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State of Minnesota HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **608**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to elections; clarifying prohibitions on soliciting at or near a polling place;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.11, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** (a) A person may not display campaign
- 1.7 material, post signs, must not ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter
- 1.8 to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question (1) within a polling place
- 1.9 or, (2) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or (3) anywhere
- 1.10 on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary or election day to
- 1.11 vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question.
- 1.12 ~~A person may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia~~
- 1.13 ~~to be worn at or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political~~
- 1.14 ~~badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling~~
- 1.15 ~~place on primary or election day. (b) A person must not wear, exhibit, or distribute any item~~
- 1.16 that displays: (1) a candidate's name, likeness, logo, or slogan; (2) a ballot question's number,
- 1.17 title, subject, slogan, or logo; or (3) a political party's name, likeness, logo, or slogan, in a
- 1.18 polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated on primary
- 1.19 or election day. For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements,
- 1.20 flyers, signs, banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar
- 1.21 item.
- 1.22 (c) This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal clerk for
- 1.23 absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

- 2.1 (d) This section applies only during the hours in which a polling place is open for voting.
- 2.2 (e) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as
- 2.3 provided in section 204B.49.