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Representative Michael Nelson  
Minnesota State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Nelson,

The Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) would like to express our support for the extension period from 7 to 14 days in Sec. 20 Subd. 3 that is located in HF1160 (Nelson.)

We have long heard from voters that they prefer to place their ballot directly into the tabulator – this gives them the option to do so for a longer period of time.

From an administrative perspective, it saves time and money in supplies, which is then realized in savings to our residents. It continues the process established in 2020, giving staff 14 days for all the corresponding processing and ballot board activities, while expanding direct balloting to match the timeframe, reducing confusion for voters and elections staff alike. As an added benefit, reporting of results on election night should be available more quickly.

This is a current priority item on MACO's 2021 legislative platform and we thank you for your support. As always, MACO members are always available as resources and committee testers.

Sincerely yours,

*Julie Hanson*

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