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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; providing a deadline for entering certain voter registration
1.3 application data into the statewide voter registration system; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2016, section 201.121, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 201.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Entry of registration information.** (a) At the time a voter registration
1.8 application is properly completed, submitted, and received in accordance with sections
1.9 201.061 and 201.071, the county auditor shall enter the information contained on it into the
1.10 statewide registration system. Voter registration applications completed before election day
1.11 must be entered into the statewide registration system within ten days after they have been
1.12 submitted to the county auditor. Voter registration applications completed on election day
1.13 must be entered into the statewide registration system within ~~42~~ 30 days after the election,
1.14 unless the county auditor notifies the secretary of state before the ~~42-day~~ deadline has
1.15 expired that the deadline will not be met. Upon receipt of a notification under this paragraph,
1.16 the secretary of state must extend the deadline for that county auditor by an additional 30
1.17 days. The secretary of state may waive a county's obligations under this paragraph if, on
1.18 good cause shown, the county demonstrates its permanent inability to comply.

1.19 The secretary of state must post data on each county's compliance with this paragraph on
1.20 the secretary of state's Web site including, as applicable, the date each county fully complied
1.21 or the deadline by which a county's compliance must be complete.

1.22 (b) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the secretary of state may
1.23 electronically transmit the information on the application to the appropriate county auditor

2.1 as soon as possible for review by the county auditor before final entry into the statewide
2.2 registration system. The secretary of state may mail the voter registration application to the
2.3 county auditor.

2.4 (c) Within ten days after the county auditor has entered information from a voter
2.5 registration application into the statewide registration system, the secretary of state shall
2.6 compare the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number, state identification
2.7 number, or the last four digits of the Social Security number with the same information
2.8 contained in the Department of Public Safety database.

2.9 (d) The secretary of state shall provide a report to the county auditor on a weekly basis
2.10 that includes a list of voters whose name, date of birth, or identification number have been
2.11 compared with the same information in the Department of Public Safety database and cannot
2.12 be verified as provided in this subdivision. The report must list separately those voters who
2.13 have submitted a voter registration application by mail and have not voted in a federal
2.14 election in this state.

2.15 (e) The county auditor shall compile a list of voters for whom the county auditor and
2.16 the secretary of state are unable to conclude that information on the voter registration
2.17 application and the corresponding information in the Department of Public Safety database
2.18 relate to the same person.

2.19 (f) The county auditor shall send a notice of incomplete registration to any voter whose
2.20 name appears on the list and change the voter's status to "incomplete." A voter who receives
2.21 a notice of incomplete registration from the county auditor may either provide the information
2.22 required to complete the registration at least 21 days before the next election or at the polling
2.23 place on election day.