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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil rights; requiring notices of civil rights status; proposing coding
1.3 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 243.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[243.205] NOTICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS STATUS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Initial in-person notice.** No later than July 1 or within 30 days,
1.7 whichever is later, after an individual is released from the custody of a state or local
1.8 correctional facility or sentenced to serve a period of probation following a conviction for
1.9 a felony offense, the chief executive officer of the facility, or an assigned probation officer,
1.10 shall meet personally with the individual to inform the individual of the individual's civil
1.11 rights status, including the right to vote. The corrections official or probation officer shall
1.12 provide a copy of the notice required in subdivision 2. At the time the notice is provided,
1.13 the recipient shall provide written acknowledgment of its receipt.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Annual written notice.** (a) The chief executive officer of each state or
1.15 local correctional facility shall provide documented notice of voting rights status to each
1.16 individual serving a felony sentence who is under supervision or was under supervision at
1.17 any time during the prior year. The notice must be provided no later than July 1 of each
1.18 year. The notice required by this section must be provided to the following:

1.19 (1) individuals who are scheduled to remain on probation through the first Tuesday
1.20 after the first Monday in November of that year;

1.21 (2) individuals who are scheduled to complete probation and be restored to civil
1.22 rights after the notice is sent, but before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
1.23 November of that year; and

- 2.1 (3) individuals who have completed probation and have had their civil rights
2.2 restored in the last year.
- 2.3 (b) A notice provided under this subdivision must include an e-mail address and
2.4 telephone number for the appropriate county corrections official or probation officer and
2.5 the appropriate county auditor.