

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 4083

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03/04/2026	6475	Introduction and first reading Referred to Elections HF substituted in committee HF3589

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; permitting a voter to briefly leave a polling place to address

1.3 an unexpected need, at the discretion of the head election judge; amending

1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.13, subdivision 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Leaving the polling place.** (a) An individual who has voted or whose ballot

1.8 has been rejected shall leave the polling place and shall not return except as provided by

1.9 section 204C.06 or 204C.07.

1.10 (b) At the discretion of the head election judge, a voter with a demonstrated need who

1.11 has been issued a ballot may be permitted to briefly leave the polling place to address that

1.12 need and then return to cast the voter's ballot. If a voter is granted this permission, the

1.13 original ballot issued to the voter must remain in the polling place and must be spoiled, and

1.14 a new ballot must be issued to the voter upon the voter's return.