

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; allowing certain persons access to multiple unit residences
1.3 for certain campaign and election purposes; expanding certain exceptions to
1.4 access provided to multiple unit residences for certain campaign purposes;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or
1.9 indirectly, to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured
1.10 home park, other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or
1.11 more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who has
1.12 ~~filed for election to public office~~ organized a campaign committee as permitted by state
1.13 or federal law, or otherwise notified a public official, for the purpose of seeking election
1.14 to a public office at the next general election to be held for that office, or to campaign
1.15 workers accompanied by the candidate, if:

1.16 (1) the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so ~~solely~~
1.17 exclusively for the purpose of campaigning for a candidate or registering voters; and

1.18 (2) the candidate and any campaign workers accompanying the candidate are within
1.19 the territory for which the candidate is currently on file for election.

1.20 (b) A candidate and campaign workers obtaining access under this section must be
1.21 permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager
1.22 of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location. The
1.23 materials must be left in an orderly manner.

1.24 (c) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

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2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not prohibit:

2.3 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or
2.4 personal residential unit;

2.5 (2) requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to
2.6 admission to a multiple unit dwelling;

2.7 (3) in the case of a nursing home, or a registered housing with services establishment
2.8 providing assisted living services meeting the requirements of section 144G.03,
2.9 subdivision 2, denial of permission to visit certain persons for valid health reasons;

2.10 (4) limiting visits by candidates or workers accompanied by the candidate to a
2.11 reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours;

2.12 (5) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or

2.13 (6) denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple unit dwelling for good cause.