



2019-2020 Legislative Recommendations

1. Minnesota needs to send a resolution to Congress to adopt an amendment to reverse the *Citizens United* decision that has allowed billions of dollars to be added to our election campaign spending. Nineteen other states have already done so
2. Minnesota needs to end the loophole that allows anonymous spending for so called “issue ads” that do not use words of express advocacy such as “vote for.” Twenty-five states and the federal government have done so. Disclosure needs to be timely.
3. Minnesota needs to adopt an independent redistricting commission in order to prevent gerrymandering in the process of drawing new electoral maps.
4. Our state and its municipalities need to adopt Ranked Choice Voting in order to assure that elected officials have at least 50% support.
5. Minnesota needs to permit voting by felons who have been released from custody.
6. Minnesota needs to improve its public financing and small donor efforts by protecting and expanding its political contribution refund program and its public subsidy program.
7. Minnesota needs to join the compact among the states that provides that each state will award its electors based on the national popular vote. Eleven states have done so.
8. Minnesota needs to improve funding for the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board so that it can be pro-active and conduct research such as the extent of dark money in Minnesota from so-called “social welfare” groups such as 501c4s.
9. Minnesota needs to improve the Economic Interest Statements filed by public officials so that they provide as much information as other states, such as disclosure of spousal interests.
10. Minnesota needs to respect and abide by the Minnesota Constitution’s single subject rule for legislation and the public must have time to review legislation and amendments.

11. Minnesota needs to review its recently adopted statute on cooperation between candidates and independent expenditure committee to eliminate loopholes that were not a part of the Campaign Finance Board recommendations.
12. Minnesota needs to examine the propriety of bundling by and direct contributions from lobbyists to candidates or officeholders.
13. Minnesota needs to adopt automatic voter registration.
14. Minnesota needs to end the revolving door from the legislature or the executive branch into private lobbying.
15. Minnesota needs to set an upper limit for contributions to the Governor's inaugural.

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