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A bill for an act

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections 02/27/2014 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register Read Second Time

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2	relating to elections; preventing rejection of ballots that carry identifying marks;
1.3	amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.18, subdivision 2; repealing
1.4	Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.22, subdivision 13.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
1.7	Subd. 2. Ballots; identifying marks; penalty. No voter, election judge, or other
1.8	individual shall place at any time a mark as a means of identification upon any ballot
1.9	handed to or cast by a voter or upon spoiled or discarded ballots, except the initials
1.10	authorized by section 204C.09. A violation of this subdivision is a gross misdemeanor.
1.11	This subdivision does not prohibit marks made by a voter on the voter's own ballot.
1.12	Sec. 2. <u>REPEALER.</u>
1.13	Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204C.22, subdivision 13, is repealed.
1.14	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- This act is effective the day following final enactment and applies to ballots cast at 1.15
- elections conducted on or after that date. 1.16

APPENDIX Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 13-3125

204C.22 DETERMINING VOTER'S INTENT.

Subd. 13. **Identifying ballot.** If a ballot is marked by distinguishing characteristics in a manner making it evident that the voter intended to identify the ballot, the entire ballot is defective.