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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to landlord tenant law; requiring landlords to provide tenants with
1.3 information on voter registration; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapters 201; 504B.

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

1.6 Section 1. [201.1612] VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS
1.7 FOR LANDLORDS.

1.8 The secretary of state shall prepare written materials for use by landlords as required by
1.9 section 504B.182. The materials must, at a minimum, contain information on the process
1.10 for registering to vote or updating an existing registration and on locating the polling place
1.11 for the precinct in which the tenant resides. The materials must be clearly posted and available
1.12 for download from the secretary of state's website. The materials must be reviewed by the
1.13 secretary at least annually and updated as necessary to reflect current laws and procedures.

1.14 Sec. 2. [504B.182] LANDLORD TO PROVIDE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS
1.15 ON VOTER REGISTRATION.

1.16 No more than 30 days after a lease is entered into, a landlord must provide each tenant
1.17 who is 18 years of age or older at the time of first occupancy, written information on voting
1.18 in Minnesota, including the process for registering to vote and locating the polling place
1.19 for the precinct in which the tenant resides. The form and content of the information shall
1.20 be prescribed and made available by the secretary of state, as provided in section 201.1612.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 Sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 2019, and apply to lease agreements entered into
2.3 on or after that date.