

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1140, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H1140DE2), as follows:

1.3 Page 14, after line 15, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Marking and return by voter.** (a) An eligible voter who receives absentee
1.6 ballots as provided in this chapter shall mark them in the manner specified in the directions
1.7 for casting the absentee ballots. The return envelope containing marked ballots may be
1.8 mailed as provided in the directions for casting the absentee ballots, may be left with the
1.9 county auditor or municipal clerk who transmitted the absentee ballots to the voter, or may
1.10 be left in a drop box as provided in section 203B.082. If delivered in person, the return
1.11 envelope must be submitted to the county auditor or municipal clerk by ~~3:00~~ 8:00 p.m. on
1.12 election day.

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

1.19 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 203B.08, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 3. **Procedures on receipt of ballots.** When absentee ballots are returned to a
1.21 county auditor or municipal clerk, that official shall stamp or initial and date the return
1.22 envelope and place it in a locked ballot container or other secured and locked space with
1.23 other return envelopes received by that office. Within five days after receipt, the county
1.24 auditor or municipal clerk shall deliver to the ballot board all ballots received, except that

- 2.1 during the 14 days immediately preceding an election, the county auditor or municipal clerk
- 2.2 shall deliver all ballots received to the ballot board within three days. Ballots received on
- 2.3 election day ~~either (1) after 3:00 p.m., if delivered in person; or (2) after 8:00 p.m., if~~
- 2.4 ~~delivered by mail or a package delivery service,~~ shall be marked as received late by the
- 2.5 county auditor or municipal clerk, and must not be delivered to the ballot board."
- 2.6 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references