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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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H. F. No. 1603

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

Division Action

02/26/2019 *Referred by Chair to the Subcommittee on Elections*
03/13/2019 *Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Government Operations*
03/20/2019 *Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*
Referred by Chair to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division
03/21/2019 *Recalled by Chair from the Transportation Finance and Policy Division*
Referred by Chair to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division
03/28/2019 *Division action, return to the Committee on Ways and Means*
Referred by Chair to the State Government Finance Division
04/27/2020 *Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Ways and Means*

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; authorizing the secretary of state to direct that the 2020 state
1.3 primary and state general elections be conducted primarily by mail; authorizing
1.4 the establishment of vote centers in which all voters in a specific election
1.5 jurisdiction may cast a ballot.

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

1.7 Section 1. **2020 STATE PRIMARY AND STATE GENERAL ELECTION; MAIL**
1.8 **BALLOTING.**

1.9 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Minnesota Election Law to the contrary, the
1.10 secretary of state may direct that all jurisdictions within the state conduct the 2020 state
1.11 primary election and the 2020 state general election primarily by mail, consistent with
1.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.45, subdivision 2. The direction may include requirements
1.13 related to the closure of polling places and the availability of vote centers at which all voters
1.14 in a jurisdiction may cast a ballot. All other provisions of the Minnesota Election Law
1.15 continue to apply to each election, except as necessary to implement the direction authorized
1.16 by this section.

1.17 (b) As used in this section, "the Minnesota Election Law" has the meaning given in
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 200.01.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.