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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to fair campaign practices; requiring elected officials to be given access
1.3 to multiple unit dwellings under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211B.20, subdivisions 2, 3.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Prohibition. (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
1.9 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
1.10 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
1.11 dwellings are located on private roadways to an elected official or to a candidate who has:

1.12 (1) organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;

1.13 (2) filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; or

1.14 (3) filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office.

1.15 An elected official or candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to
1.16 be accompanied by campaign staff or volunteers.

1.17 (b) Access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the district or territory
1.18 that is represented by the elected official or will be represented by the office to which the
1.19 candidate seeks election, and the elected official or candidate and any accompanying
1.20 campaign staff or volunteers seek access exclusively for the purpose of purposes related to
1.21 the official work of the elected official, campaigning for a candidate, or registering voters.

2.1 ~~The~~ An elected official must be currently serving in office. A candidate must be seeking
 2.2 election to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

2.3 (c) ~~A~~ An elected official or candidate and any accompanying ~~campaign staff or~~ volunteers
 2.4 granted access under this section must be permitted to knock on the doors of individual
 2.5 units to speak with residents, and to leave materials related to the official work of the elected
 2.6 official or campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a
 2.7 nursing home may direct that ~~the campaign~~ any materials be left at a central location within
 2.8 the facility. The ~~campaign~~ materials must be left in an orderly manner.

2.9 (d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, ~~a~~ an elected official or candidate and
 2.10 accompanying staff or volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a
 2.11 single visit, but access is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple elected officials
 2.12 or candidates are traveling together, each elected official or candidate and that official's or
 2.13 candidate's accompanying staff or volunteers ~~is~~ are limited to one building at a time, but all
 2.14 of the officials and candidates and accompanying staff or volunteers traveling together must
 2.15 not be restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

2.16 (e) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

2.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211B.20, subdivision 2, is amended
 2.18 to read:

2.19 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not prohibit:

2.20 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or
 2.21 personal residential unit;

2.22 (2) requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to admission
 2.23 to a multiple unit dwelling;

2.24 (3) in the case of a nursing home or an assisted living facility under chapter 144G, denial
 2.25 of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

2.26 (4) limiting visits by elected officials or candidates, or staff or volunteers accompanied
 2.27 by the official or candidate, to a reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours, provided
 2.28 that access must be permitted during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. on any day,
 2.29 at a minimum;

2.30 (5) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or

2.31 (6) denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple unit dwelling for good cause.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211B.20, subdivision 3, is amended
3.2 to read:

3.3 Subd. 3. **Notice to residents.** The owner, manager, or operator of a multiple unit dwelling
3.4 is encouraged to notify residents of the days on which a an elected official or candidate has
3.5 provided notice of an intent to be present.

3.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.7 read:

3.8 Subd. 4. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "elected official" means an individual
3.9 who was elected to or appointed to an elected federal, statewide, legislative, judicial, or
3.10 local office, including special districts, school districts, towns, home rule charter and statutory
3.11 cities, and counties, except president and vice president of the United States and presidential
3.12 electors.