

Subject Absentee ballot application voter verification

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Overview

This bill requires the county auditor or municipal clerk to submit any absentee ballot application that was not submitted electronically to the secretary of state for the purposes of verifying the voter's Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification number, or Social Security number listed on the application. Under current law, absentee ballot applications that are submitted electronically are only transmitted to the county auditor if the secretary of state has already verified this information.

The bill also requires the secretary of state to review the identification numbers of voters listed as having permanent absentee voter status 60 to 75 days before a regularly scheduled election. If a voter's information cannot be verified, the secretary of state must change the voter's status to "challenged" and remove the voter from the permanent absentee ballot list.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Application procedures.</p> <p>Requires the county auditor or municipal clerk to submit any absentee ballot application that was not submitted electronically to the secretary of state. Requires the secretary of state to verify the Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota state identification number, or Social Security number on the application prior to the application being approved and to submit suspicious, unverifiable applications to an appropriate law enforcement agency. Directs the secretary of state to maintain a secure website for this purpose.</p> |
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Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to elections occurring on or after that date.

Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 771 294">Permanent absentee voter status.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1430 577">Requires the secretary of state to validate the Minnesota driver’s license number, Minnesota state identification number, or Social Security number of each voter with permanent absentee status at least 60 days but no more than 75 days before each regularly scheduled primary and general election. Requires the secretary of state to change the voter’s status to “challenged” if the information cannot be verified and notify the voter that the voter has been removed from the permanent absentee voter list.</p> <p data-bbox="316 609 1323 646">Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to elections occurring on or after that date.</p>



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