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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 1361

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02/08/2023	731	Introduction and first reading Referred to Elections

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to elections; authorizing mail balloting in any town or any city with fewer

1.3than 400 registered voters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45,

1.4subdivision 1.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan county~~

1.8~~as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1

1.9of an election year ~~and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121,~~

1.10may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling

1.11place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor

1.12or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct

1.13balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized

1.14territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any

1.15precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county

1.16auditor.

1.17Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor

1.18or municipal clerk.

1.19**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to elections

1.20conducted on or after that date.