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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1047

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; prohibiting electioneering in or near a polling place; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.11, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Soliciting near polling places. (a) A person may must not display
1.7 campaign material, post signs, ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a
1.8 voter electioneer within a polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling
1.9 place is situated, or anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated,
1.10 on primary or any election day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot
1.11 question. A person may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political
1.12 insignia to be worn at or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A
1.13 political badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the
1.14 polling place on primary or election day. This section applies to areas buildings established
1.15 by the county auditor or municipal clerk for absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

1.16 (b) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as
1.17 provided in section 204B.49.

1.18 (c) For purposes of this section, "electioneer" means trying to induce or persuade a voter
1.19 to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or question that appears on the ballot at
1.20 the election by any of the following actions:

1.21 (1) displaying campaign material;

1.22 (2) posting signs;

- 2.1 (3) asking for, requesting, or soliciting a particular vote;
- 2.2 (4) wearing or displaying apparel, buttons, stickers, or pins that include the name or logo
- 2.3 of a candidate or political party that appears on the ballot; or
- 2.4 (5) wearing or displaying apparel, buttons, stickers, or pins that directly reference a
- 2.5 question that appears on the ballot.
- 2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, and applies to elections
- 2.7 held on or after that date.