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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 1344

02/18/2021 Authored by Bahner The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; authorizing the delivery of absentee ballots in certain
1.3 situations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.11, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 203B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Generally. (a) Each full-time municipal clerk or school district clerk
1.7 who has authority under section 203B.05 to administer absentee voting laws shall designate
1.8 election judges to deliver absentee ballots in accordance with this section. The county auditor
1.9 must also designate election judges to perform the duties in this section. A ballot may be
1.10 delivered only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident or patient in a
1.11 health care facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains
1.12 residence. The ballots shall be delivered by two election judges, each of whom is affiliated
1.13 with a different major political party. When the election judges deliver or return ballots as
1.14 provided in this section, they shall travel together in the same vehicle. Both election judges
1.15 shall be present when an applicant completes the certificate of eligibility and marks the
1.16 absentee ballots, and may assist an applicant as provided in section 204C.15. The election
1.17 judges shall deposit the return envelopes containing the marked absentee ballots in a sealed
1.18 container and return them to the clerk on the same day that they are delivered and marked.

1.19 (b) At the discretion of a full-time municipal clerk, school district clerk, or county auditor,
1.20 absentee ballots may be delivered in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph (a) to a
1.21 veterans home operated by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under
1.22 chapter 198 or a shelter for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4.