



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

To: Chair – Sen. Jim Carlson SD52
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The resolutions listed below are from part of our DFL platform, known as the Action Agenda. They are specific to the work of your committee. The support for each resolution is given; the number of Congressional Districts and Organizing Units, and the percentage of approval by the delegates to the State Convention.

Voter Rights

Advocates for enhanced access to voting by supporting the John Lewis Freedom to Vote Act, supporting multiple ways to cast ballots such as in-person early voting with immediate ballot counting, automatic voter registration upon obtaining a Driver's License with an opt-out option, and pre-registration of high-school students age 16 and 17. [8 CDs, 96 OUs, 95%]

Safe and Secure Elections

Supports strengthening democracy by using 21st century technology to ensure all Minnesotans are able to cast their ballot freely, safely, and equally. We also support enhanced protections for voters and elections officials against threat or intimidation, foreign or domestic. [8 CDs, 34 OUs, 90%]

Restore felon voting rights

supports the passage of legislation restoring voting rights to Minnesotans convicted of a felony after they are granted supervised probation or parole. [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 90%]

Dismantle racial, gender, and economic injustice

Supports taking bold action to dismantle racial, gender and economic injustice in our democracy, institutions, and public programs. [7 CDs, 14 OUs, 84%]

Redistricting commission

supports the creation of a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission empowered to draw fair district boundaries at local, state, and federal levels, after the 2030 census and for all future redistricting. [8 CDs, 33 Resolutions, 80%]

National Popular Vote

Support passage of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to elect the President by popular vote. [6 CDs, 17 OUs, 78%]

From the DFL Ongoing Agenda:

We Support

- Free elections and democracy.
- Disclosure of financial political campaign support.
- The use of ranked choice voting, also known as instant runoff voting, for local, state, and all federal primary and general elections.
- Campaign finance reform, including: Fair public financing of presidential and congressional elections.
- A ban on gifts from lobbyists to elected officials.

We Oppose

- Barriers to participation in society.
- Using government agencies for political purposes.
- Laws and policies that restrict government employees' right to participate in the political process.

We present this report as a summary of the passion of our grass roots, a vision of our caring society. We appreciate your support for the DFL's legislative priorities as you move forward this session. Thank you for supporting the people of Minnesota.