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Dear Chair Freiberg and Members of the Elections Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and the Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO), we are writing to you in support of HF 204 (Bahner) to allow electronic signatures for electronic voter rosters.

Many precincts across the state utilize electronic poll pads to process voter check-in on election day. Under current law, when a voter verifies their identity at a polling place via an electronic roster, they sign a printed paper form. This bill would allow voters to sign directly on the poll pad. Poll pads have been a great tool for our precincts to quickly and efficiently check-in voters. We support the ability to use electronic signatures during this process.

In addition to increasing efficiency, allowing electronic signatures will also increase accessibility. Our local election officials value the elections process and work to make it accessible to those of all abilities. We support efforts such as this, that will help expand accessibility and ease for voters.

By giving the option to accept electronic signatures, precincts can work effectively and aid in elections administration while expanding voter accessibility.

Sincerely,

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