

STATE OF MINNESOTA

The Single-Subject and Legislative Transparency Act of 2026

A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting omnibus legislation; requiring single-subject bills; establishing transparency requirements; providing enforcement mechanisms; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes.

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

Section 1. TITLE.

This act shall be known as the “Single-Subject and Legislative Transparency Act of 2026.”

Section 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to:

1. End the use of large omnibus bills containing unrelated provisions;
2. Ensure each law is transparent and clearly understood;
3. Require open and focused debate on individual policy issues;
4. Restore public trust through accountability and clarity in lawmaking.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Single Subject.

“Single subject” means one clearly defined and unified policy objective.

Subd. 2. Omnibus Bill.

“Omnibus bill” means any bill containing multiple unrelated subjects or provisions.

Subd. 3. Strict Relation Standard.

Provisions must directly and narrowly contribute to the same specific objective and remain within the same scope. Broad or indirect connections are not sufficient.

Section 4. SINGLE-SUBJECT REQUIREMENT.

Subdivision 1. Requirement.

No bill shall contain more than one subject.

Subd. 2. Prohibition.

Bills combining unrelated policy areas are prohibited, even if presented under a broad theme.

Section 5. AMENDMENT TRANSPARENCY.

Subdivision 1. Written Changes Required.

All amendments must be fully written and publicly available.

Subd. 2. Change Log Requirement.

Each amendment must include a clear record of what was changed, when it was changed, and why.

Subd. 3. No Last-Minute Additions.

No provision may be added without full documentation and public disclosure.

Section 6. TWO-WEEK REVIEW PERIOD.

Subdivision 1. Waiting Period.

After any change or amendment, a bill must be publicly available for a minimum of 14 days before a final vote.

Subd. 2. Reset Requirement.

Any change resets the 14-day review period.

Subd. 3. Public Engagement Purpose.

This period ensures time for lawmakers, the public, and media to review, discuss, and evaluate the bill to prevent rushed decisions that could significantly impact the state.

Section 7. ENFORCEMENT.

Subdivision 1. Legislative Enforcement.

Noncompliant bills shall be ruled out of order.

Subd. 2. Judicial Review.

Any citizen may challenge a law enacted in violation of this Act.

Subd. 3. Governor Authority.

The Governor shall veto any bill that violates this Act.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.