

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 1663

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05/16/2013	3744	Introduction and first reading Referred to Rules and Administration

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A bill for an act

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relating to elections; preventing rejection of ballots that carry identifying marks;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.18, subdivision 2; repealing

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Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.22, subdivision 13.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Ballots; identifying marks; penalty.** No voter, election judge, or other

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individual shall place at any time a mark as a means of identification upon any ballot

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handed to or cast by a voter or upon spoiled or discarded ballots, except the initials

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authorized by section 204C.09. A violation of this subdivision is a gross misdemeanor.

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This subdivision does not prohibit marks made by a voter on the voter's own ballot.

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Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

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Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.22, subdivision 13, is repealed.

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Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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This act is effective the day following final enactment and applies to ballots cast at

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elections conducted on or after that date.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 13-3125

204C.22 DETERMINING VOTER'S INTENT.

Subd. 13. **Identifying ballot.** If a ballot is marked by distinguishing characteristics in a manner making it evident that the voter intended to identify the ballot, the entire ballot is defective.