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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; changing provisions on fair campaign practices;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.20, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
- 1.7 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
- 1.8 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
- 1.9 dwellings are located on private roadways to ~~a candidate~~ an individual who ~~has~~:
- 1.10 (1) has organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;
- 1.11 (2) has filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; ~~or~~
- 1.12 (3) has filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office; or
- 1.13 (4) is a United States Census Bureau employee.
- 1.14 A candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to be accompanied by
- 1.15 campaign volunteers.
- 1.16 (b) For candidates, access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the
- 1.17 district or territory that will be represented by the office to which the candidate seeks election,
- 1.18 and the candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers seek access exclusively for
- 1.19 the purpose of campaigning for a candidate or registering voters. The candidate must be
- 1.20 seeking election to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

(c) A candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers granted access under this section must be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location within the facility. The campaign materials must be left in an orderly manner.

(d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a candidate and accompanying volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit, but access is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple candidates are traveling together, each candidate and that candidate's accompanying volunteers is limited to one building at a time, but all of the candidates and accompanying volunteers traveling together must not be restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

(e) For a United States Census Bureau employee, access to a facility or area is only required if it is part of their official work duties on a decennial census of population. United States Census Bureau employees working on other surveys and censuses are not granted access under this section.

(f) A United States Census Bureau employee must be permitted to leave census materials for residents at their doors. The census materials must be left in an orderly manner.

(g) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a United States Census Bureau employee must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit. If multiple employees are traveling together, they must not be restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

~~(e)~~ (h) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.