



'Civics Lesson' Update as of 2/14/2025:

- **Republicans broke the Democrat Tri-fecta by what was thought to be a tie in the House [67-67].**
- **MN In-Play Seat Summary**
 - **MN HD 40B**
 - Has had three court cases resolved. **A fourth lawsuit was filed by Republicans on 1/30/2025 against Secretary of State Steve Simon.**
 - **Special Election now legally called**
 - [Help support the Republican candidate, Paul Wickstrom!](#)
 - **MN HD54A [See Pages 2-3]**
 - **Judge issue and 'advisory' ruling that no special election was required.**
 - **Scott County Commissioner Action** – request a 3rd party audit on election processes! **No deadline to this action!**
 - **Recall Petition Effort [See Page 4]**
 - **All [Democrat held MN House Seats have Recall Petitions](#) in process.**
 - **A Recall petition has been filed against 4-term 24A Republican Representative**

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**DETAIL ON THE ABOVE FOLLOWS**

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MN HD40B [Roseville/Shoreview] and House Impact:

The court sided with Republicans on the following cases:

- 1) **Republicans proved Curtis Johnson doesn't reside in HD 40B so election is void.**
- 2) **Curtis Johnson can't resign from a seat he never was sworn-in to hold so no Special Election could be called by Walz until 22 days after the session starts.**
- 3) **The MN Supreme Court ruled in favor of Democrats on needing 68 for a Quorum.** No business for the people of MN can be done until the Democrats show up to work.

Republicans have filed a **fourth lawsuit** saying Secretary of State Steve Simon, in his role as temporary presiding officer, illegally obstructed Republicans' ability to compel the attendance of absent Democrats which is written plainly in the MN Constitution. Read the full article in [Alpha News](#).

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## MN HD54A [Shakopee]

As Brad Tabke's attorney said prior to the court ruling on whether a special election is needed, any judgement on this case is advisory. The court (advised) that no special election is needed. [This story is not over.]

**ACTION:** For the following reasons, we ask EVERYONE to call or write the Scott County Commissioners to request the County pay for a 3rd Party Auditor to investigate to understand the process issues and determine solutions to restore confidence in the elections. We need to continue to put pressure on the Commissioners!

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**CONCERNS to Raise with Commissioners in Requesting a 3rd Party Audit to restore voter confidence in the election processes:**

1. The county posted, with 100% precincts reporting, that Aaron Paul won by over 300 votes. After midnight the results were pulled and by morning it was reported that absentee ballots were found giving Brad Tabke (D) a lead of about 15 votes. The recount dropped the lead to 14 votes.

**How do you report 100% and then find more ballots?**

- 2) It came to light that 20 or 21 ballots were missing and later confirmed to have been thrown out.

**How does the election process allow for ballots being thrown out? Every election judge knows you need to account for EVERY ballot, even spoiled or unused ballots.**

- 3) Across Scott County there are over 90 ballots that do not have voters assigned to them. We know that those under protection have identity concealed. There are less than 800 protected voters across MN which averages less than six (6) per district.



**How do you have so MANY ballots/votes that are not assigned to a voter? How does 54A have over 11% of the entire state of protected voters in one district? Were there ballots cast without identifying voters who may not have been from the district too? How do you prove this? Isn't there an indicator to show if they are in protected status?**

- 4) Within 54A about 30 voters voted twice. These were discovered after Scott County submitted their 'completed' or final voter records to the SOS on 12/6/24. **While the voter records were updated to remove most of the duplicate voter records, does that change the number of votes cast? How do you know what votes to remove or do the votes stay and just the voter history records get change? How is any voter allowed to vote twice? MN pays for a sophisticated system, ERIC, that is supposed to prevent duplicate voting from happening. Didn't it work?**
- 5) It was also discovered that the voter files continued to be updated after the due date of 12/17/24 or when files are entered to be 'completed'. According to the SOS website Scott County posted their 'completed' data file on 12/6/2024. Between 12/25/24 and 1/9/25 the data changed to now only have 6 voters double voting. **Questions include: How do they determine which voter record to use when 'cleaning up the records'? How are they able to update 'completed' voter records without requesting an extension according to election statutes? Does this 'clean-up' impact the votes on the double ballots or are both sets of votes still included in the final vote counts for candidates for these double voters?**
- 6) When is the workshop going to occur that was stated by the Commissioners at the January County Commissioner's meeting for the purpose of being able to provide direction for any 3<sup>rd</sup> party election audit? **It is our understanding that the Commissioners wanted to have a workshop to formulate what questions to be investigated (we think this list is a good start) before any request of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit is to occur so that the auditors know where to focus their investigation. We want to participate and want to know when this is to be scheduled.**

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Republican Party of Minnesota is in action!

Recall Petitions have been developed to be submitted for all Democrat held districts across Minnesota. Here is an [enthusiastic post](#) with over 143k views in 6 days!

On Thursday, February 13, 2025, six (6) initial Recall Petitions of Democrat Representatives were submitted at the SOS.

34B (Melissa Hortman, DFL); 36B (Brion Curran, DFL); 37B (Kristin Bahner, DFL); 48B (Lucy Rehm, DFL); 50A (Julie Greene, DFL); and 50B (Steve Elkins, DFL)

The MN SOS needs to validate the petitions and signatures. They will confirm each district has sufficient signatures and that they approve the petition. If all is approved, it goes to the Minnesota Supreme Court and the next steps will follow. More districts are ready to submit soon. **The full recall process can be read on page 2 of the following link:**

<https://www.house.mn.gov/hrd/pubs/ss/ssrecall.pdf>

Read up and be educated! If you want to support this activity, [sign up now!](#)

Don't think the other side is sitting silent either. They have [filed a petition against a Republican Representative](#) David Quam, 24A. Which has been moved to the Supreme Court. Case #: A25-0227

You can read the detail of the petitions at:

<https://macsnc.courts.state.mn.us/ctrack/publicLogin.jsp;jsessionid=45D2D2E433B74610ABCAE7FB8F6294D3>

More to come!