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This bill expands the types of electronic voting systems that may be certified for use in Minnesota to include systems that produce a marked paper ballot using a touch screen or other electronic device.

These alternative systems would only be permitted if the full contents of the ballot are displayed on the screen or device in a form that substantially meets the requirements of law, and the system produces a paper ballot that records the voter's votes for each office and question at the election.

Jurisdictions would be permitted to use multiple types of electronic voting systems at the same election. To ensure voter anonymity, if a voting system is used by ten or fewer voters in a precinct, and the precinct is later subject to a recount or postelection review, the bill prohibits election judges from that precinct from participating in the recount or review.