

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2474 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Section. 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Application procedures.** (a) Except as otherwise allowed by subdivision
1.5 2 or by section 203B.11, subdivision 4, or 203B.29, an application for absentee ballots for
1.6 any election:

1.7 (1) may be submitted in person at any time not later than the day before the election; or

1.8 (2) if not submitted in-person as provided in clause (1), must be received at any time
1.9 not less than ~~one day~~ seven days before the day of that election.

1.10 The county auditor shall prepare absentee ballot application forms in the format provided
1.11 by the secretary of state and shall furnish them to any person on request. By January 1 of
1.12 each even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall make the forms to be used available
1.13 to auditors through electronic means. An application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
1.14 shall be in writing. An application may be submitted in person, by electronic facsimile
1.15 device, by electronic mail, or by mail to:

1.16 (1) the county auditor of the county where the applicant maintains residence; or

1.17 (2) the municipal clerk of the municipality, or school district if applicable, where the
1.18 applicant maintains residence.

1.19 (b) An absentee ballot application may alternatively be submitted electronically through
1.20 a secure website that shall be maintained by the secretary of state for this purpose. After
1.21 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to an election, the secretary of state must replace the electronic
1.22 application with information detailing the available options to vote before and on the

2.1 upcoming election day. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the secretary of state must require
2.2 applicants using the website to submit the applicant's email address and the applicant's:

2.3 (1) verifiable Minnesota driver's license number; or Minnesota state identification card
2.4 number; or; and

2.5 (2) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

2.6 If an applicant does not possess both types of documents, the applicant must include the
2.7 number for one type of document and must affirmatively certify that the applicant does not
2.8 possess the other type of documentation. This paragraph does not apply to a town election
2.9 held in March.

2.10 (c) An application submitted electronically under ~~this~~ paragraph (b) may only be
2.11 transmitted to the county auditor for processing if the secretary of state has verified the
2.12 application information matches the information in a government database associated with
2.13 the applicant's driver's license number, state identification card number, or Social Security
2.14 number. The secretary of state must review all unverifiable applications for evidence of
2.15 suspicious activity and must forward any such application to an appropriate law enforcement
2.16 agency for investigation.

2.17 (d) An application shall be approved if it is timely received, signed and dated by the
2.18 applicant, contains the applicant's name and residence and mailing addresses, date of birth,
2.19 and at least one of the following:

2.20 (1) the applicant's Minnesota driver's license number;

2.21 (2) Minnesota state identification card number;

2.22 (3) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number; or

2.23 (4) a statement that the applicant does not have any of these numbers.

2.24 All applications must be retained by the county auditor or the municipal clerk or school
2.25 district clerk, if applicable. If an application is received after 5:00 p.m. seven days prior to
2.26 the election, the official in charge of the ballot board must, within one day of receipt of the
2.27 application, attempt to contact the applicant by telephone or email to notify the applicant
2.28 of opportunities to vote in the election. The official must document the attempts made to
2.29 contact the applicant.

2.30 (e) To be approved, the application must contain an oath that the information contained
2.31 on the form is accurate, that the applicant is applying on the applicant's own behalf, and
2.32 that the applicant is signing the form under penalty of perjury.

(f) An applicant's full date of birth, Minnesota driver's license or state identification number, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number must not be made available for public inspection. An application may be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by an electronic facsimile device. An application mailed or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk on behalf of a voter by a person other than the voter must be deposited in the mail or returned in person to the county auditor or municipal clerk within ~~ten~~ seven days after it has been dated by the voter and no later than ~~six~~ seven days before the election.

(g) An application under this subdivision may contain an application under subdivision 5 to automatically receive an absentee ballot."

Page 2, line 11, delete ", whichever is later"

Page 2, delete section 2 and insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** (a) After the close of business on the 19th day before the election, the ballots from ~~secrecy~~ ballot envelopes within the signature envelopes marked "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86, subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate ballot box. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, the ballots must be returned in the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and may not be counted.

(b) Accepted signature envelopes must be segregated by precinct and processed in accordance with this subdivision on a precinct-by-precinct basis. Precincts within a combination polling place established in section 205A.11, subdivision 2, may be processed together. At each step, members of the ballot board must notify the official responsible for the ballot board if there is a discrepancy in any count required by paragraphs (c) to (e) and note it in the ballot board incident log.

(c) Before opening accepted signature envelopes, two members of the ballot board must count and record the number of envelopes and ensure that the count matches either the number of accepted signature envelopes provided by the official responsible for the ballot board or the number of signature envelopes accepted by the ballot board that day.

(d) Two members of the ballot board must remove the ballots from the ballot envelopes. The governing body responsible for the ballot board must retain all ballot envelopes through the contest period of that election.

(e) After ballots have been removed from the ballot envelopes, two members of the ballot board must count and record the number of ballots to ensure the count matches the number of accepted signature envelopes, accounting for any empty envelopes or spoiled ballots, which must be noted on the ballot board incident log."

Page 4, after line 9, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Emergency response providers.** Any eligible Minnesota voter who is a trained or certified emergency response provider or utility worker who is deployed in response to any state of emergency declared by the President of the United States or any governor of any state within the United States during the time period authorized by law for absentee voting or on election day may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically. Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor must electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee ballot application deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this subdivision. The county auditor is not required to provide return postage to voters to whom ballots are transmitted electronically.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Reasonable accommodation for voter with disability.** Any eligible Minnesota voter with a print disability, including any voter with disabilities that interfere with the effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials, may request that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter electronically in an accessible format that meets Election Assistance Commission minimum accessibility requirements. Upon receipt of a properly completed application requesting electronic transmission, the county auditor shall electronically transmit the requested materials to the voter. The absentee ballot application deadlines in section 203B.04, subdivision 1, do not apply to this subdivision. The county auditor must also mail the voter materials required under section 203B.07."

Page 4, line 11, delete "At the end of"

Page 4, line 14, delete "that day,"

Page 4, line 25, delete ", whichever is later"

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

5.1 Amend the title accordingly