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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring status changes and removals from the statewide
1.3 voter registration system to be included in public information lists; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 201.091, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 201.091, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Public information lists.** (a) The county auditor shall make available for
1.8 inspection a public information list which must contain the name, address, year of birth,
1.9 and voting history of each registered voter in the county. The list must include registered
1.10 voters with an inactive status. For each registered voter, the list must include the history of
1.11 each change in status and the date that the change to that status was made. The list must
1.12 include the party choice of any voter who voted in the most recent presidential nomination
1.13 primary. The telephone number must be included on the list if provided by the voter. The
1.14 public information list may also include information on voting districts.

1.15 (b) The county auditor must maintain a list, either as part of the public information list
1.16 or as a separate public information list, that includes each individual who was removed
1.17 from the statewide voter registration system and the reason for the removal. This list must
1.18 also include the name, address, year of birth, and voting history of each individual on the
1.19 list.

1.20 (c) The county auditor may adopt reasonable rules governing access to the list lists
1.21 required by this section. No individual inspecting the public information list shall tamper
1.22 with or alter it in any manner. No individual who inspects the public information list or who
1.23 acquires a list of registered voters prepared from the public information list may use any

2.1 information contained in the list for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities, or
2.2 law enforcement.

2.3 (d) The secretary of state may provide copies of the public information lists and other
2.4 information from the statewide registration system for uses related to elections, political
2.5 activities, or in response to a law enforcement inquiry from a public official concerning a
2.6 failure to comply with any criminal statute or any state or local tax statute.

2.7 (e) Before inspecting the public information list or obtaining a list of voters or other
2.8 information from the list, the individual shall provide identification to the public official
2.9 having custody of the public information list and shall state in writing that any information
2.10 obtained from the list will not be used for purposes unrelated to elections, political activities,
2.11 or law enforcement. Requests to examine or obtain information from the public information
2.12 lists or the statewide registration system must be made and processed in the manner provided
2.13 in the rules of the secretary of state.

2.14 (f) Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name
2.15 from the public information list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family,
2.16 the secretary of state and county auditor must withhold from the public information list the
2.17 name of a registered voter.