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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; modifying the definition of electronic voting system;

1.3 permitting certain voting system rules and instructions to be made available to and

1.4 acknowledged by a voter using mobile voting technology; amending Minnesota

1.5 Statutes 2024, sections 203B.29, by adding a subdivision; 206.56, subdivision 8,

1.6 by adding a subdivision; 206.58, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in

1.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.29, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.10 to read:

1.11 Subd. 4. **Mobile voting technology.** Notwithstanding subdivision 3, a voter casting a

1.12 ballot in a jurisdiction that has authorized the use of mobile voting technology may request

1.13 that ballots, instructions, and a certificate of voter eligibility be transmitted to the voter

1.14 electronically through the mobile voting technology. The voter may return the ballot and

1.15 certificate of voter eligibility electronically through the mobile voting technology.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.56, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 8. **Electronic voting system.** "Electronic voting system" means a system in which

1.18 the voter records votes by means of marking a ballot, so that votes may be counted by

1.19 automatic tabulating equipment in the polling place where the ballot is cast or at a counting

1.20 center.

1.21 An electronic voting system includes automatic tabulating equipment; nonelectronic

1.22 ballot markers; electronic ballot markers, including electronic ballot display, audio ballot

1.23 reader, and devices by which the voter will register the voter's voting intent; software used

2.1 to program automatic tabulators and layout ballots; mobile voting technology; computer  
 2.2 programs used to accumulate precinct results; ballots; secrecy folders; system documentation;  
 2.3 and system testing results.

2.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.56, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.5 read:

2.6 Subd. 10a. **Mobile voting technology.** "Mobile voting technology" means the use of  
 2.7 an application on a mobile device used to complete and submit a ballot in a secure and  
 2.8 encrypted manner.

2.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.58, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 2. **May use experimental systems.** The governing body of a municipality may  
 2.11 provide for the experimental use of an electronic voting system in one or more precincts  
 2.12 without formal adoption of the system. Use of the system at an election is as valid for all  
 2.13 purposes as if the system had been permanently adopted.

2.14 If the governing body of a municipality decides to use an electronic voting system, it  
 2.15 shall, at a regular or special meeting held not less than 30 days before the election, prescribe  
 2.16 suitable rules and instructions consistent with sections 206.55 to 206.90 for using the system  
 2.17 and shall submit the rules and instructions to the secretary of state for approval. When  
 2.18 approved, ~~a printed copy~~ of the rules and instructions must be posted prominently in the  
 2.19 polling place and must remain open to inspection by the voters throughout election day or  
 2.20 must be made conspicuously available to and acknowledged by a voter using mobile voting  
 2.21 technology prior to voting.

2.22 Sec. 5. [206.803] MOBILE VOTING TECHNOLOGY.

2.23 Subdivision 1. **Minimum requirements.** At a minimum, mobile voting technology  
 2.24 must:

2.25 (1) be an approved electronic voting system pursuant to section 206.57 prior to use;

2.26 (2) utilize security features such as multifactor authentication for the mobile device  
 2.27 application;

2.28 (3) utilize encryption when the ballot is transmitted; and

2.29 (4) be able to print the ballot in the same style and format as other ballots for the same  
 2.30 precinct.

- 3.1 Subd. 2. **Rulemaking.** The secretary of state may adopt rules to implement the use of
- 3.2 mobile voting technology under this section.