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A bill for an act

relating to elections; modifying authorization for mail balloting; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204B.45, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A ~~municipality~~ township of any size or a city having fewer than ~~400~~ 1,000 registered voters on June 1 of an election year and not located in a metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121 may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state election with no polling place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations designated by the auditor or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor for permission to conduct balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting by mail in unorganized territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate for mail balloting any precinct having fewer than ~~50~~ 100 registered voters, subject to the approval of the county auditor.

Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county auditor or municipal clerk.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2014 to the secretary of state to develop functionality within the statewide voter registration system to facilitate the processing and tracking of mail ballots.