

1.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.2 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
1.3 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
1.4 for casting the absentee ballots. The ~~return~~ signature envelope containing marked ballots
1.5 may be mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left
1.6 with the county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter,
1.7 or may be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the
1.8 ~~return~~ signature envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by
1.9 ~~8:00~~ 5:00 p.m. on election day.

1.10 (b) The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed absentee ballot
1.11 return envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the return envelope
1.12 in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the return envelopes of not more than three voters
1.13 in any election. Any person designated as an agent who tampers with either the return
1.14 envelope or the voted ballots or does not immediately mail or deliver the return envelope
1.15 to the county auditor or municipal clerk is guilty of a misdemeanor.