

A bill for an act

relating to elections; requiring voting systems accessible to individuals with disabilities in township elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 206.57, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 206.57, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Voting system for disabled voters.** In federal and state elections held after December 31, 2005, ~~and~~ in county, ~~municipal~~ city, and school district elections held after December 31, 2007; and in township elections held after December 31, 2009, the voting method used in each polling place must include a voting system that is accessible for individuals with disabilities, including nonvisual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other voters.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.