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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **204**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy
02/06/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; allowing voter electronic signatures for purposes of electronic

1.3 rosters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.225, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.225, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Technology requirements.** An electronic roster must:

1.7 (1) be able to be loaded with a data file that includes voter registration data in a file

1.8 format prescribed by the secretary of state;

1.9 (2) allow for data to be exported in a file format prescribed by the secretary of state;

1.10 (3) allow for data to be entered manually or by scanning a Minnesota driver's license or

1.11 identification card to locate a voter record or populate a voter registration application that

1.12 would be printed and signed and dated by the voter. The printed registration application

1.13 can be ~~either~~ a printed form, ~~labels~~ a label printed with voter information to be affixed to a

1.14 preprinted form, ~~or~~ a combination of ~~both~~ a form and label, or an electronic record that the

1.15 voter signs electronically and is printed following its completion at the polling place;

1.16 (4) allow an election judge to update data that was populated from a scanned driver's

1.17 license or identification card;

1.18 (5) cue an election judge to ask for and input data that is not populated from a scanned

1.19 driver's license or identification card that is otherwise required to be collected from the voter

1.20 or an election judge;

2.1 (6) immediately alert the election judge if the voter has provided information that indicates
2.2 that the voter is not eligible to vote;

2.3 (7) immediately alert the election judge if the electronic roster indicates that a voter has
2.4 already voted in that precinct, the voter's registration status is challenged, or it appears the
2.5 voter resides in a different precinct;

2.6 (8) provide immediate instructions on how to resolve a particular type of challenge when
2.7 a voter's record is challenged;

2.8 (9) provide for a printed voter signature certificate, containing the voter's name, address
2.9 of residence, date of birth, voter identification number, the oath required by section 204C.10,
2.10 and a space for the voter's original signature. The printed voter signature certificate can be
2.11 ~~either~~ a printed form or a label printed with the voter's information to be affixed to the oath,
2.12 or an electronic record that the voter signs electronically and is printed following its
2.13 completion at the polling place;

2.14 (10) contain only preregistered voters within the precinct, and not contain preregistered
2.15 voter data on voters registered outside of the precinct;

2.16 (11) be only networked within the polling location on election day, except for the purpose
2.17 of updating absentee ballot records;

2.18 (12) meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the
2.19 Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Department of Information
2.20 Technology Services;

2.21 (13) be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and

2.22 (14) perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration
2.23 of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state.

2.24 Electronic rosters used only for election day registration do not need to comply with clauses
2.25 (1), (8), and (10). Electronic rosters used only for preregistered voter processing do not need
2.26 to comply with clauses (4) and (5).