



# DEMOCRACY FOR THE PEOPLE ACT



This is a critical moment for our democracy, which has been recently tested with disinformation, division, and attacks on voters that culminated in a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

House DFLers are fighting to defend and strengthen our democracy as others seek to restrict and undermine it. We are championing bold legislation to protect and strengthen the right to vote, amplify the voices of Minnesotans by reducing the influence of dark money and corporations in our politics, and ensure that our democracy is fair and responsive to the needs of Minnesotans.

## Defend Minnesota Voters and Our Democratic Institutions

- Prohibit intimidation and harassment of voters and elections officials.
- Prohibit deceptive practices intended to undermine our elections and disenfranchise voters.
- Ensure our state and local elections officials have access to federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds for election security and infrastructure.

## Strengthen the Right to Vote

- Strengthen voter registration by instituting automatic voter registration and allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote.
- Restore the right to vote for Minnesotans living in our communities on probation and parole.
- Strengthen absentee voting by creating a permanent absentee ballot list, establishing ballot drop box and return sites, removing the witness requirement, and ensuring voting instructions for absentee ballots are provided in multiple languages.

## Increase Transparency and Disclosure of Secret Spending

- Close dark money loopholes and increase transparency to unveil who is spending to influence our elections.
- Require disclosure of the largest donors who are funding outside groups that spend big money in our elections and disclosure of online and digital advertising.

## Empower Minnesota Voters in Our Elections

- Modernize the Political Contribution Refund (PCR) into a Democracy Dollars coupon available to all eligible registered Minnesota voters.
- Strengthen Minnesota's campaign finance system to empower voters and small donors with a small donor public financing match program for Minnesota candidates and the creation of small donor committees for grassroots efforts.

## Ensure Our Democracy is Drawn to Represent Minnesota

- Create fair criteria for redistricting for lawmakers to follow when drawing maps.
- Create a public process to solicit Minnesotans' input, make redistricting data available to the public, and provide advance notice of maps and hearings.

