

1.1 Quam from the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations to which
1.2 was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 1800, A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying certain voting
1.4 administration provisions, including candidate filing, registration, vouching, election judges,
1.5 polling places, ballots, postelection review; requiring reports; providing criminal penalties;
1.6 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 201.061,
1.7 subdivision 3; 201.091, subdivision 2; 201.14; 201.225, subdivision 1; 203B.06, subdivision
1.8 3; 203B.23, subdivision 1; 204B.06, subdivision 1b; 204B.14, subdivision 2; 204B.19,
1.9 subdivision 5; 204B.21, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 204B.25, subdivision 1;
1.10 204B.27, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 204B.40; 204C.07; 204C.24, subdivision
1.11 1; 204C.35, by adding a subdivision; 204D.17, by adding a subdivision; 206.845, subdivisions
1.12 1, 2, 3; 206.89, subdivisions 2, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.13 chapter 204C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, subdivision 3.

1.14 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.15 Page 6, after line 20, insert:

1.16 "Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.17 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; applicable laws.** (a) The governing body of each county,
1.18 municipality, and school district with responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots or
1.19 to administer early voting must, by ordinance or resolution, establish a ballot board. The
1.20 board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections
1.21 204B.19 to 204B.22. The board may include deputy county auditors or deputy city clerks
1.22 who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Each member
1.23 of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of
1.24 absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting absentee
1.25 ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board,
1.26 procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots,
1.27 and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

1.28 (b) Each jurisdiction must pay a reasonable compensation to each member of that
1.29 jurisdiction's ballot board for services rendered during an election. The names and job title

2.1 of all members of a ballot board are public information and must be provided to a requestor
2.2 within five business days of a request.

2.3 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all provisions of the Minnesota Election
2.4 Law apply to a ballot board."

2.5 Page 10, line 27, after the period, insert "Each major political party must be represented
2.6 by at least one election judge in each precinct."

2.7 Page 11, after line 22, insert:

2.8 "The secretary of state must provide a form that may be used by a political party to
2.9 recruit individuals willing to serve as election judges. The form must allow an interested
2.10 individual to indicate a willingness to travel to a precinct outside of the individual's home
2.11 jurisdiction, or to serve as a member of an absentee ballot board."

2.12 Page 14, after line 30, insert:

2.13 "Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.14 Subdivision 1. **Physical assistance in marking ballots.** A voter who claims a need for
2.15 assistance because of inability to read English or physical inability to mark a ballot may
2.16 obtain the aid of two election judges who are members of different major political parties
2.17 at any location where ballots may be cast, including early and in-person absentee voting
2.18 locations, and in a polling place on election day. The election judges shall mark the ballots
2.19 as directed by the voter and in as secret a manner as circumstances permit. A voter in need
2.20 of assistance may alternatively obtain the assistance of any individual the voter chooses.
2.21 Only the following persons may not provide assistance to a voter: the voter's employer, an
2.22 agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person who
2.23 assists the voter shall, unaccompanied by an election judge, retire with that voter to a booth
2.24 and mark the ballot as directed by the voter. Before the ballots are deposited, the voter may
2.25 show them privately to an election judge to ascertain that they are marked as the voter
2.26 directed. An election judge or other individual assisting a voter shall not in any manner
2.27 request, persuade, induce, or attempt to persuade or induce the voter to vote for any particular
2.28 political party or candidate. The election judges or other individuals who assist the voter
2.29 shall not reveal to anyone the name of any candidate for whom the voter has voted or
2.30 anything that took place while assisting the voter.

3.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 2. **Outside the polling place.** An individual who is unable to enter any location
3.3 where ballots may be cast, including early and in-person absentee voting locations, or a
3.4 polling place where paper ballots or an electronic voting system are used may register and
3.5 vote without leaving a motor vehicle. Two election judges who are members of different
3.6 major political parties shall assist the voter to register and to complete a voter's certificate
3.7 and shall provide the necessary ballots. The voter may request additional assistance in
3.8 marking ballots as provided in subdivision 1."

3.9 Page 16, line 16, after the period, insert "This subdivision does not apply to a town with
3.10 fewer than 5,000 residents."

3.11 Page 17, reinstate line 32

3.12 Page 19, delete section 27 and insert:

3.13 "Sec. 30. **APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE.**

3.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general
3.15 fund to the secretary of state for costs associated with implementing this act.

3.16 Sec. 31. **REPEALER.**

3.17 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 204B.21, subdivision 3; and 204C.07, subdivision 5,
3.18 are repealed."

3.19 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.20 Amend the title as follows:

3.21 Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "appropriating money;"

3.22 Correct the title numbers accordingly

3.23 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
3.24 on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

3.25 This Committee action taken March 5, 2025

3.26, Chair