tax bill may not be divided.

7.4 An amendment to an omnibus appropriation or tax bill that is a Senate file or an unofficial engrossment of a House file is out of order if it will: (1) increase net appropriations from a fund for a fiscal biennium, without a corresponding increase in net revenue, compared to the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate; (2) reduce net revenue to a fund for a fiscal biennium, without a corresponding reduction in net appropriations, compared to the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate; (3) change appropriations, transfers, or revenues to an agency that was not in the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate; or (4) create or increase the amount of a tax expenditure by reducing appropriations, transfers, or revenues to an agency that was not in the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate.

## 8. CONFIRMATIONS

8.1 Every gubernatorial appointment requiring the advice and consent of the Senate must be referred by the President to the appropriate committee. If a question arises as to the proper committee, the appointment must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration for a report making the proper reference.

8.2 An appointment referred to committee and not reported to the Senate within 60 legislative days after it was referred is withdrawn from committee and placed on the confirmation calendar for consideration by the Senate before adjournment of the regular session, unless the appointee's term has expired or the appointee is no longer serving.

8.3 The final question on the appointment is, "Will the Senate, having given its advice, now consent to this appointment?" The question must not be put the same day the appointment is received or on the day it is reported by committee except by unanimous consent. Confirmation of the appointment requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Senate.

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### 9. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the Senate are as follows:

Capital Investment	Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
Commerce	Judiciary
Education	Rules and Administration
Environment and Energy	State and Local Government
Finance	Taxes
Health, Human Services and Housing	Transportation and Public Safety
Higher Education and Workforce Development	

### 10. APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

10.1 The majority and minority groups must each be represented on all standing committees of the Senate substantially in proportion to their numbers in the Senate. The majority group shall assign the number of positions the minority group will hold on each committee. The minority group must be given adequate notice of its positions before the session begins.

10.2 Both the majority and minority groups shall appoint their own members to fill the number of positions each group will hold on each committee and budget division. The minority group shall transmit notice of its assignments to the majority group within 14 calendar days after receipt of the notice of positions available. The minority group may designate a ranking member for each committee. Nothing prohibits a member of the minority group from serving as chair or vice chair of a committee, subcommittee, division, or commission. If the minority group for any reason fails to make its appointments pursuant to this rule, the majority group may make all the committee and budget division assignments.

10.3 The majority and minority committee assignments are subject to the uniform criteria governing committee assignments applicable to both the majority and minority groups. The uniform criteria must be adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

10.4 The Senate resolution establishing representation on all Senate standing committees must set forth committee assignments as made by the majority and minority groups.

10.5 A member may not serve as the chair of the same standing committee or the same division of a standing committee, or a committee with substantially the same jurisdiction, for more than three consecutive Senate terms. This limit does not apply to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

10.6 After the organization of the Senate and after consultation with and the approval of the minority leader, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration may add members to or delete members from a standing committee or division.

### 11. APPOINTMENTS BY SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

11.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration may constitute a standing Subcommittee on Committees, the report of which within its jurisdiction has the effect of a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The subcommittee consists of at least five members, including members of the minority group substantially in proportion to their number in the Senate.

11.2 Unless otherwise provided, the Subcommittee on Committees shall appoint all members of commissions or other bodies authorized to be appointed by the Senate and report the appointments to the Senate.

### 12. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 All meetings of the Senate, its committees, and subcommittees are open to the public. A meeting of a caucus of the members of any of those bodies from the same political party need not be open to the public. A caucus of the Hennepin county, Ramsey county, or St. Louis county delegation is open to the public. For purposes of this rule, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the body.

12.2 Any person may submit to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration a complaint that members have violated the open meeting requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055. The complaint must be in writing. The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration shall immediately forward the complaint in writing to the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct without disclosing the identity of the complainant. The complaint must not be further disclosed without the consent of the complainant, except to the members against whom the complaint was made, unless the complaint was made by a member of the Senate in writing under oath, in which case the investigatory procedures of Rule 55 apply.

12.3 To the extent practical, a committee or subcommittee shall announce each meeting to the public at least three calendar days before convening. The notice must state the name of the committee or subcommittee, the bill or bills to be considered, and the place and time of meeting. A bill may not be considered on the day it was introduced. The notice must be posted on the Senate's Web site and on all Senate bulletin boards in the Capitol and the State Office Building. A notice must be sent to the House of Representatives for posting as it deems necessary. If the three-day notice requirement cannot be met, the committee or subcommittee shall give simultaneous notice to all of the known proponents and opponents of the bill as soon as practicable.

12.4 A Senate committee, subcommittee, or division shall adjourn no later than midnight each day, unless two-thirds of the members present vote to suspend this requirement.

12.5 Committees, subcommittees, and divisions may not meet while the Senate is in session without permission of the Senate. The names of the members excused shall be printed in the Journal.

12.6 A majority of its members constitutes a quorum of a committee, subcommittee, or division.

12.7 Each standing committee of the Senate, including a subcommittee or division of the committee, may at any time sit and act, investigate and take testimony on any matter within its jurisdiction, report hearings held by it, and make expenditures as authorized by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

12.8 A standing committee, but not a subcommittee or division, may require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents, in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.153.

12.9 Upon the request of a member of a committee, subcommittee, or division to which a bill has been referred, or upon the request of the chief author of the bill, a record must be made of the vote on the bill or any amendment in the committee, subcommittee, or division.

12.10 Upon request of three members of the committee before the vote is taken, the record of a roll call vote in a standing committee must accompany the committee report and be printed in the Journal.

12.11 A committee report may only be based on action taken at a regular or special meeting of the committee. A report in violation of this rule is out of order.

12.12 No Senate committee, division, or subcommittee shall permit any appointed officer or employee of the executive branch, registered lobbyist, or lobbyist principal to be seated at the committee table with members of the Senate during an official meeting of a committee of the Senate.

### 13. HOUR OF CONVENING

If the Senate adjourns without setting a time to reconvene, the Senate shall convene on the next legislative day at 11:00 a.m.

### 14. PRESIDENT

14.1 The President shall take the chair at the time to which the Senate adjourned. The President shall immediately call the members to order and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed with the regular order of business.

14.2 The President may call a member to preside. In the absence of the President, the President Pro Tem, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or the Chair's designee, shall preside over the Senate. In the absence of the President and the Chair, the Senate may select a member to perform the duties of the President. Substitutions do not extend beyond adjournment.

14.3 The President shall preserve order and decorum, may speak on points of order in preference to members, and shall also decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by a member.

14.4 An appeal is decided by a majority vote of those present and voting. Upon an appeal from the decision of the President, the question is, "Shall the decision of the President be the judgment of the Senate?"

14.5 The President shall sign all acts, memorials, addresses and resolutions. All writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by the Senate must be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

14.6 Upon a finding by the Committee on Rules and Administration that the President refuses or is unable to sign any of the documents described in this rule, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or some other member selected by the committee, shall assume the duties of the President under this rule until the President is able to sign the documents described or until the Senate elects a new President, whichever occurs first.

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### 15. ADMISSION TO SENATE CHAMBER

15.1 The Senate Chamber is reserved for Senate use.

15.2 A person may not be admitted to the Senate Chamber except as provided in these rules. A member, an officer, the constitutional officers, ex-Governors of the State of Minnesota, members of the House, judges of the trial and appellate courts and members of Congress may be admitted.

15.3 Past members of Congress or of the state legislature who are not interested in any claim or directly in a bill pending before the legislature may be personally admitted by a member of the Senate.

15.4 An employee of either house may be admitted at the request of a member or an officer of the Senate.

15.5 A member of another state, provincial, or national legislative body may be admitted to the floor by any member of the Senate. A member of another legislative body who is admitted to the floor may be introduced to the Senate by the President.

15.6 The President may designate and personally admit the person who will provide the prayer and the person who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

15.7 When the Senate is not meeting, a person who is not a member may be admitted to the floor at the request of a member or an officer.

15.8 Public hearings may not be held in the Senate Chamber. The Senate Chamber may not be used for any commercial purpose.

15.9 The Retiring Room of the Senate is reserved for the exclusive use of the members of the Senate at all times. The Sergeant at Arms shall strictly enforce this rule.

15.10 When a member-elect is sworn in, the member-elect may request that one guest be admitted until the member-elect has been sworn in.

### 16. CREDENTIALS FOR NEWS COVERAGE

16.1 (a) The Secretary of the Senate shall provide a reasonable number of spaces on the Senate floor and in the Senate gallery for individuals and organizations with credentials and passes issued under this rule. The Sergeant at Arms may not issue credentials or day passes under this rule to political organizations. For the purposes of this rule, “political organization” means an organization owned or controlled by a registered lobbyist, a political party, or any party organization. (b) Due to the limited space available for organizations or individuals providing news coverage of the Senate, the Senate finds that there is a compelling public interest in limiting credentials issued under this rule to organizations or individuals who demonstrate that they provide regular news coverage of the legislature. For session credentials, an organization or individual must submit an application to the Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms must review the application and approve or reject it within 14 days after receipt. Upon the request of the Sergeant at Arms, an applicant for credentials must provide evidence of the applicant’s activities in providing regular news coverage of the legislature. Evidence of regular news coverage must include examples of news coverage of legislative matters produced by the applicant. The examples must include written, video, or audio coverage written or recorded in the past year, and a description of how they were publicly distributed. Any opinion expressed in the examples is not subject to review under this rule at any time. (c) If an application is rejected, the Sergeant at Arms must state the reason for the rejection in writing and notify the applicant, the Secretary of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader in writing. (d) An appeal of a denial of credentials must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader. The Committee on Rules and Administration shall review and decide the appeal within 14 days after receiving a letter of appeal.

16.2 The Sergeant at Arms may grant day passes upon the request of a member or upon the request of an individual or organization who has not applied for credentials and who is not prohibited from receiving credentials under Rule 16.1, paragraph (a).

16.3 The Secretary shall compile and distribute to the public a directory of individuals and organizations who have been issued credentials under Rule 16.1 to provide news coverage from the Senate floor. The directory must include each individual’s picture and organization and a brief biography.

16.4 The Secretary must issue each individual or organization with credentials an identification badge showing the individual’s name and organization. The individual must wear the badge when in the Senate Chamber.

### 17. DECORUM

17.1 In case of a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobbies or galleries, the President may order them cleared.

17.2 A member may not introduce a visitor or visitors in the galleries from the floor or rostrum of the Senate.

17.3 Smoking is not permitted in the Senate Chamber or galleries, the Retiring Room, hearing rooms, offices, or other spaces under the control of the Senate.

17.4 During floor proceedings, picture taking by persons other than accredited news or legislative photographers, picture taking with floodlights or flash units, and visual or audible disruptions are prohibited. At all times, demonstrations and food or beverages are prohibited in the Senate Chamber and in the galleries.

17.5 Television recording or broadcasting on the Senate floor is under the direction of the Secretary.

## 18. ORDER OF BUSINESS

18.1 The order of business is as follows:

1. Petitions, letters, remonstrances.
2. Executive and official communications.
3. Messages from the House of Representatives.
4. First reading of House bills.
5. Reports of committees.
  - (a) From standing committees.
  - (b) From select committees.
6. Second reading of Senate bills.
7. Second reading of House bills.
8. Introduction and first reading of Senate bills.
9. Motions and Resolutions.
10. Calendar.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. General Orders.
13. Announcements of Senate interest.

18.2 Under the order of business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate may by a majority vote of the whole Senate temporarily revert or proceed to any other order of business.

## 19. PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 In presenting a petition, memorial, remonstrance or other communication addressed to the Senate, a member shall only state the general purpose of it.

19.2 Every petition, memorial, remonstrance, resolution, bill and report of committee, must have an appropriate title, and the name of the member presenting it written on it.

19.3 Every written communication distributed to members in the Senate Chamber must have the name of the member or officer distributing it displayed on it.

## 20. MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives that a Senate bill has been amended, and the amendment, must be printed and placed on the members' desks before a member may move to concur in the House amendment. If the amendment has been printed in the House Journal for a preceding day and is available to the members, the Journal copy may serve as the printed copy.

## 21. OBJECTIONS TO COMMITTEE REFERRALS

A member may question the proper reference of a bill at the time the bill is reported by a standing committee to which it was previously referred. When a member questions the reference of a bill, the bill must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration to report the proper reference. Upon adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the bill must be referred accordingly.

## 22. GENERAL ORDERS

22.1 The Secretary shall make a list of all bills, resolutions, reports of committees, and other proceedings of the Senate that are referred to the Committee of the Whole and number them. The lists are called the "General Orders".

22.2 Items on General Orders may be taken up in the order in which they are numbered, as ordered by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or as otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee.

22.3 General Orders, together with all bills required to be included on it, must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before being considered in Committee of the Whole.

22.4 With the concurrence of the chief author of the bill, a majority of the whole Senate may at any time take a bill from the table and place it on General Orders.

## 23. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

23.1 All bills, memorials, orders, resolutions and votes requiring the approval of the Governor must, after a second reading, be considered in Committee of the Whole before they are finally acted upon by the Senate, unless considered on the Consent Calendar or as a Special Order.

23.2 The President may call a member to the Chair when the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole.

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23.3 The rules observed in the Senate govern, as far as practicable, the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, and the Chair of the Committee of the Whole has the powers of the President, as appropriate. However, a member may speak more than twice on the same subject and a call for the previous question may not be made.

23.4 A member may request a roll call vote. The vote must be recorded in the Journal along with the amendment.

23.5 The recommendations of the Committee of the Whole must be reported to the Senate. The question is on the adoption or rejection of the report, and no other question may be admitted. The question may be divided to permit separate Senate action on the report as to any bill.

23.6 On adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole, all bills recommended to pass must be placed on the Calendar.

### 24. CALENDAR

24.1 The Secretary shall make a Calendar of all bills, resolutions and other matters approved by the Committee of the Whole for final action. The Secretary shall place them on the Calendar in the order in which they have been acted upon in Committee of the Whole.

24.2 The Calendar must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before the matters on it are considered.

### 25. CONSENT CALENDAR

25.1 If a committee determines that a bill it recommends to pass is not likely to be opposed, the committee may recommend that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. If the committee report is adopted, the bill must be electronically available or printed and placed on the Consent Calendar after its second reading. On the question of adoption of the report, the question of accepting the recommendation that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar may be divided from the question of adopting the report in other respects.

25.2 A majority of the whole Senate, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, may order a bill on General Orders placed on the Consent Calendar.

25.3 The Consent Calendar must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before the matters on it are considered.

25.4 If a member objects to consideration of a bill on the Consent Calendar at any time during its consideration in the Senate before the question on final passage is put, and that objection is supported by at least two other members, the bill is referred to the Committee of the Whole, and the Secretary shall place it at the bottom of General Orders subject to Rule 22.2, except that it need not lie over one calendar day before consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

### 26. SPECIAL ORDERS

26.1 The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or the Chair's designee, may designate a special order for a bill that has been given its second reading.

26.2 A special order may provide that the bill be considered immediately, at a time certain, or after specific other business is completed.

26.3 During consideration of a special order, Rule 36.5 is suspended.

26.4 As nearly as applicable, debate on the bill and all proceedings including amendments and substitutions must be conducted as in the Committee of the Whole.

26.5 On any question, a member may request a roll call vote, which must be entered in the Journal.

26.6 Unless it is otherwise disposed of, after consideration a bill on Special Orders must immediately proceed to its third reading and final passage.

### 27. MOTIONS

27.1 A motion or amendment must be written if a member requests. It must identify the member or committee offering it.

27.2 When a motion is made, it must be stated by the President. If it is in writing, it must be handed to the Secretary and read to the members.

27.3 After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it is in possession of the Senate, but may be withdrawn by the author at any time before decision or amendment.

### 28. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

28.1 When a question is under debate no motion may be made, except:

1. To adjourn.
2. To recess.
3. To reconsider.
4. To lay on the table.
5. For the previous question.
6. To refer.
7. To postpone to a day certain.
8. To amend.
9. To postpone indefinitely.

28.2 Motions numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5 above are not debatable.

28.3 These motions have precedence in the foregoing order; but when a motion for the previous question has been made, or the main question ordered, a motion to lay on the table is not in order.

28.4 A motion to postpone to a day certain, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, or to amend, having been decided, may not again be put on the same day, nor at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

### 29. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn or a motion to adjourn to a time certain is always in order. The latter motion is debatable solely as to the time. When either motion is rejected, it may not be renewed until further business has been transacted.

### 30. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

30.1 When a motion or question has been decided, a member who voted with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration:

(1) on the same day on which the vote was taken; (2) within the next two calendar days; or (3) if after the time provided under clause (1) or (2), on the first day the Senate meets after the vote was taken. The motion takes precedence over all other questions except a motion to adjourn or recess.

30.2 When a motion to adjourn is adopted before the disposition of a motion for reconsideration, the motion for reconsideration must lie over until the next succeeding day the Senate meets except as provided in this rule.

30.3 When notice of intent to move reconsideration of the final action of the Senate on a question is given by a member, the Secretary shall retain the subject of the notice until after the expiration of the time during which the motion can be made.

30.4 A notice of intent to move for reconsideration is not in order after the Tuesday before the third Saturday in May, but a motion to reconsider may be made.

30.5 A motion for reconsideration having been once voted on may not be made again nor reconsidered.

### 31. MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

31.1 Unless a motion for the previous question is made specifically applicable to a subsidiary motion, it must be in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If the motion for the previous question is supported by a majority of the members present, its effect is to put an end to all debate and bring the Senate to a direct vote upon all pending amendments in their order and then upon the main question.

31.2 On a motion for the previous question, a call of the Senate is in order before the President submits the question to the Senate.

31.3 On a motion for the previous question there is no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending the motion, must be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

### 32. MOTION TO REFER

A bill or resolution may be referred to committee at any time before its passage. If an amendment is reported on the referral to any committee other than the Committee of the Whole, it must again be read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, read the third time and placed on final passage. If the referral is to the Committee of the Whole it must be placed at the head of General Orders, except when the referral is from the Consent Calendar under Rule 25.4.

### 33. MOTION TO AMEND BILL OR RESOLUTION

33.1 A motion to amend must be written if a member requests. It must identify the member offering it.

33.2 In drawing an amendment to a bill or resolution, reference must be made, first to the number of the bill, then to the page, and then to the line or lines where language is to be stricken or inserted.

33.3 In filling blanks, the largest sum, the longest time and the greatest distance must be first taken.

33.4 The title to a bill may be amended by the Secretary at any time the bill is amended by the Senate.

33.5 An amendment is not in order to a bill on the Calendar or after third reading without the unanimous consent of the Senate unless it:

(1) fills a blank; (2) amends the title; (3) is proposed to the chief author of the bill by the Revisor of Statutes to correct technical defects found by the Revisor while engrossing earlier amendments to the bill; or (4) is proposed to a bill on the Consent Calendar before the bill is given its third reading.

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### 34. MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

34.1 A rule may be suspended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the whole Senate.

34.2 A motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of advancing a bill may be made only under the order of business, “Motions and Resolutions”.

### 35. GERMANENESS

35.1 An amendment proposed to the Senate or to the Committee of the Whole that is not germane is out of order.

35.2 A non-germane amendment includes one that:

(1) relates to a substantially different subject; or (2) is intended to accomplish a substantially different purpose, than that of the original bill to which it is proposed.

35.3 An amendment to insert a constitutional amendment is not germane to a bill that does not already include a constitutional amendment.

35.4 Whether an amendment is germane is to be decided by the President, who may put the question to the body if the President chooses.

35.5 A motion to remove an amendment placed on a House bill under Rule 45.1 is out of order if removal of the amendment would make a portion of the House bill not germane to the Senate companion for which it was substituted.

35.6 If a House amendment to a Senate bill is not germane to the Senate bill, a motion to concur in the House amendment is out of order.

### 36. DEBATE

36.1 When a member is about to speak to the Senate, the member shall rise and respectfully address “Madam (or Mr.) President.” The member may not proceed to speak further until recognized by the President.

36.2 The member shall speak only to the question under debate and avoid personality.

36.3 The member may inform the Senate of the Governor’s position on a bill and on its status in the House of Representatives.

36.4 In discussing a resolution, each member is limited to ten minutes.

36.5 A member may not speak more than twice on the same question on the same day without permission of the Senate.

36.6 When a member is speaking, no one may stand between the member speaking and the President.

36.7 A member may not speak without using a microphone.

36.8 All remarks during debate shall be addressed to the President.

36.9 When the President puts a question, or addresses the Senate, no one may walk out of or cross the Chamber.

36.10 When a member is called to order, the member shall be silent until it is determined whether or not the member is in order. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the words excepted to must be taken down in writing by the Secretary immediately.

36.11 Debate on the report of a conference committee is in order at any time after the report has been made available electronically or printed and placed on the desk of each member, or at an earlier time agreed to by a majority of the whole Senate.

### 37. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

A member or officer of the Senate may not be absent from a session of the Senate unless excused by the Senate. The name of a member excused must be printed in the Journal.

### 38. CALL OF THE SENATE

38.1 A member may impose a call of the Senate requiring the attendance of all members before any further proceedings occur except a motion to adjourn.

38.2 Upon the imposition of a call, a member may request a record of those present and the Sergeant at Arms shall bring in the absent members.

38.3 When the Senate has been placed under call, a member may demand that the doors be closed and that no member be permitted to leave the Chamber until the matter or question, if any, under consideration at the time of the call is disposed of, or until the call is lifted by a majority of the whole Senate, or until the Senate adjourns.

38.4 A majority of the whole Senate may excuse members not answering the call.

38.5 A call may not be imposed after voting has commenced.

39. DIVISION OF QUESTION

39.1 A member may call for a division of the question when the division is possible. A motion to strike and insert is indivisible.

39.2 The defeat of a motion to strike does not preclude an amendment nor a motion to strike and insert.

40. VOTING

40.1 The President shall distinctly state the question before taking the vote. The President shall declare the result of the vote. If a member questions the result of a vote, the President shall order a division.

40.2 A member may vote on a question or be counted on a division only at the member's own seat in the Senate Chamber.

40.3 At any time before the start of voting on a question, a member may request a roll call vote, which must be entered in the Journal, unless at the time the request is made, the Senate is taking a roll call vote using the electrical voting system.

40.4 Unless otherwise ordered, a roll call vote, except upon elections, may be taken by means of the electrical voting system under the control of the President.

40.5 A roll call vote may not be interrupted except to close the roll as provided in Rule 41.3.

40.6 A member or other person may not proceed to or remain by the Secretary's desk while a roll call or division is being taken.

41. MEMBERS TO VOTE UNLESS EXCUSED

41.1 Every member who is in the Senate Chamber during a roll call, including in the Committee of the Whole, shall vote upon the request of another member unless excused by the Senate.

41.2 A motion by a member to be excused from voting must be made before the question is put. A member wishing to be excused from voting may make a brief statement of the reason for making the request. The question on the motion to excuse must be taken without further debate.

41.3 When members have had an opportunity to vote and fail to do so, a majority of the whole Senate may, by motion, direct the President to close the roll.

41.4 The vote on a motion to close the roll must be taken without debate. No member is required to vote on the motion.

42. FINAL PASSAGE

The final question on a bill or other matter requiring action by both Houses after its first and second reading, and after the consideration in Committee of the Whole, is on its final passage.

43. TRANSMITTING BILLS TO THE HOUSE

43.1 Except when a motion to reconsider has been made as provided in Rule 30, immediately after the passage of a bill or other matter in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested, the Secretary shall transmit it to the House.

43.2 On the concurrence of a bill or other matter of the House by the Senate, or on the concurrence or disagreement in a vote of the House, the Secretary shall notify the House.

44. ENGROSSING AND ENROLLING OF BILLS

44.1 The Secretary and the Engrossing Secretary shall ensure that every bill, memorial, or resolution originating in the Senate is carefully engrossed before it is transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence. All engrossing and enrolling of bills shall be done at the direction and under authority of the Senate.

44.2 The Secretary shall ensure that every bill, memorial, or resolution originating in the Senate is carefully enrolled by the Revisor of Statutes before it is presented to the Governor or filed with the Secretary of State.

45. COMPARISON AND SUBSTITUTION OF BILLS

45.1 A House bill, after its first reading, must be referred as follows, unless there is a motion by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration or a designee of the Chair:

(a) If there is no Senate companion bill, the House bill must be referred to the appropriate standing committee, unless there is objection under Rule 4.10.

(b) If there is a Senate companion bill, the House bill must be referred to the standing committee possessing the Senate companion.

(c) If the Senate companion bill has been reported to the Senate, the House bill must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, which shall report whether the House bill is identical to the Senate companion bill. If the bills are identical, the report must recommend that the House

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bill be given its second reading and substituted for the Senate companion bill and the Senate companion bill be indefinitely postponed. If the House bill is not identical to the Senate companion bill, the report of the committee must recommend an amendment to the House bill that when adopted will render the House bill identical to the Senate bill. Upon adoption of a committee report containing the proposed amendment, the House bill as amended must be given its second reading and substituted for the Senate companion bill and the Senate companion bill must be indefinitely postponed.

45.2 The Secretary shall prepare and submit reports under this rule on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

45.3 A House bill placed on the Calendar by substitution must not be given its third reading on the same day as the substitution.

### 46. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

46.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration may constitute a standing Subcommittee on Conference Committees, the report of which within its jurisdiction has the effect of a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The subcommittee consists of three members, one of whom must be a member of the minority group.

46.2 The Subcommittee on Conference Committees shall appoint all conference committees of the Senate and report the appointments to the Senate. In the appointment of members of conference committees between the two houses, the Subcommittee on Conference Committees shall appoint those who are in accord with the position of the Senate. Whenever practical, the subcommittee shall give preference to authors of bills in dispute and to members of standing committees in which the bills were considered.

### 47. DISPOSITION OF BILLS ON ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the regular session in an odd-numbered year to a date certain in the following year is equivalent to daily adjournment, except that a bill on the Calendar, Consent Calendar, General Orders, or table, other than a bill laid on the table after being vetoed by the governor or after its conference committee has been discharged under Joint Rule 3.02, must be returned to the standing committee other than the Committee on Rules and Administration from which it was last reported to the Senate, unless otherwise provided for by motion before adjournment.

### 48. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS

48.1 Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, all Senate bills that have been reported upon favorably or without recommendation by a committee must be electronically available or printed before consideration by the Senate or the Committee of the Whole.

48.2 A House bill amended by the Senate must be unofficially engrossed and electronically available or printed when placed on General Orders.

48.3 A bill may be electronically available or printed by order of the Secretary when amended after second reading.

48.4 A bill must be electronically available or printed when ordered by the Senate.

48.5 Action by the Senate on a bill that has not been printed is a waiver of the printing requirement.

48.6 To the extent practical, the Secretary shall provide a copy of any bill to the public and may charge a reasonable fee.

### 49. JOURNAL AND INDEX

49.1 The Secretary shall keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the Senate and shall perform other duties assigned to the Secretary.

49.2 The Secretary shall not permit Journal records, accounts or papers to be taken out of the Secretary's custody, other than in the regular mode of business. If a document in the Secretary's charge is missing, the Secretary shall report the fact to the President, so that inquiry may be made.

49.3 The Secretary shall supervise the recording of proceedings in the Journal, the engrossing, transcribing and copying of bills and resolutions, and generally perform the duties of Secretary, under direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

49.4 The Journal of each day's proceedings is open for correction at any time during the session of the next day the Senate meets. Unless corrected on that day, the Journal stands approved.

49.5 The Secretary shall keep a record of all Senate and House bills showing the status of each bill pending, until its final passage.

## 50. ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS

50.1 The Secretary shall cause to be recorded on electronic media the proceedings of the Senate, the Committee of the Whole, and each standing committee and subcommittee. Each electronic record must be clearly labeled to show the name of the body whose proceedings are recorded and the dates the proceedings occurred. Each electronic record of the proceedings of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole must be accompanied by a log showing the number of each bill considered and the places on the record where consideration of the bill occurred.

50.2 Within two working days after each Senate session, the Secretary shall make a copy of the electronic record and corresponding log of proceedings of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole available to the Legislative Reference Library.

50.3 Within one week after each meeting of a standing committee or subcommittee, the Secretary shall make the electronic record of the meeting available to the Legislative Reference Library, together with an agenda showing bills considered and any action taken on them.

50.4 Upon completion and approval of the minutes of the meeting of a standing committee, subcommittee, or division, the Secretary shall ensure that the completed minutes of the meeting are made available to the public. By October 1st of each year, the Secretary shall deliver a copy of minutes for each meeting held in that calendar year before October 1st to the Legislative Reference Library.

50.5 The Secretary shall keep a record of each session of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole, each meeting of a Senate standing committee or subcommittee and the date on which the electronic record of the session or meeting was made available to the Legislative Reference Library. The Library shall keep a similar record of all electronic records to which it has been given access.

50.6 The Library shall provide committee staff with reasonable access to Senate electronic records and shall provide the public with convenient facilities to listen to them.

50.7 The Secretary shall make copies of Senate electronic records available to the public for a fee determined by the Secretary to be adequate to cover the cost of preparing the copies. A copy must be provided free to a member of the Senate upon request for use in legislative business.

50.8 The Secretary shall keep the original electronic record and log of each session of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole until the end of the period for which the members of the existing House of Representatives have been elected, at which time the electronic record may be preserved or disposed of as the Secretary sees fit. The Legislative Reference Library shall keep electronic records, logs, and minutes forwarded to it until two years after the end of the period for which the members of the existing Senate have been elected, at which time they may be preserved or disposed of as the Library sees fit.

50.9 The Senate intends that testimony and discussion preserved under this rule not be admissible in any court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

## 51. OTHER DUTIES OF SECRETARY

51.1 The Secretary shall not issue a certificate authorizing the payment of money by virtue of a motion or resolution, unless the motion or resolution is voted for by a majority of the whole Senate on a roll call vote.

51.2 The Secretary and the Engrossing Secretary shall correct all mistakes in numbering the sections and reference to them, whether the errors occur in the original bill or are caused by amendments to it.

51.3 The Secretary is the agent of the Senate for the purchase of supplies and services. The Secretary's records on purchase of supplies and services are open for inspection.

51.4 The Secretary shall adopt administrative controls to ensure that each member is accountable for the member's own long distance telephone calls and that Senate telephones are used only for Senate business.

51.5 By the 15th day of April, July, October, and January of each year, the Secretary shall submit a detailed report of Senate expenditures during the previous quarter to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

51.6 The Secretary's public records may be inspected during normal business hours.

## 52. SERGEANT AT ARMS

The Sergeant at Arms shall: (1) execute all orders of the President; (2) perform all assigned duties connected with the police and good order of the Senate Chamber; (3) exercise supervision over the entry and exit of all persons to and from the Chamber; (4) see that messages are promptly delivered; (5) see that the hall is properly ventilated and the temperature is properly regulated; (6) see that the Chamber is open for the use of members of the Senate at least one-half hour before the start of a session; and (7) perform all other services pertaining to the office of Sergeant.

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### 53. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

53.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration shall adopt an operating budget for the Senate and post it on the Senate Web site.

53.2 All propositions for the appointment and payment of employees of the Senate or for expenditures of the legislature, other than those provided by law, must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### 54. EMPLOYEES

54.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration shall establish positions, set compensation, appoint employees, and authorize expense reimbursement for employees as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Senate. At the request of any committee member, an action of the committee must be submitted as a Senate resolution for adoption by the Senate.

54.2 The Secretary shall keep a roster of all employees of the Senate, including positions and compensation, which must be open for inspection by the public.

54.3 The Secretary shall post, in a public place in the Capitol, a notice of every vacant position on the permanent staff of the Senate. The notice must remain posted for at least one week, and no vacancy may be filled until the period of posting has elapsed.

54.4 Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Committee on Rules and Administration has full and exclusive authority over, and charge of all employees of the Senate both elected and appointed. The committee has the sole and exclusive power and authority to assign them to duties other than for which they were elected or appointed as the committee may provide.

54.5 The committee may make employment rules and regulations. In case of violation of an order of the committee by an employee, or in case of a violation of a rule or regulation made by the committee, or in case of misconduct or omission by an employee, the Committee on Rules and Administration may hear complaints and discharge the employee or impose discipline, a fine, or other punishment upon the employee. The committee may, by a vote of a majority of the members of the committee, discuss an employee disciplinary proceeding under this rule in an executive session to which the open meeting requirements of Rules 12.1 to 12.3 do not apply.

54.6 The Secretary shall supervise the employees under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### 55. SUBCOMMITTEE ON ETHICAL CONDUCT

55.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration shall appoint a Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct of the Committee on Rules and Administration consisting of four members, two from the majority group and two from the minority group.

55.2 The subcommittee shall serve in an advisory capacity to a member or employee upon written request and shall issue recommendations to the member or employee. A member may request the subcommittee to provide its advice on a potential conflict of interest to the member in private. If so requested, the subcommittee shall conduct its proceedings on the advisory opinion in private. The request, proceedings on the request, and any advice given by the subcommittee in response to the request must remain private. The member may not use an advisory opinion from the subcommittee as a defense to a complaint under this rule unless the opinion has been adopted by the subcommittee at a public meeting.

55.3 The subcommittee shall investigate a complaint made in writing by a member of the Senate under oath. The complaint must be received before adjournment sine die in the last year of a senate term or during a special session held after that time regarding improper conduct by a member or employee of the Senate. The subcommittee has the powers of a standing committee to issue subpoenas under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.153.

55.4 Within 30 calendar days after receiving a complaint, the subcommittee must meet and either make a finding of no probable cause, vote to defer action until a certain time, or proceed with its investigation.

55.5 In order to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that improper conduct has occurred, the subcommittee may, by a vote of three of its members, conduct a preliminary inquiry in executive session to which the open meeting requirements of Rules 12.1 to 12.3 do not apply. The executive session may be ordered by a vote of three of its members whenever the subcommittee determines that matters relating to probable cause are likely to be discussed. The executive session must be limited to matters relating to probable cause. Upon a finding of probable cause, further proceedings on the complaint are open to the public.

55.6 The subcommittee may appoint special counsel to provide expert advice on how to conduct its proceedings. The subcommittee may appoint a suitable person to conduct the investigation and report findings of fact and recommendations for action to the subcommittee.

- 55.7 If, after investigation, the subcommittee finds the complaint substantiated by the evidence, it shall recommend to the Committee on Rules and Administration appropriate disciplinary action.
- 55.8 To minimize disruption of its public proceedings, the subcommittee may require that television coverage be pooled or be provided by Senate media services.
- 55.9 If criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct have begun, the subcommittee may defer its proceedings until the criminal proceedings have been completed.
- 55.10 The Senate intends that proceedings of the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct not be admissible in any criminal proceeding.

#### 56. STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

- 56.1 Members shall adhere to the highest standard of ethical conduct as embodied in the Minnesota Constitution, state law, and these rules.
- 56.2 A member shall not publish or distribute written material if the member knows or has reason to know that the material includes any statement that is false or clearly misleading, concerning a public policy issue or concerning the member's or another member's voting record or position on a public policy issue.
- 56.3 Improper conduct includes conduct that violates a rule or administrative policy of the Senate, that violates accepted norms of Senate behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor or disrepute.
- 56.4 Members of the Senate shall disclose potential conflicts of interest in the discharge of senatorial duties as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.07.

#### 57. LOBBYISTS

- 57.1 A lobbyist shall not appear before a Senate committee pursuant to the lobbyist's employment unless the lobbyist is in compliance with the law requiring lobbyist registration, Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.03 to 10A.06. A lobbyist, when appearing before a committee, shall disclose to the committee on whose behalf the lobbyist speaks and the purpose of the lobbyist's appearance.
- 57.2 A lobbyist shall not knowingly, either directly or through a third party, furnish false or misleading information or make a false or misleading statement that is relevant and material to a matter before the Senate or any of its committees, subcommittees, or divisions when the lobbyist knows or should know it will influence the judgment or action of the Senate or any of its committees, subcommittees, or divisions.
- 57.3 The Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct shall investigate a complaint by a member of the Senate in writing under oath received before adjournment sine die in the last year of a Senate term or during a special session held after that time that a lobbyist has violated Rule 57.1 or 57.2. The investigatory procedures of Rule 55 apply, except as provided in this rule. The complaint and proceedings on the complaint are private until the subcommittee has found probable cause to believe that a violation of Rule 57.1 or 57.2 has occurred, unless they are made public by the lobbyist whose conduct is the subject of the complaint or by the vote of at least three members of the subcommittee.

#### 58. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Every proposition to amend a rule of the Senate must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. The proposition may not be acted upon until the report of the committee is received by the Senate.

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# PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

As adopted on February 11, 2013

### ARTICLE 1 - DAILY BUSINESS

1.01 CONVENING OF THE HOUSE. Unless otherwise ordered, the House convenes at 3:00 p.m. The Speaker must take the chair at the appointed hour and call the House to order. The call to order is followed by a prayer by the Chaplain or time for a brief meditation, then by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and then by a call of the roll of members.

The names of members present and members excused must be entered in the Journal of the House.

1.02 READING OF THE JOURNAL. If a quorum is present, the Chief Clerk must read the Journal of the preceding day, unless otherwise ordered. The House may correct errors in the Journal of the preceding day.

1.03 ORDER OF BUSINESS. After the Journal is read, the order of business of the day is:

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| (1) Presentation of petitions or other communications | (6) Introduction and first reading of House bills |
| (2) Reports of standing committees and divisions      | (7) Consideration of messages from the Senate     |
| (3) Second reading of House bills                     | (8) First reading of Senate bills                 |
| (4) Second reading of Senate bills                    | (9) Calendar for the day                          |
| (5) Reports of select committees                      | (10) Motions and resolutions                      |

The House may advance or revert from any order of business to any other order of business either without objection, or by majority vote of the whole House. Conference committees on House bills and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may report at any time.

1.04 REPORTING OF BILLS. A bill must be reported to the House on three different days before its passage, except as provided in Rule 5.02. The first report, called the first reading, occurs when it is introduced; the second report, called the second reading, occurs when it has been reported by the appropriate standing committees and divisions for consideration by the House; the third report, called the third reading, occurs when it is ready for the vote on passage.

1.10 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. A bill or resolution must be submitted to the Speaker at least 24 hours before the convening of the daily session at which it is to be introduced. A bill or resolution must be introduced in triplicate and each copy must bear the signature of the member or the name of the committee or division introducing it. In regular session, a bill prepared by a department or agency of state government must be introduced and given its first reading at least ten days before the date of the first committee deadline. Each annual session, the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may designate a date after which a House File may not be introduced during that annual session, unless approved for introduction by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The date must be at least 14 calendar days after the Committee acts under this paragraph, but no earlier than May 1 of each annual session.

1.11 FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS. A bill or resolution must be reported and given its first reading when it is introduced. A bill or resolution must not be objected to when it is introduced. After its first reading, the Speaker must refer a bill or resolution to the appropriate standing committee or division, except as provided in Rule 1.15 and Rule 1.13. Congratulatory resolutions referred to in Rule 4.02 are exempt from this Rule. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, after the Speaker refers a bill or resolution, a majority vote of the whole House is required for the House to re-refer the bill or resolution.

1.12 AUTHORS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. A bill, memorial, or resolution must not have more than 35 authors. After a bill or resolution is introduced and given its first reading: (a) a member may be removed as an author, by motion of the member; and (b) a member wishing to be an author may be added as an author, by motion of the author of the bill or resolution.

1.13 INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE OR DIVISION BILLS. A standing or special committee of the House or a division of the House may introduce a bill as a committee or division bill on any subject within its purview. When a committee or division bill is introduced and read for the first time, the Speaker may refer it to a standing committee or division. If the Speaker does not refer it, the bill must be laid over one day. Then it must be read for the second time and placed on the General Register.

1.14 RECESS BILL INTRODUCTIONS. During the period between the last day of the regular session in an odd-numbered year and the first day of the regular session in the next year, a bill filed with the Speaker for introduction must be given a file number and may be unofficially referred by the Speaker to an appropriate standing committee or division.

1.15 DISPOSITION OF SENATE FILES. A Senate File received by the House that is accompanied by a message announcing its passage by the Senate must be referred to the appropriate standing committee or division under Rule 1.11. But if a Senate File is received that a member requests be compared to a House File already reported by a standing committee or division of the House and placed on the General Register or on the Calendar for the Day, the Senate File must be referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison. If the Chief Clerk reports that the Senate File is identical to the House File, the Senate File may, by majority vote, be substituted for the House File and take its place. The fact that the bills are identical must be entered in the Journal and the House File is then considered withdrawn. A Senate File that is amended on the floor of the House, except at the time of final passage, and a Senate File that has been reported to the House with amendments by a House standing committee or division, must be unofficially engrossed and reprinted by the Chief Clerk. An amendment may be offered to an unofficial engrossment of a Senate File.

1.20 GENERAL REGISTER. The General Register consists of all bills that have received a second reading. Bills must be placed on the General Register in the order that they receive their second reading. A bill must be on the General Register, be given to each member, and be available to the public before it may be considered by the House on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar. Each day that the House meets in session, the Chief Clerk must publish a list of the bills on the General Register.

1.21 CALENDAR FOR THE DAY. The Calendar for the Day is a list of bills that are to be considered that day by the House. The House must consider each item on the Calendar for the Day in the order determined by the presiding officer. After consideration by the House, unless otherwise disposed of, the bill must immediately be given its third reading and placed upon its passage. A bill that has received its second reading may be placed on the Calendar for the Day by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration or by order of the House upon the motion of a member as provided in this Rule. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must designate the bills that are to be on the Calendar for the Day. During regular session, the Committee must designate the bills by 5:00 p.m. the day before the day that the bills are to be on the Calendar, except that the Committee may designate the bills at any time after a day specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. After the Committee designates the bills, the Chief Clerk must publish the Calendar for the Day. In order to trigger a prefilling requirement, the calendar for the day must be established in accordance with Rule 3.33. A bill that is on the General Register for more than ten legislative days may be placed on the Calendar for the Day by a majority vote of the whole House, acting on the motion of a member. A bill placed on the Calendar for the Day in this manner must be considered first the next time that the House reaches the order of business "Calendar for the Day." "A member must give notice to the Speaker and the Chief Clerk three legislative days before making a motion to place a bill on the Calendar for the Day. The notice must specify the number and title of the bill. Only the member who gave notice to the Speaker and the Chief Clerk, or another member designated in writing by the member who gave notice, may make the motion to place the bill on the Calendar for the Day. After the third legislative day following the day of notice, the motion must be made the first time that the House reaches the order of business "Motions and Resolutions." If the motion is not made at that time, the member who gave notice forfeits the right to make that motion. A bill may be continued on the Calendar for the Day by a majority vote of the whole House. A third motion by the author of a bill to continue it on the Calendar for the Day is not in order; upon such a motion, the bill must be stricken from the Calendar and returned to the General Register in the order of its second reading. The Calendar for the Day expires when the House adjourns for the day, unless the House, by a majority vote of the whole House, continues items remaining on the Calendar to the next day.

1.22 FISCAL CALENDAR. A finance bill that has had its second reading must be considered by the House when requested by the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or by a designee of the Chair. A bill relating to taxes or raising revenue that has had its second reading must be considered by the House when requested by the Chair of the Committee on Taxes or a designee of the Chair. During regular session, a chair must announce the intention to make the request by 5:00 p.m. the legislative day before the day that the request for consideration is to be made, except

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that the Chair may designate the bills at any time after a day specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. During periods when the 5:00 p.m. requirement does not apply, the chair must announce the intention at least two hours before making the request. In order to trigger a prefiling requirement a notice given under Rule 1.22 must comply with Rule 3.33. After consideration by the House on the Fiscal Calendar, unless otherwise disposed of, the bill must immediately be given its third reading and placed upon its passage.

**1.30 THIRD READING OF BILLS.** An amendment must not be received after the third reading of a bill without unanimous consent, except to fill blanks or to amend the title. At any time before it is passed, a bill or resolution may be referred or re-referred by a majority vote of the whole House. If the committee or division to which it is referred or re-referred reports an amendment to it, the bill or resolution must again be given its second reading and placed on the General Register.

**1.40 PUBLICATION OF BILLS FOR THE HOUSE.** After a bill receives its second reading, the bill must be prepared and published or made electronically available for consideration by the House. A majority of the House may order the publication of a bill at any time.

**1.50 ADJOURNING OF THE HOUSE.** The House may not meet during a legislative day after midnight, except that the House, by majority vote, may meet past the time of adjournment required by this Rule.

### ARTICLE 2 - FLOOR PROCEEDINGS, VOTING, DECORUM

**2.01 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.** Unless illness or other sufficient cause prevents attendance, a member or officer of the House must not be absent from a session of the House without the prior permission of the Speaker.

**2.02 CALL OF THE HOUSE.** Ten members may demand a call of the House at any time until voting begins. After the House is placed under call, a second roll call on any aspect of a call of the House is out of order. When a call is demanded, the doors of the chamber must be closed, the roll called, and the absent members sent for; and no member is allowed to leave the chamber until the roll call is suspended or completed. During the roll call, no motion is in order except a motion pertaining to matters incidental to the call. Proceedings under the roll call may be suspended by a majority vote of the whole House. The Sergeant at Arms must not permit a member to leave the Chamber unless the member is excused by the Speaker, or the call of the House has been lifted by a majority vote of the whole House.

**2.03 ROLL CALL VOTE.** A roll call vote is required to pass a bill or to adopt a resolution or motion directing the payment of money. In all other cases a roll call vote may be ordered only if 15 members demand it. When the House is taking a roll call vote on another issue, a roll call vote may not be ordered on a motion that members not voting be excused from voting.

**2.04 EXPLAINING OR CHANGING VOTE.** A member must not explain a vote or discuss the question during a roll call vote. A member must not change a vote or move for the record an intention to have voted or voted differently after the result of the roll call vote is announced from the chair by the Speaker.

**2.05 EVERY UNEXCUSED MEMBER TO VOTE.** A member who has an immediate interest in a question must not vote on it. Every other member present before the result of a vote is declared by the presiding officer must vote for or against the matter before the House, unless the House excuses the member from voting. But a member is not required to vote on any matter concerning a memorial resolution. A member who does not vote when the member's name is called must state reasons for not voting. After the vote has been taken but before the presiding officer has announced the result of the vote, the presiding officer must submit to the House the question: "Shall the member, for the reasons stated, be excused from voting?" The question must be decided without debate. After the question is decided, the presiding officer must announce the result of the vote, after which other proceedings about the nonvoting member may take place.

**2.10 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM.** An electronic voting system under the control of the Speaker may be used to take any vote except a vote on an election or if the House is currently taking a roll call. A member must not vote on a question except at the member's own seat in the chamber.

**2.15 RECORDED FLOOR PROCEEDINGS.** Proceedings on the floor of the House must be recorded on an appropriate audio recording medium under the direction of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk must transmit a copy of the recordings to the Director of the Legislative Reference

Library. The Legislative Reference Library must keep the recordings available for public use under its rules during the legislative biennium when the recordings were created and for eight years thereafter. The Library may then preserve or dispose of the recordings as the Library sees fit. A person may obtain a copy of a recording while it is kept in the Library by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. Discussion preserved under this Rule is not intended to be admissible in a court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

**2.20 DUTIES OF MEMBERS.** Members must keep their seats until the Speaker announces adjournment. A member, before speaking, must rise and respectfully address the Speaker and must not speak further until recognized by the Speaker. If more than one member rises at the same time, the Speaker must select the member to speak first.

**2.21 NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEBATE A RESOLUTION.** A member may give notice of intent to debate a resolution, except a resolution introduced as a house file or a senate file under Rule 4.02 or a resolution offered by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration or the Committee on Ethics. The notice may be given at any time before the vote is taken on the resolution. If the notice is given, the resolution must be laid over one day without debate or any other action.

**2.30 QUESTIONS OF ORDER.** If a member violates the Rules in any way, the Speaker must, or another member may, call the member to order. The member called to order must immediately sit down unless another member moves to permit the member who was called to order to explain. In either case, the House, if appealed to, must decide the question without debate. Only if the decision is in favor of the member called to order may that member proceed. The House may censure or punish a member called to order.

**2.31 OFFENSIVE WORDS IN DEBATE.** If a member is called to order for offensive words in debate, the member calling for order must report the words to which exception is taken and the Clerk must record them. A member must not be held to answer, or be subject to censure of the House, for language used in debate unless exception is taken before another member speaks or other business takes place.

**2.32 ORDER IN DEBATE.** Except for the member who offered the motion, amendment, or proposition under consideration, a member must not speak more than twice on the subject, without leave of the House, nor more than once until every other member wishing to speak on the subject has had an opportunity to do so.

**2.33 ORDER DURING SESSION.** A member must not walk out of or across the Chamber while the Speaker is putting the question. A member must not engage in private conversation while another member is speaking or pass between a speaking member and the Chair. A member must not disrupt order and decorum in the Chamber by possessing or using any audiovisual display, including but not limited to placards, signs, photographs, visual aids, or the use of any video images or audio, except for such items that are distributed to members at their desks for the purpose of conducting business of the day.

**2.34 PERSONS BY THE CHIEF CLERK'S DESK DURING VOTE.** No person may remain by the Chief Clerk's desk during a roll call vote.

**2.39 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR LOBBYIST PRESENCE IN COMMITTEE.** No House committee, division or subcommittee shall permit any member or staff of the executive branch, registered lobbyist, or lobbyist principal, to be seated at the committee table with members of the House during official proceedings of committees of the House.

**2.40 ADMITTANCE TO FLOOR.** No person other than a member may be admitted to the House Chamber, except: properly authorized employees; the Chief Executive and ex-governors of the State of Minnesota; members of the Senate; heads of departments of the state government; judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts; members of Congress; those persons invited to address the body or a joint convention of the house and senate, and guests for such an address or joint convention; a family member of a member; and properly accredited representatives of radio and television stations, newspapers and press associations, as provided for in these Rules. Any other person may be issued a permit by the Speaker good for the day, but that person must be seated near the Speaker's rostrum, and must not engage in conversation that disturbs the business of the House. Before issuing a permit, the Speaker must make certain that the person does not seek the floor of the House to influence decisions of the House. The alcoves in the Chambers are for the use of members only, and the Sergeant at Arms must keep them clear of others. From one hour before the time the House is scheduled to convene until one hour after the House adjourns for the day,

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the retiring room is reserved for the exclusive use of the members and employees of the House. As long as the Senate prohibits entry of House members into its retiring room, no Senators may enter the House retiring room during the time it is reserved for exclusive use of members and employees. A committee or division meeting must not be held there except emergency meetings authorized by the Speaker. The Sergeant at Arms must strictly enforce this provision. Unless an extraordinary condition exists the Speaker must not entertain a request to suspend this Rule or present the request of a member for unanimous consent to suspend this Rule.

2.41 MEDIA NEWS REPORTERS. Accredited representatives of the press, press associations, and radio and television stations must be given equal press privileges by the House. A person wishing to report proceedings of the House may apply to the Chief Sergeant at Arms for a media pass and assignment to suitable available space. The Sergeant may coordinate the issuance of media passes with the appropriate senate authority. Television stations must be permitted to televise sessions of the House. Media representatives must be allowed access to both wells in the gallery of the House chambers.

### ARTICLE 3 - MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER PROPOSITIONS

3.01 AMENDMENTS AND OTHER MOTIONS. An amendment or other motion must not be debated until after it is stated by the Speaker. After an amendment or other motion is stated by the Speaker it is in possession of the House, but the mover may withdraw it at any time before it is amended or decided. Unless a motion, resolution, or amendment is withdrawn on the day it is made, it must be entered in the Journal, with the name of the member offering it. Except as otherwise permitted by the Speaker, an amendment or other motion must be in writing, and five copies of it must be given to the Chief Clerk.

3.02 ORDER OF PUTTING QUESTION; FILLING BLANKS. Except for a privileged question, questions before the House or a committee or division must be put in the order they are moved. In filling a blank, a motion for the largest sum or the longest time must be put first.

3.03 DIVISION OF A QUESTION. A member may request the division of a question that contains more than one separate and distinct point. A motion to strike and insert is not divisible. The failure of a motion to strike does not preclude another motion to amend or to strike and insert.

3.10 PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS. While a question is under consideration, only the following motions may be received:

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| (1) To fix the time of adjournment | (6) To postpone to a day certain |
| (2) To adjourn                     | (7) To amend                     |
| (3) To lay on the table            | (8) To postpone indefinitely     |
| (4) For the previous question      | (9) To pass                      |
| (5) To refer                       |                                  |

The first four motions must be decided without debate. The motions have precedence in the order listed, except that if the motion for the previous question has been properly made, and properly supported, and the main question ordered, the motion to lay on the table is not in order.

3.11 MOTION TO ADJOURN. A motion to adjourn is always in order except during a roll call. After a motion to adjourn is made, before putting the question, the Speaker may permit any member to state reasons why adjournment might be improper at that time. A statement is not debatable and must be limited to two minutes.

3.12 MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE. A motion to lay on the table is not in order on a motion to amend, except that a motion to amend the Rules may be tabled.

3.13 THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. The previous question may be moved by a member who is supported by 15 members. If the motion for the previous question is ordered by a majority of members present, its effect is to put an end to all debate and bring the House to direct vote upon the question. Before the presiding officer submits a motion for the previous question to the House, a call of the House is in order. After a majority has ordered the previous question, a call of the House is not in order before the decision on the main question. When the previous question is decided in the negative, the main question remains under debate until it is disposed of by a vote on the question, by a subsequent motion calling for the previous question under this Rule, or in some other manner. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question and before the vote on the main question must be decided without debate.

3.14 MOTION TO RECONSIDER. After a question is decided either in the affirmative or negative, a member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider it. The motion must be made on the same day the vote was taken or on either of the next two days that the House meets in session and has possession of the matter. The motion may be made at any time in the Order of Business. It takes precedence over any other question except a motion to adjourn. The motion to reconsider must not be made if the document, bill, resolution, message, report or other subject of official action on which the vote was taken has left the possession of the House. If a motion to reconsider fails, it must not be renewed.

3.15 MOTION TO RESCIND. A motion to rescind is not in order at any time in any proceeding in the House or in any committee or division of the House.

3.20 AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS. An amendment may be amended, but an amendment to an amendment must not be amended.

3.21 MOTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS MUST BE GERMANE. (a) A motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration must not be admitted under guise of its being an amendment. A motion, amendment, or other proposition offered to the House is out of order if it is not germane to the matter under consideration. Whether a proposition is germane to the matter under consideration is a question to be decided by the presiding officer, who may put the question to the House. (b) An amendment to an amendment on the House floor must relate only to the primary amendment, without introducing any new subject.

3.22 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE AN APPROPRIATION OR TAX. The concurrence of a majority of the whole House, determined by a roll call vote, is required to adopt an amendment increasing an appropriation or a tax.

3.23 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. A constitutional amendment may not be offered as an amendment to a bill on the floor.

3.30 EXPENDITURE OF HOUSE FUNDS. The concurrence of a majority of the whole House, determined by a roll call vote, is required for favorable action on a resolution or motion involving the expenditure of money appropriated by the Legislature to the House. The resolution or motion must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before being acted on by the House.

3.33 AMENDMENTS MUST BE PREFILED. (a) An amendment on a bill being considered on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar is out of order unless the amendment has been filed with the Chief Clerk by 12:00 noon on the calendar day prior to the calendar day the bill next can be considered on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar. If a bill next can be considered by the House on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar on a Monday, an amendment must be filed by 12:00 noon on the prior Friday. An amendment is not out of order under this Rule if it is a technical or revisor's change to a bill or an amendment. Whether an amendment is a technical or revisor's change is a question to be decided by the presiding officer, who may put the question to the House. (b) Paragraph (a) applies to an amendment to a bill only if by 12:00 noon on the day before the deadline for filing amendments the following has occurred: (1) the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration has designated the bill for inclusion on the Calendar for the Day or a chair has announced intention to place the bill on the Fiscal Calendar; and (2) the version of the bill that will be considered on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar is available to members. (c) Substitution of language in the House version of a bill for language in the Senate companion bill is not an amendment for purposes of this Rule if notice of the chief author's intent to substitute the House language is given when a bill is placed on the Calendar for the Day or when a chair announces intention to place the bill on the Fiscal Calendar. (d) When an amendment is filed with the Chief Clerk, the Chief Clerk must have the amendment posted on the House Web site as soon as is practical. The Speaker may specify procedures for filing amendments under this Rule. (e) An amendment to a prefiled amendment on a bill is out of order unless the amendment to the amendment has been filed with the Chief Clerk six hours after the prefiling deadline under paragraph (a). An amendment to a prefiled amendment is not out of order under this Rule if it is a technical or conforming change to a prefiled amendment. Whether an amendment is a technical or conforming change to a prefiled amendment is a question to be decided by the presiding officer, who may put the question to the House. (f) An amendment to a bill or a prefiled amendment must include a stamp indicating the date and time that the amendment was drafted. (g) This Rule may be waived or the deadlines in this Rule may be extended for an individual bill, or waived for all bills after a certain date, by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

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(h) If the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar is continued, the prefiling period must be reopened in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (e) of this rule, unless the prefiling period is waived or extended under paragraph (g) of this rule.

3.34 REFERRAL FOR CORRECTIONS. The Speaker, either by announcement without objection, or the House, by majority vote of the whole House, may refer a bill or resolution from the General Register, Fiscal Calendar, or Calendar for the Day to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for the purpose of making changes to the bill. A bill so referred must be either further referred by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, in consultation with the Speaker, to a standing committee with jurisdiction over the portion of the bill that is subject to correction or returned to the General Register by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration within five days, and if the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration fails to act within five days, the bill shall be automatically returned to the General Register.

### ARTICLE 4 - BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

4.01 BILL AND RESOLUTION FORM. A bill or resolution must not be introduced until it has been examined and approved by the Revisor of Statutes as to form and compliance with these Rules and the Joint Rules of the House and Senate. The Revisor's approval must be endorsed on the bill or resolution. A bill that is divided into articles may include or be accompanied by a table of contents.

4.02 RESOLUTIONS. A statement of facts being forwarded for action to a governmental official, agency, or body or other similar proposal is a memorial and must be introduced in the same form and take the same course as a bill. A joint resolution and any resolution requiring the signature of the governor must be introduced in the same form and take the same course as a bill.

A resolution must not authorize expenditure from any source other than the money appropriated by the Legislature to the House. Congratulatory resolutions do not require consideration or adoption by the House. A resolution must not be changed to a bill, and a bill must not be changed to a resolution.

#### 4.03 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; BUDGET RESOLUTION; EFFECT ON

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BILLS. (a) The Committee on Ways and Means must hold hearings as necessary to determine state expenditures and revenues for the fiscal biennium. (b) Within 25 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, the Committee on Ways and Means must adopt a budget resolution. The budget resolution: (1) must set the maximum limit on net expenditures for the next fiscal biennium for the general fund, (2) must set an amount or amounts to be set aside as a budget reserve and a cash flow account, (3) must set net spending limits for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (4) may set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund. The budget resolution must not specify, limit, or prescribe revenues or expenditures by any category other than those specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4). After the Committee adopts the budget resolution, the limits in the resolution are effective during the regular session in the year in which the resolution is adopted, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted. (c) During the regular session in the even-numbered year, before the Committee on Ways and Means reports a bill containing net increases or decreases in expenditures as compared to general fund expenditures in the current fiscal biennium estimated by the most recent state budget forecast, the Committee may adopt a budget resolution. If adopted, the resolution must account for the net changes in expenditures. The resolution may also (1) set limits for changes in net expenditures for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (2) set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund. If the Committee adopts a budget resolution, it is effective during the regular session that year, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted. (d) The major finance or revenue bills may be combined or separated by a majority vote of either the Committee on Ways and Means or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. Combined or separated bills must conform to the limits in the resolution as those limits apply to the accounts in those bills. (e) Major finance and revenue bills are: the capital investment bill; the commerce and consumer protection finance bill; the education finance bill; the environment, natural resources, and agriculture finance bill; the health and human services finance bill; the higher education finance bill; the housing finance bill; the jobs and

economic development finance bill; the judiciary finance bill; the legacy finance bill; the public safety finance bill; the state government and veterans affairs finance bill; the tax bill; and the transportation finance bill. (f) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, each finance committee, and the Committee on Taxes must reconcile each bill described in Rule 4.10 with the resolution. When reporting a finance or revenue bill, each committee or division must provide to the Committee on Ways and Means a fiscal statement reconciling the bill with the resolution. (g) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Ways and Means must reconcile finance and revenue bills with the resolution. When reporting a bill, the chair of the Committee must certify to the House that the Committee has reconciled the bill with the resolution. (h) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, an amendment to a bill is out of order if it would cause any of the limits specified in the resolution to be exceeded. Whether an amendment is out of order under this Rule is a question to be decided on the Floor by the Speaker or other presiding officer and in Committee or Division by the person chairing the Committee or Division meeting. In making the determination, the Speaker or other presiding officer or the Committee or Division chair may consider: (1) the limits in a resolution; (2) the effect of existing laws on revenues and expenditures; (3) the effect of amendments previously adopted to the bill under consideration; (4) the effect of bills previously recommended by a Committee or Division or bills previously passed in the legislative session by the House or by the legislature; (5) whether expenditure increases or revenue decreases that would result from the amendment are offset by decreases in other expenditures or increases in other revenue specified by the amendment; and (6) other information reasonably related to expenditure and revenue amounts. (i) After a resolution is adopted by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee must make available a summary of the estimated fiscal effect on the general fund of each bill that has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by a finance committee or a division of a finance committee, or the Committee on Taxes and of each bill that has been reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

**4.05 AMENDMENT LIMITS.** An amendment to a bill that has received its second reading and is being considered by the House is out of order if that amendment would increase the spending or spending base from any fund from which appropriations are made in that bill, or would increase the spending or spending base in total from all funds in the bill or in the bill with the proposed amendment. This rule is only in effect when a budget resolution adopted under Rule 4.03 is not in effect. In the absence of an adopted budget resolution, this rule does not apply after the last Thursday on which the Legislature can meet in regular session in odd-numbered years, and after the last Thursday on which the Legislature intended, when it adopted the concurrent resolution required by Joint Rule 2.03, to meet in regular session in even-numbered years, or after a date specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. This provision does not apply when a Senate bill is accepted for substitution under Rule 1.15, or in the event that the language that was in the House version of the bill prior to a substitution under Rule 1.15, is adopted in its entirety as an amendment to a Senate file received by the House.

**4.10 BILLS AFFECTING STATE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.** (a) Except as provided in Rule 1.15, a House or Senate bill that directly, substantially, and specifically affects any present or future financial obligation, budget policy, or revenue of the State must be referred as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) to the appropriate Committee before the bill receives its second reading. A bill that negligibly affects any present or future financial obligation, budget policy, or revenue of the State is not subject to mandatory referral under this rule. (b) A bill subject to paragraph (a) reported by a finance committee must, if recommended to pass, be subsequently referred to the Ways and Means Committee, unless the bill has a negligible fiscal impact and is subject to direct reference to the Floor under Rule 6.05. (c) A bill with a substantial impact on the tax revenues or tax policies of the State must be referred to the Committee on Taxes. A bill reported by the Committee on Taxes containing a substantial fiscal impact must be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. For purposes of this paragraph, “tax” excludes any fee, charge, exaction, or assessment, a primary purpose of which is to recover direct or indirect costs incurred by the state or other governmental entity or as a payment for benefits received. (d) The chairs of the Committees on Taxes and Ways and Means shall advise the Speaker on the application of this rule and may determine whether or not any given piece of legislation must be referred to the committee they chair.

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**4.12 BILLS AFFECTING DEBT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS.** The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over legislation affecting debt obligations issued by the state and capital projects of the state, including the planning, acquiring and bettering of public lands and buildings and other state projects of a capital nature. Except as provided in Rule 1.15, a House or Senate bill that directly and specifically affects debt obligations or capital projects of the state must be referred to the Committee on Capital Investment before the bill receives its second reading. Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill deals primarily with the financing of state capital facilities using trunk highway funds, with transportation projects financed without debt obligations of the state, or with the local financing of capital facilities of local governments. Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill has a negligible effect on debt obligations and capital projects of the state as determined by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, in conjunction with the chair of the Committee on Capital Investment. Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill is a major finance or revenue bill identified in Rule 4.03, unless the bill directly and specifically affects debt obligations of the state, but if a major finance or revenue bill contains a provision that directly and specifically affects capital projects of the state, the chair of the finance or tax committee reporting the bill must notify the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means and the chair of the Committee on Capital Investment of the provision before the bill is considered by the House. The Speaker, by announcement, must assign to each finance committee the appropriate jurisdiction for recommendations on debt obligations and capital projects of the state. Finance committees must submit recommendations within their jurisdiction to the Committee on Capital Investment for further disposition. A bill with a fiscal effect reported by the Committee on Capital Investment must be accompanied by a statement of its fiscal effect, is exempt from the referral required by Rule 4.10, is subject to the same committee deadlines as the Committee on Ways and Means, and must be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. This referral is not required if the bill has a negligible fiscal effect, as determined by the chair of the Committee on Capital Investment with the concurrence of the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

**4.13 BILLS AFFECTING STATE GOVERNMENT POWERS AND STRUCTURE.** The Committee on Government Operations has jurisdiction over a House or Senate bill that:

- (a) establishes or reestablishes a department, agency, commission, board, task force, advisory committee or council, or bureau, or other like entity;
- (b) delegates rulemaking authority to, or exempts from rulemaking, a department or agency of state government; or
- (c) substantially changes the organization of a department or agency of state government or substantially changes, vests or divests the official rights, powers, or duties of an official, department or agency of state government or an institution under its control.

Except as otherwise provided in this Rule and Rule 1.15, a bill that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Operations must be referred to that Committee before it receives its second reading. A committee or division (other than the Committee on Government Operations) reporting such a bill must recommend its re-referral to the Committee on Government Operations if reporting before the deadline for action on the bill by that Committee; if reporting after the deadline, the committee or division must recommend re-referral to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The re-referral requirements of this Rule do not apply to a bill if the Committee on Government Operations already has approved the bill or the substance of the matter that otherwise would require re-referral under this Rule. The Chair of the Committee on Government Operations shall advise the Speaker on the application of this Rule and may determine whether or not a bill must be referred to the Committee under this Rule.

**4.14 BILLS PROPOSING MEMORIALS.** A bill or amendment that proposes to have a memorial placed in the Capitol area must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

**4.15 BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.** A House or Senate bill that proposes a constitutional amendment must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before it receives its second reading. When reporting such a bill, a committee or division, other than the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, must recommend re-referral to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

**4.16 BILLS AFFECTING GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES.** The Committee on Civil Law has jurisdiction over a House or Senate bill that substantially affects either Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, or other government data practices statutes. Except as otherwise provided in this Rule and Rule

1.15, a bill that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Civil Law must be referred to that committee before it receives its second reading. A committee or division reporting such a bill must recommend its re-referral to the Committee on Civil Law if reporting before the deadline for action on the bill by that committee; if reporting after the deadline, the committee or division must recommend re-referral to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The re-referral requirement of this Rule does not apply to a bill if the Committee on Civil Law already has approved the bill or the substance of the matter that otherwise would require re-referral under this Rule. The Chair of the Committee on Civil Law shall advise the Speaker on the application of this Rule and may determine whether or not a bill must be referred to the Committee under this Rule.

4.20 DISPOSITION OF BILLS DURING INTERIM. Adjournment of the regular session in an odd-numbered year to a day certain in the next year is the same as daily adjournment except that a bill on the Calendar for the Day, Fiscal Calendar, or General Register must be returned to the standing committee or division that last acted on the bill.

4.30 RECALLING BILL FROM COMMITTEE OR DIVISION. A bill or resolution may be recalled from a committee or division at any time by majority vote of the whole House, be given a second reading and be placed on the General Register. A motion to recall a bill or resolution is in order only under the order of business “Motions and Resolutions.” This Rule does not apply in a special session or after the deadline for committee reports on House files.

4.31 TIME LIMIT TO CONSIDER BILLS. If 20 legislative days after a bill has been referred to a committee or division (other than the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Taxes, or a division of one of those committees) a report has not been made on it by the committee or division, its chief author may request that it be returned to the House. The request must be entered in the Journal. The committee or division must vote on the bill requested within ten calendar days after the day of the request. If the committee or division fails to vote on it within ten days, the chief author may present a written demand to the Speaker for its immediate return to the House. The demand must be presented within five calendar days after the day that the committee or division is required to vote. If the demand is presented in the time allowed, it must be entered in the Journal and is the demand of the House. The bill is then considered to be in the possession of the House and must be given its second reading and placed on the General Register. The bill may be re-referred by a majority vote of the whole House. If the motion to re-refer is made on the day of the demand or on the next House legislative day, the motion takes precedence over all other motions except privileged motions and is in order at any time.

## ARTICLE 5 - PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE

5.01 SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF THE RULES. The concurrence of two-thirds of the whole House is required to suspend or amend a Rule of the House, except that any amendment to the Rules reported by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may be adopted by a majority of the whole House. Except as provided in Rule 5.02, a motion to suspend or amend any Rule of the House must be made under the order of business “Motions and Resolutions.” If the motion is made at another time, unanimous consent is required before the Speaker may entertain the motion. A motion to suspend the Rules, together with the subject matter to which it pertains, is debatable, but the previous question may be applied to the motion under Rule 3.13.

5.02 SUSPENSION OF RULES TO ADVANCE A BILL. A bill must be reported on three different days as provided in Rule 1.04, except that in case of urgency, a two-thirds majority of the whole House may suspend this requirement. A motion to suspend the Rules to advance a bill for consideration out of its regular order is in order under the order of business “Motions and Resolutions” or at any time the bill is before the House. The motion must be presented to the Speaker in writing and must describe the status of the bill.

5.03 DEFINITIONS. In these Rules the terms “majority vote” and “vote of the House” mean a majority of members present for the vote. The term “vote of the whole House” means a majority of all the members elected to the House. Singular words used in these Rules include the plural, unless the context indicates a contrary intention.

5.04 AUTHORIZED MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. “Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure” governs the House in all applicable cases if it is not inconsistent with these Rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, or established custom and usage.

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5.05 CONFLICT OF RULES. When there is a conflict between a single House Rule and a single Joint Rule, the Speaker shall make a ruling as to which applies.

### ARTICLE 6 - COMMITTEES, DIVISIONS, AND REPORTS

6.01 COMMITTEES AND DIVISIONS. Standing committees and divisions of the House must be appointed by the Speaker as follows: Agriculture Policy; Capital Investment; Civil Law; Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy; Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy; Education Finance; Education Policy; Elections; Energy Policy; Environment and Natural Resources Policy; Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance; Ethics; Government Operations; Health and Human Services Finance; Health and Human Services Policy; Higher Education Finance and Policy; Housing Finance and Policy; Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy; Judiciary Finance and Policy; Labor, Workplace, and Regulated Industries; Legacy; Public Safety Finance and Policy; Rules and Legislative Administration; State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs; Taxes; Property and Local Tax Division; Transportation Finance; Transportation Policy; Ways and Means

6.02 COMMITTEE AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP. At least 30 days before the start of a regular session of the Legislature, the Speaker-designate must provide the minority political party caucuses with a list of the standing committees and divisions proposed for the session. The Speaker-designate must prescribe the number of minority caucus members to be appointed to each committee and division and may require general membership guidelines to be followed in the selection of committee and division members. If the minority leader submits to the Speaker-designate, at least 15 days before the start of the session, a list of proposed committee and division assignments for the minority caucus that complies with the numbers and guidelines provided, the Speaker must make the proposed assignments with the purpose of attaining proportionate representation on the committees and divisions for the minority caucus. A committee of the House must not have exclusive membership from one profession, occupation or vocation. A member must not serve as the chair of the same standing committee or division, or a standing committee or division with substantially the same jurisdiction, during more than the three immediately prior consecutive regular biennial sessions. This Rule does not apply to service as chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

6.03 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. Upon the convening of the biennial session, the Speaker must notify the members of the House of each board or commission to which a member of the House may be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker must request advice from the minority leader on these appointments.

6.04 SUBCOMMITTEES. The chair of a committee or division must appoint the chair and members of each subcommittee with the advice and consent of the Speaker. The chair or the committee or division may refer bills to a subcommittee. A subcommittee may exercise the authority delegated to it by the chair or by the committee or division.

6.05 DIVISIONS. (a) If the Speaker or the House refers a bill to a division, the bill remains in that division until the House moves the bill from the division or approves a report from the division that moved the bill from that division. A division report under this paragraph is subject to Rule 6.30.

(b) The chair of a committee may refer a bill within the possession of the committee to a division of that committee. When the chair refers a bill to a division under this paragraph, the chair may recall the bill from the division. A committee chair referring or recalling a bill under this paragraph must give written notice of the referral or recall as soon as possible to the Chief Clerk for publication. To the extent practical, the Chief Clerk must attempt to provide notice on the House Web site of referrals and recalls of bills under this paragraph. (c) The chair of a division must cause division records to be kept in a manner consistent with Rule 6.24. (d) Division meetings are subject to Rule 6.20. (e) Divisions are subject to Rule 6.21.

6.10 THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS. The Speaker must appoint a Committee on Ethics consisting of four members: two members from the majority political party caucus, and two from the minority caucus. One alternate from each caucus must also be appointed. The committee must adopt written procedures, which must include due process requirements, for handling complaints and issuing guidelines. A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that violates a rule or administrative policy of the House, that violates accepted norms of House behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute. A complaint about a

member's conduct must present with specificity the factual evidence supporting the complaint. A complaint must be in writing, under oath and signed by two or more members of the House, and submitted to the Speaker. Before submitting the complaint to the Speaker, the complainants must cause a copy of it and any supporting materials to be delivered to any member named in the complaint. Within seven days after receiving a complaint, the Speaker must refer the complaint to the Ethics Committee for processing by the committee according to its rules of procedure. The existence and substance of a complaint, including any supporting materials, and all proceedings, meetings, hearings, and records of the Ethics Committee are public; except that the committee, upon a majority vote of the whole committee, may meet in executive session to consider or determine the question of probable cause, to consider a member's medical or other health records, or to protect the privacy of a victim or a third party. A complaint of a breach of confidentiality by a member or employee of the House must be immediately referred by the Speaker to the Ethics Committee for disciplinary action. The committee must act in an investigatory capacity and may make recommendations regarding complaints submitted to the Speaker before adjournment sine die. With the approval of the Speaker, the committee may retain a retired judge or other nonpartisan legal advisor to advise and assist the committee, as the committee considers appropriate and necessary in the circumstances of the case, in conducting the proceedings and obtaining a complete and accurate understanding of the information relevant to the conduct in question. Ethics Committee recommendations for disciplinary action must be supported by clear and convincing evidence and must be reported to the House for final disposition.

**6.20 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE; DEADLINES.** The Speaker must prepare and publish a schedule of committee meetings, fixing as far as practicable the regular meeting day and time of each committee. The chair of a committee must give written notice of a special meeting or a change in the regular schedule of meetings. The notice may be announced from the desk and must be posted in public notice locations maintained by the House. The notice must be posted at least one day in advance of the change. As far as practicable, the chair of a committee must give three days notice of the date, time, place and agenda for each meeting. Meeting notices must indicate when alternative media will be used to conduct the meeting. During the first ten weeks of the session in the odd-numbered year and the first five weeks of the session in the even-numbered year, a standing committee must not have a regularly scheduled meeting after noon on Friday, but the Speaker may approve a special meeting of a committee during this time. A committee must not meet between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. Only the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may meet during a daily session of the House without leave. The House shall establish deadlines for each regular session by resolution.

**6.21 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES.** Meetings of House committees must be open to the public except for executive sessions that the committee on ethics considers necessary under Rule 6.10. For purposes of this requirement, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the committee. This requirement does not apply to a meeting of members of a committee from the same political party caucus. A majority of members of a committee is a quorum. The Rules of the House must be observed in committee if they are applicable. An amendment offered in committee must be on a subject that is within the jurisdiction of the committee. Whether an amendment is on a subject that is within the jurisdiction of the committee is a question to be decided by the person chairing the meeting, who may put the question to the committee. A member of a committee may demand a roll call vote on any bill, resolution, report, motion or amendment before the committee. If a demand is made, the roll must be called. The name of the member demanding the roll call and the vote of each member must be recorded in the committee minutes. A committee may reconsider an action while the matter remains in the possession of the committee. A committee member need not have voted with the prevailing side to move to reconsider the action. The chair of a committee, after consultation with the Speaker, may establish written procedures for the submission of amendments to the committee, the setting of committee agendas, and other matters pertaining to the conduct of the committee's business. Before implementing the written procedures, the chair must provide a copy of them to the Speaker and to each member of the House and must make copies available to others upon request.

**6.22 PUBLIC TESTIMONY.** Public testimony from proponents and opponents must be allowed on every bill or resolution before a standing committee, division or subcommittee of the House.

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**6.23 OPEN MEETING ENFORCEMENT.** A person may submit to the Speaker a complaint alleging a violation of the open meeting requirements of Rule 6.21. The complaint must be in writing. On receiving a complaint, the Speaker, or a person designated by the Speaker, must investigate the complaint promptly. If the Speaker concludes, following investigation, that a violation of the open meeting Rule may have occurred, the Speaker must refer the complaint to the Committee on Ethics for further proceedings.

**6.24 COMMITTEE RECORDS.** The chair of a standing committee must cause a committee record to be kept, in the form prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The record must include the record of committee proceedings on each bill referred to the committee and the minutes of the committee and any subcommittees.

The committee and subcommittee minutes must include:

- a. the time and place of each hearing or meeting;
- b. the names of committee or subcommittee members who are present;
- c. the name and address, at the Chair's discretion, of each person appearing before the committee or subcommittee, together with the name and address of the person, association, firm or corporation in whose behalf the appearance is made;
- d. the language of each motion, the name of the member making the motion, the result of a vote on the motion, and, on a roll call vote, the names of those in favor and those opposed;
- e. the date on which a subcommittee is established, the names of its members and the file number of bills referred to it and reported by it;
- f. other important matters related to the work of the committee or subcommittee.

The minutes must be approved at the next regular meeting of the committee or subcommittee.

At the end of two business days after approval by the committee or subcommittee, copies of the minutes must be filed with the Chief Clerk and be open to public inspection in the Chief Clerk's office and on the House Web site. At the end of the legislative biennium minutes and other records must be delivered to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library. Audio recordings of Committee and Subcommittee meetings must be made available for public use by the end of the business day following each meeting. The chair of a committee who elects not to release the recording of a committee meeting until the minutes of the meeting are approved by the committee must make a copy of the recording available by the end of the next business day after a written request for it is made to the committee. The House must keep the recordings of committee meetings available for public use during the legislative biennium in which they were created and, at the end of the legislative biennium, must transmit a copy of the recordings to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library. The Legislative Reference Library must keep committee records and recordings available for public use under its rules for eight years after the end of the legislative biennium during which the materials were created and then may preserve or dispose of the recordings as the Library sees fit. A person may obtain a copy of a recording during the legislative biennium in which it is created by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A person may obtain a copy of a recording while it is kept in the Library by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A person may obtain a copy of a page of committee minutes or other records for a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A copy of a recording must be provided free to a member or staff of the House upon request for use in legislative business. Testimony and discussion preserved under this Rule are not intended to be admissible in a court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

**6.30 COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The House must adopt or reject a committee report on a bill or resolution without amendment. The chair of a standing committee reporting to the House on a bill or resolution must use the form provided for committee reports. Each bill or resolution must be reported separately. The report must state the action taken by the committee and the date of the action. The report must be authenticated by the signature of the chair. Before a committee reports favorably on a bill or resolution, the chair must see that the form of the bill or resolution conforms to these Rules and the Joint Rules of the House and Senate. Except during the last seven legislative days in a year, the committee report and any minority report must be submitted to the Chief Clerk at least four hours before the convening of the daily session. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may report at any time.

6.31 **SUBSTITUTION OF BILLS.** A standing or special committee or division or its members must not report a substitute for a bill referred to the committee or division if the substitute relates to a different subject, is intended to accomplish a different purpose, or requires a title essentially different from that of the bill referred. If the House is advised that a substitute bill reported to the House violates this Rule, the report must not be adopted.

6.32 **MINORITY REPORTS.** A minority report must be made separately from the majority report and must be considered before the majority report. If the minority report is adopted the majority report must not be considered. If the minority report is not adopted the majority report must then be considered.

6.40 **REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.** A conference committee may report at any time and may meet during a daily session of the House without leave. A conference committee report must be electronically available or printed. A conference committee report must include only subject matter contained in the House or Senate versions of the bill for which that conference committee was appointed, or like subject matter contained in a bill passed by the House or Senate. The member presenting the conference committee report to the House must disclose all substantive changes from the House version of the bill.

6.50 **COMMITTEE OR DIVISION REPORT LAID OVER.** The report of any committee or division may be laid over one day and printed in the Journal, if so ordered by the House.

## **ARTICLE 7 - OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE**

7.01 **DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SPEAKER.** The Speaker must preside over the House and has all the powers and duties of the presiding officer. The Speaker must preserve order and decorum. The Speaker may order the lobby or galleries cleared in the case of disorderly conduct or other disturbance. Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, the Speaker has general control of the Chamber of the House and of the corridors, passages and rooms in the Capitol and State Office Building under the jurisdiction of the House. The Speaker must sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of the House or issued by order of the House. The Speaker must sign all abstracts for the payment of money from funds appropriated by the Legislature to the House; but money must not be paid unless the abstract is also signed by the Controller of the House. Abstracts for compensation of members must be signed by the Chief Clerk pursuant to law. The Speaker must appoint the Chief Sergeant at Arms or must designate that officer from among the Sergeants at Arms elected by the House or appointed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. When an elected office of the House becomes vacant, the Speaker must designate a person to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office as necessary until a successor is elected by the House.

7.02 **SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE OF SPEAKER.** When the office of Speaker becomes vacant, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration has the powers and must discharge the duties of the office as necessary, until a Speaker is elected by the House or until a speaker-designate is selected as provided in this Rule. The House must elect a Speaker when the House is next called to order. If the Legislature is not in session, within 30 days after the office of Speaker becomes vacant the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must meet and select a speaker-designate to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office as necessary until a Speaker is elected by the House.

7.05 **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.** The Speaker must appoint one or more members as Speaker pro tempore. A Speaker pro tempore must preside in the Speaker's absence. In the absence of the Speaker and a Speaker pro tempore, a member selected by the Speaker must preside until the Speaker or Speaker pro tempore returns.

7.06 **SPEAKER EMERITUS.** Any current member having served the House in the capacity of Speaker will, subsequent to that service, be known as Speaker Emeritus, and may perform such ceremonial functions and duties as assigned by the Speaker.

7.10 **DUTIES OF CHIEF CLERK.** The Chief Clerk has general supervision of all clerical duties pertaining to the business of the House. The Chief Clerk must perform, under the direction of the Speaker, all the duties of the office of Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk must keep records showing the status and progress of all bills, memorials and resolutions. During a temporary absence of the Chief Clerk, the First Assistant Chief Clerk has all the usual responsibilities of the Chief Clerk and may sign the daily journal, enrollments, abstracts and other legislative documents. The Chief Clerk must

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supervise the engrossment and enrollment of bills. The Chief Clerk must see that a record is kept, by file number, of the bills introduced in the House that passed both houses and are enrolled. The Chief Clerk must ensure that locations accessible to the public are available to post a list of committee and subcommittee meetings and any other announcements or notices the House may require. The Index Clerk, supervised by the Chief Clerk, must prepare an index in which bills may be indexed by topic, number, author, subject, section of the statutes amended, committees, divisions, and any other method that will make it a complete and comprehensive index. The index must be open for public inspection during the legislative session and must be printed in the permanent Journal.

**7.20 DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS.** The Sergeant at Arms must carry out all orders of the House or the Speaker and perform all other services pertaining to the office of Sergeant at Arms, including: maintaining order in the Chamber and other areas used for the business of the House and its committees and divisions and members; supervising the entering and exiting from the Chamber and the other areas; and promptly delivering messages.

### ARTICLE 8 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSE

**8.01 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The House Controller must prepare a biennial budget for the House. The budget must be approved by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before it is submitted to the State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs Committee. By the 15th day of April, July, October, and January of each year, the Controller must submit a detailed report of House expenditures during the previous quarter to the Speaker and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The House Controller must arrange for the purchase of goods and services for the House. The Controller must seek the lowest possible prices consistent with satisfactory quality and dependability. A contract of the House, or an amendment to a contract, authorizing an expenditure of more than \$500 must be signed by the Speaker or the Controller. A contract, or an amendment to a contract, authorizing an expenditure of up to \$500 may be executed by an employee authorized and directed in writing by the Controller to act for the Controller on the contract or contracts of its type. A contract or amendment to a contract entered into in violation of this Rule is not binding on the House. The House Controller must consult with an adaptive technology expert to identify commercially available upgrades for computers and Internet technology that are compatible with adaptive speech technology prior to purchasing upgrades. Employees of the House must be reimbursed for actual expenses in the same manner as state employees. During session, for travel away from the Capitol, members must be reimbursed for actual expenses, in addition to per diem expense allowances, in the manner and amount prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

**8.02 MEMBER OFFICES.** Members not seeking re-election are required to vacate their House offices by December 1 of their last year of service. Members who are not re-elected are required to vacate their House offices by December 15 of their last year of service. The Sergeants Office will arrange usable space for these members after their offices are vacated, if requested to do so, and shall accommodate all serving members in the event of a special session.

**8.10 COMMITTEE AND DIVISION BUDGETS AND EXPENSES.** The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must establish a budget for each standing committee and division of the House for expenses incurred by the committee or division, its members, and its staff in conducting its legislative business. Per diem expense allowances paid to members during sessions or at times set by the Speaker or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must not be charged against the budget. A committee or division must not incur expenses in excess of its authorized budget. All charges against the committee or division budget must be approved by the chair before payment is made.

**8.20 APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES.** The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must designate the position of and appoint each employee of the House and set the compensation of each officer and employee. A record of the appointments, including positions and compensation, must be kept in the office of the House Controller and must be available for inspection by the public. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must establish the procedure for filling employment vacancies when the Legislature is not in session. An employee of the House may be assigned to other duties, suspended or discharged at any time by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

8.30 LEGAL REPRESENTATION. An employee of the nonpartisan House Research Department may not represent the House or its members as counsel of record, in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

**ARTICLE 9 - CONDUCT**

9.01 CODE OF CONDUCT. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, after receiving the recommendation of the Committee on Ethics, must establish and maintain a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House.

9.05 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. An employee of the House must not participate in campaign activity during working hours. An employee must not be obliged to participate in campaign activities as a condition of employment. A member is not an employee of the House for purposes of this Rule. House equipment must not be used for campaign activities. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must define the terms of and implement this Rule.

9.10 SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. During regular or special session, a member of the House, a political party caucus, the member's principal campaign committee, a political committee with the member's name or title, or a committee authorized by the member that benefits the member, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist, corporation, labor union, political committee, dissolving principal campaign committee, political fund, or a tribal organization. A member must not accept compensation for lobbying.

9.20 ACCEPTANCE OF AN HONORARIUM BY A MEMBER. A member must not accept an honorarium for a service performed for an individual or organization that has a direct interest in the business of the House, including, but not limited to, a registered lobbyist or an organization a lobbyist represents. The term "honorarium" does not include reimbursement for expenses incurred and actually paid by a member in performing a service. Alleged violations of this Rule must be referred to the Committee on Ethics under Rule 6.10. If the Committee on Ethics finds that an honorarium was accepted in violation of this Rule, the Committee must direct its return. If it is not returned, the committee may recommend disciplinary action under Rule 6.10.

9.21 ACCEPTANCE OF TRAVEL AND LODGING BY A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE. A member or employee of the House must not accept travel or lodging from any foreign government, private for-profit business, labor union, registered lobbyist, or an association thereof, except payment permitted by law of expenses that relate to the member's or employee's participation as a legislator or legislative employee in a meeting or conference. This Rule does not apply to travel or lodging provided to a member in the regular course of the member's employment or business.

9.30 DENIAL OF COMPENSATION WHILE DETAINED. A member must not receive compensation, mileage, or living expenses while the member is incarcerated or on home detention due to a criminal conviction.

9.35 BAN ON LOBBYING. Former state legislators must not register as lobbyists within one year from the date they leave office.

9.40 NO SMOKING IN HOUSE AREAS. Smoking is prohibited in the areas of the Capitol and State Office Building under the jurisdiction of the House, including the House Chamber and Retiring Room and galleries, hearing rooms, minor corridors and offices, private offices, and lounges.

**TEMPORARY JOINT RULES OF THE  
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

As adopted on January 8, 2013

**ARTICLE I JOINT CONVENTIONS**

1.01 **HOW GOVERNED** The Speaker of the House shall preside at all Conventions of the two houses of the Legislature and shall call the members to order. The Chief Clerk of the House shall be the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms of the House shall be the Sergeant at Arms of the Convention.

1.02 **PRESIDENT’S DUTIES** The President of the Convention shall preserve order and decorum. The President may speak on all points of order in preference to other members and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member. The President shall rise to put a question but may state it while seated.

1.03 **PRESIDENT’S RIGHT TO VOTE** The President shall have the right to vote in all cases except appeals from the President’s decisions. The President shall vote last on all questions.

1.04 **STATING QUESTIONS** Questions shall be put to the Convention in the following form: “As many as are of the opinion that (the question) shall pass, say ‘Aye.’” After an affirmative vote is expressed the nays shall be called as follows: “As many as are of the contrary opinion, say ‘No.’” If the President is in doubt or a division is called, those in the affirmative shall rise first and those in the negative afterward.

1.05 **ORDER OF DEBATE** When any member wishes to speak to the Convention on any matter, the member shall rise and respectfully address the President, and not speak further until recognized. The member shall speak only to the question under debate and avoid personal remarks. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall designate the member to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the Convention.

1.06 **CALLING MEMBER TO ORDER** If any member of the Joint Convention is called to order for offensive words in debate, the member calling to order shall report the words to which exception is taken and the Secretary shall record them. No member may be called to order for any language used in debate if exception is not taken before any other member has spoken or any other business has taken place. A member called to order shall immediately sit down unless another member moves to permit the member to explain. In any case, the Joint Convention, if appealed to, shall decide without debate. Only if the decision is in favor of the member called to order shall the member be at liberty to proceed.

1.07 **CALL OF THE CONVENTION** Five members may demand a call of the Convention at any time except after voting has commenced. When such a call is demanded, the doors shall be closed, the roll shall be called, the absent members shall be sent for, and no member may be permitted to leave the Chamber, unless excused by the President, until the call is lifted. Proceedings under the roll call may be suspended by a majority vote of all the members of the Convention. A call of the Convention may be lifted by a majority vote of all the members of the Convention.

1.08 **ELECTIONS** In all elections by the Joint Convention, members shall vote viva voce and the roll of Senate members shall be called first. Whenever there is an election of any officer in Joint Convention, the result shall be certified by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and announced by them to their respective houses. The result shall be entered in the Journal of each house and communicated to the Governor by the Secretary of the Convention.

1.09 **NO SMOKING** No person is permitted to smoke in the Chamber or in the gallery during a Joint Convention.

1.10 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE** The rules of the House shall be the Rules of the Joint Convention of both houses in all cases in which the foregoing rules are not applicable.

**ARTICLE II BILLS**

2.01 **FORM** The title of each bill shall clearly state its subject and briefly state its purpose. When a bill amends or repeals an existing act, the title shall refer to the chapter, section or subdivision. Reference shall be made to Minnesota Statutes for the provisions appearing therein unless reference to previous session laws is required for some special reason. Bills shall refer to Minnesota Statutes as follows: “Minnesota Statutes . . . . ., section . . . . .” Bills shall refer to the session laws as follows: “Laws . . . . ., chapter . . . . ., section . . . . .”

A bill for the amendment of a statute shall contain the full text of the section or subdivision to be amended as it appears in the latest edition of Minnesota Statutes unless it has been amended, in which event it shall contain the full text as amended. The words and characters constituting the amending matter shall be inserted in the proper place in the text and underscored. The words and characters to be eliminated by the amendment shall be stricken by drawing a line through them. The text of a new section or subdivision shall also be underscored when a bill amends an existing chapter or section by adding a new section or subdivision. In the omnibus appropriation bills required by Joint Rule 2.02, sections making an appropriation or transfer and not amending a statute or session law need not have new material underscored. Before a committee favorably reports upon a bill, the chair of the committee shall see that the bill conforms to this rule. When a bill is printed in the Journal, the new matter shall be underscored and the matter to be eliminated shall be stricken by drawing a line through it. A bill drafted by the Revisor of Statutes for the purposes of correcting errors in Minnesota Statutes need not comply with the provisions of this paragraph if the bill is labeled "REVISOR'S BILL" immediately below the title, and if there is attached thereto a memorandum of information explaining the reasons for the bill. If the bill is for an original law and not for an amendment of an existing law, the sections and subdivisions shall be arranged, subdivided, and numbered in like manner as Minnesota Statutes. If such a bill assigns to the sections thereof headnotes or identification by the decimal system of numbering used in Minnesota Statutes, such headnotes and decimal identification may be submitted by standing committee chairs to the Revisor of Statutes for examination. Any such headnotes shall be in bold face, and shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 645.49. All numbers in titles shall be expressed in figures. All numbers of section or chapter of law shall be in figures. In the body of a bill numbers in excess of ten shall be in figures, except for a special reason they may be written, but when written they shall not be followed by numbers or parentheses. A bill may include or be accompanied by a table of contents. A bill that repeals a statute may include or be accompanied by an appendix containing the full text of the section or subdivision repealed. A bill containing a constitutional amendment may only contain the statutory language and changes necessary to conduct the constitutional election and to implement the constitutional amendment, should it pass. Extraneous statutory changes or additional topics may not be included in a bill proposing a constitutional amendment.

**2.02 APPROPRIATING MONEY** The same bill shall not appropriate public money or property to more than one local or private purpose. No clause appropriating money for a local or private purpose shall be contained in a bill appropriating money for the State government or public institutions. All resolutions authorizing the issuing of abstracts by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House for the payment of money shall be upon the call of "yeas" and "nays."

**2.03 DEADLINES** The Legislature shall establish by concurrent resolution deadlines for each regular session. The deadlines do not apply to the House committees on Capital Investment, Ways and Means, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Legislative Administration, nor to the Senate committees on Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Administration. The first deadline is for committees to act favorably on bills in the house of origin. The second deadline is for committees to act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other house. A committee has until the second deadline to act favorably on a bill, or the companion of a bill, that by the first deadline was referred to a finance committee. The deadline for a committee of either house to act on a bill that has been recommended favorably by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement is the second committee deadline. The major appropriation bills are exempt from the first two deadlines. The third deadline is for committees to act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills. When a committee in either house acts favorably on a bill after a deadline established in the concurrent resolution, the bill must be referred in the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration and in the House of Representatives to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for disposition. Either rules committee, when reporting a bill referred to the committee under this rule, may waive application of the rule to subsequent actions on that bill by other committees. All bills necessary to implement the governor's budget submitted by a state agency or department must be made available for introduction within 15 calendar days after the governor's budget was submitted. A bill introduced after that date must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House of Representatives and may not be heard without the approval of that committee.

**2.04 AMENDING BILLS ORIGINATING IN OTHER HOUSE** Either house shall have the power to amend any bill, memorial, or resolution passed by the other house.

**2.05 RECEDING FROM POSITION** Prior to a Conference Committee on any matter, either house may recede from its position on any difference existing between the two houses. In order to recede, and if the matter is not in the possession of a house, that house shall request return of the matter

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from the other house. To recede, a majority of a house shall govern, except in cases otherwise provided in the Constitution. If the question is put and lost, it shall not be put again on the same day. A reconsideration of the question shall in all respects be regulated by the rules of that house.

**2.06 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES** In all cases of disagreement between the Senate and House on amendments adopted by either house to a bill, memorial or resolution passed by the other house, a Conference Committee consisting of not less than three members nor more than five members from each house may be requested by either house. The other house shall appoint a similar committee. The manner of procedure shall be as follows: The house of origin passes a bill and transmits it to the other body. If the other body adopts an amendment to the bill and passes it as amended, it shall return the bill with a record of its actions to the house of origin. If the house of origin refuses to concur in the amendment, it shall ask for a Conference Committee, appoint such a committee on its part, and transmit the bill with a record of its action to the other house. If the other house adheres to its amendment, it shall appoint a like committee and return the bill to the house of origin.

All Conference Committees shall be open to the public. As much as practical, meetings of Conference Committees shall be announced as far in advance as possible, with the intent to provide a 24 hour notice, and actions taken shall be agreed upon in an open meeting. At an agreed upon hour the Conference Committee shall meet. The members from each house shall state to the members from the other house, orally or in writing, the reason for their respective positions. The members shall confer thereon. A conference committee may not meet between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m., except that a committee may extend a meeting for up to one hour past midnight by a vote of two-thirds of the members appointed to the committee by each house. The chair shall rotate between the Senate and the House of Representatives at least every calendar day, Sundays and holidays excepted. The conferees shall report to their respective houses the agreement they have reached, or, if none, the fact of a disagreement. If an agreement is reported, the house of origin shall act first upon the report. A Conference Committee report must be limited to provisions that are germane to the bill and amendments that were referred to the Conference Committee. A provision is not germane if it relates to a substantially different subject or is intended to accomplish a substantially different purpose from that of the bill and amendment that were referred to the Conference Committee. A Conference Committee report may not appropriate a larger sum of money than the larger of the bill or the amendments that were referred to the Conference Committee unless the additional appropriation is authorized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate. A Conference Committee report may not delegate rulemaking to a department or agency of state government or exempt a department or agency of state government from rulemaking unless the delegation or exemption was included in either the bill or the amendment that was referred to the Conference Committee. A Conference Committee report may not create a new commission, council, task force, board, or other body to which a member of the legislature may be appointed unless the body was created in either the bill or the amendment that was referred to the Conference Committee. If the report is adopted and repassed as amended by the Conference Committee by the house of origin, the report, the bill and a record of its action shall be transmitted to the other house. Except after the last Thursday on which the Legislature can meet in regular session in odd-numbered years, and after the last Thursday on which the Legislature intended, when it adopted the concurrent resolution required by Rule 2.03, to meet in regular session in even-numbered years, a written or electronic copy of a report of a Conference Committee shall be placed on the desk of each member of a house, or delivered electronically, twelve hours before action on the report by that house. If the report has been reprinted in the Journal of either house for a preceding day and is available to the members, the Journal copy shall serve as the written report. The member presenting the Conference Committee report to the body shall disclose, either in writing or orally, the substantial changes from the bill or the amendment as they were last before the body.

**2.07 ENROLLMENT AND SIGNATURE** After a bill or memorial or joint resolution has been passed by both houses, it shall be carefully and properly enrolled by the Revisor of Statutes under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate for a matter originating in the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House for a matter originating in the House. The enrollment shall be prepared on archival quality paper approximately 8 1/2" x 14" in size and may be produced by means of a copying machine. An enrolled bill shall be labeled "An Act" but otherwise shall be identical to the bill passed by the Legislature. Other enrollments shall be identical to the memorial or joint resolution passed by the legislature. The Revisor of Statutes shall obtain the signatures and certificates of the proper officers to the enrollment. A joint resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, or prescribing the compensation of judges shall not be presented to the Governor for

approval but shall be deposited by the Revisor of Statutes with the Secretary of State. All other enrollments shall be presented to the Governor for approval.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

**3.01 SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES** Either house may suspend the Joint Rules of the Senate and House by a vote of two-thirds of its members.

**3.02 ODD YEAR SESSION ADJOURNMENT** Adjournment of the regular session in any odd-numbered year to a date certain in the following year shall be equivalent to daily adjournment, except that upon adjournment in any odd-numbered year to a date certain in the following year: (a) Any bill being considered by a Conference Committee shall be returned to the house of origin, laid on the table, and the Conference Committee shall be discharged; (b) Any bill referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03 shall be returned to the standing committee to which it was last previously referred; and (c) Any bill returned by the Governor to the house of origin with the Governor's objections following the adjournment shall be laid on the table.

**3.03 INTERIM COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS** Except as otherwise provided by law, the report of any interim committee or commission to the Legislature shall be submitted on paper 8 1/2" x 11" in size, spiral bound, stapled, or punched on the left edge to fit a standard size three ring binder intended for that size paper. A brief summary of the recommendations of the commission or committee shall appear first and be clearly separated from its findings, discussions, and exhibits. If the report contains legislative recommendations, a copy of any proposed legislation, particularly if extensive in character, shall if possible be attached as an exhibit at the end of the report.

### ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF REGENTS

**4.01 JOINT COMMITTEE** By February 28 of each odd-numbered year, or at a date agreed to by concurrent resolution, a joint committee shall meet to recommend nominees for regent of the University of Minnesota to be presented to a Joint Convention of the legislature. The members of the joint committee are the members of the senate and house budget and policy divisions on higher education. A majority of the members from each house is a quorum of the joint committee.

The joint committee may recommend to the joint convention candidates recommended by the advisory council and any other candidates nominated by the joint committee. Nominations may be made by committee members only. Nominations must be made for a specified congressional or student seat, or for any at-large seat. In recommending nominees, the joint committee must consider the needs of the University of Minnesota. A candidate other than one recommended by the advisory council may be nominated for consideration by the joint committee only if the nomination receives the support of at least three house of representatives members of the committee and two senate members of the committee. The joint committee must make recommendations for vacancies on the Board of Regents. The roll shall be called viva voce on the recommendation of regents. A candidate must receive a majority vote of members from the house of representatives and from the senate on the joint committee to be recommended to the joint convention. The joint committee must meet to interview candidates and recommend candidates to the joint convention.

**4.02 JOINT CONVENTION** At the Joint Convention of the Senate and House of Representatives called to elect regents, the joint committee shall report the name of the person or persons recommended for each seat. These persons are considered to be nominated. Any member of the legislature may submit additional nominations. If there is more than one at-large seat to be filled, all candidates nominated for an at-large seat are candidates for any of the at-large seats. The roll shall be called viva voce on the election of regents. The roll must be called first on congressional district seats until they are filled, then on the student seat, and then on the at-large seats. Each member may cast one vote for each seat to be filled, but no more than one vote for a candidate. The candidate for each seat receiving a majority of the votes cast must be declared elected. If there is more than one at-large seat to be filled and more than one candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes must be declared elected; in case of a tie for the highest number of votes, the votes must be cast again. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for a seat, on each succeeding ballot the candidate with the fewest votes must be dropped from consideration and the votes cast again until a majority vote is achieved. Any candidate with fewer than 20 votes on any ballot shall also be dropped on succeeding ballots.

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### JOINT LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES AND LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS

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**Law provides:** The commission appoints the legislative auditor (for a six-year term) and, through reports from the auditor, provides oversight of state agencies and programs. The commission is composed of twelve members; three from each major caucus (Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican) in the House and Senate (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.97). The office of legislative auditor serves as the post-audit agency for all state departments and agencies, reviews the financial activities and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and evaluates the results and effectiveness of programs. The office includes a financial audits division and a program evaluation division. **Legislative Auditor:** James Nobles

#### OFFICE OF THE REVISOR OF STATUTES

**Office:** 700 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

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**Function:** The office drafts bills, resolutions, amendments, motions, committee reports, and other documents for the legislature; drafts administrative rules for state agencies; edits and publishes Laws of Minnesota, Minnesota Statutes, and Minnesota Rules; assists with the engrossment and enrollment of bills; reports to the Legislature on statutory deficiencies noted in opinions of the Supreme Court; provides computer services to the Legislature; and performs other services upon request of the Legislature. **Revisor:** Michele L. Timmons

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

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**Website:** [www.leg.mn/lrl](http://www.leg.mn/lrl) **E-mail:** [refdesk@lrl.leg.mn](mailto:refdesk@lrl.leg.mn)

**Law provides:** The library provides public policy resources to legislators, legislative staff members, and citizens and serves as a depository for state agency publications. The library also serves as custodian for recordings of committee meetings and floor sessions, committee logs, and minute books. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.302, 3.3025, and 3.195)

#### LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION (LCC)

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

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**Law provides:** The commission coordinates certain activities of the Senate and the House of Representatives, supervises all legislative commissions and joint agencies, sets the complement and salaries, and reviews the budget. The commission determines the benefits for legislators, employees of both houses, and the joint agencies. Membership consists of the president of the senate, the majority leader of the senate, two senators appointed by the majority leader, the minority leader of the senate, one senator appointed by the minority leader, and the speaker of the house, two representatives appointed by the speaker, the majority leader of the house, the minority leader of the house, and one representative appointed by the minority leader. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Sections 3.303-3.305) **Director:** Greg Hubinger

#### FOREIGN DELEGATIONS LIAISON

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The liaison serves as the main point of contact in scheduling meetings and arranging itineraries for international and state delegations visiting the Legislature. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.303, subd 5)

#### LCC OFFICE ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN

**Office:** G-95 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-8590 Toll-free: (800) 657-3949

**Law provides:** The commission studies and reports on the economic status of women in Minnesota and makes recommendations to the Legislature. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.303)

**LCC SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Office:** 2 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-1121 **Website:** [www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcc/rules.htm](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcc/rules.htm)

**Law provides:** The subcommittee consists of two members of the Senate and two members of the House. It reviews a state agency rule upon the written request of two or more of its members or five or more members of the legislature. It may hold public hearings to investigate complaints with respect to rules if it considers the complaints meritorious and worthy of attention. The subcommittee meets at the call of the chair. The chair rotates between the House and Senate every two years. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.303, subd 8)

**LCC SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2963

**Law provides:** The subcommittee monitors collective bargaining between the state and its employees. The commission must approve negotiated and arbitrated labor contracts before they become effective. The contracts are submitted later to the full Legislature for ratification. The subcommittee approves compensation plans for unrepresented employees and must approve salary increases for heads of state agencies and higher education systems. It also conducts studies on public employment issues. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.855)

**Commission Director:** Greg Hubinger

**LCC GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION**

**Office:** 55 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155,

**Phone:** (651) 296-0098 **Website:** [www.gis.leg.mn](http://www.gis.leg.mn)

**Function:** The office is responsible for the development and maintenance of map data and is the repository for statewide boundary information for legislative use; provides data and produces maps and publications; and provides the Legislature with geographic applications such as demographic analysis, election mapping, and geocoding.

**COMPENSATION COUNCIL**

**Office:** Legislative Coordinating Commission, 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2963

**Law provides:** The 16-member council makes recommendations to the Legislature in establishing the compensation of constitutional officers, legislators, supreme court justices, court of appeals judges, and trial court judges. It also makes recommendations regarding the salary ranges for heads of state agencies. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 15A.082)

**GREAT LAKES COMMISSION**

**Office:** Legislative Coordinating Commission, 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

**Law provides:** The commission seeks to increase economic development of the Great Lakes while protecting their environmental integrity. Two state representatives, two state senators, and one member appointed by the governor represent Minnesota on the eight-state commission. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 1.21)

**JOINT HOUSE-SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLAIMS**

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-0099

The joint subcommittee hears and recommends to the Legislature whether to pay claims against the state by various persons who cannot proceed against the state under the State Tort Claims Act. The joint subcommittee also handles other claims that cannot be litigated. Membership of the subcommittee consists of three representatives and three senators.

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### LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Office:** 400 Centennial Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-8011

**Law provides:** The commission has authority to review and grant requests by state departments and agencies for funding from contingent appropriations or spending of federal funds. The commission has six members for any given request: the majority leader of the senate or a designee, the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the senate division of finance responsible for overseeing the items being considered by the commission, the speaker of the house or designee, the chair of the house ways and means committee, and the chair of the appropriate house finance committee responsible for overseeing the items being considered by the commission. The commissioner of management and budget acts as secretary and keeps a permanent record and minutes of its proceedings. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.30)

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651)296-9002

**Law provides:** The commission oversees the Metropolitan Council's operating and capital budgets, work program, and capital improvement program. The membership of the commission consists of seven senators and seven representatives. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.8841)

### LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

**Office:** 65 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2406

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**Law provides:** The commission advises the Legislature on the allocations (on an annual or biennial basis) for certain dedicated funding sources (primarily the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund) for projects "for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources" (Minnesota Constitution Section 14 as amended November 3, 1998). The commission consists of five representatives, five senators, and seven citizen members (five appointed by the governor and one each by the house and senate). (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 116P)

**Executive Director:** Susan Thornton

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The commission is established under the authority of the Legislative Coordinating Commission to oversee the operating and capital budgets of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority. The membership of the commission consists of six senators and six representatives. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.8842)

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

**Office:** 55 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2750 **Website:** [www.lcpr.leg.mn](http://www.lcpr.leg.mn)

**Law provides:** The commission makes a continuing study and investigation of retirement benefit plans applicable to nonfederal government employees in this state. The commission consists of seven senators and seven representatives. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.85)

**Executive Director:** Lawrence A. Martin

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PLANNING AND FISCAL POLICY

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The principal responsibilities of the commission include providing the legislature with research and analysis of current and projected state revenue, state expenditures and state tax expenditures, and the governor's proposed levels of revenue and expenditures for biennial budgets. The commission conducts research on matters of economic and fiscal policy, provides economic reports and studies on the state's economy, reviews and makes recommendations on the operation of state programs, and makes continuing studies of the building needs of state government. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.885)

### LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The commission evaluates the energy policies of the state, assessing the impact on the future of the environment and the economy; monitors the state's progress in achieving goals to develop renewable sources of electric energy; evaluates progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions; reviews and recommends proposed energy legislation and takes public testimony on energy issues. The membership of the commission consists of ten senators and ten representatives. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.885)

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**LEGISLATIVE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND COMMISSION**

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The commission reviews statutes and recommends any changes necessary for provident utilization of school trust lands, and reports annually to the legislature with recommendations for management of school trust fund lands to secure long-term economic return for the permanent school fund. The membership of the commission consists of six senators and six representatives. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 127A.30)

**LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL**

**Office:** 95 State Office Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55155 **Phone:** (651) 297-7141

**Website:** www.lsohc.leg.mn **E-mail:** lsohc@lsohc.leg.mn

**Law provides:** The council provides annual Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriation recommendations to the Legislature. The Outdoor Heritage Fund is one of four funds created by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The council consists of two representatives, two senators and eight citizen members (four appointed by the governor and two each by the house and senate.) (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 97A.056) **Executive Director:** Bill Becker

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION**

**Office:** Box 59159, Minneapolis 55459-8257

**Phone:** (763) 212-8556 **Website:** www.mnmississippiriver.com

**Law provides:** The multi-state commission works to preserve, promote, and enhance the scenic, historic, and recreational resources of the Mississippi River, to foster economic growth in the corridor, and to develop the historic Great River Road, which runs from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico. Minnesota's delegation has 15 members, including two members of the House; two members of the Senate; appointees of the commissioners of transportation, natural resources, and agriculture; an appointee of the directors of Explore Minnesota Tourism and the Minnesota Historical Society; and public members. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 161.1419)

**SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Office:** 72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law provides:** The commission reviews agencies subject to sunset and makes recommendations to the legislature on whether the agency should continue to exist. The membership of the commission consists of four senators, four representatives, and four citizen members appointed by the governor. (*Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 3D)

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