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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring voter registration information to be provided
1.3 on the hunting and fishing licensing website and with regulations; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

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

1.6 Section 1. 97A.409 **VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**

1.7 (a) On the Department of Natural Resources online license sales website for purchasing
1.8 a resident license to hunt or fish that is required under the game and fish laws, the
1.9 commissioner must include the voter registration eligibility requirements, a description of
1.10 how to register to vote before or on election day, and a direct link to the secretary of state's
1.11 online voter registration website. The information and link must be easily readable and
1.12 displayed in a prominent location.

1.13 (b) In the printed and digital versions of fishing regulations and hunting and trapping
1.14 regulations, the commissioner must include the voter registration eligibility requirements,
1.15 a description of how to register to vote before or on election day, and a link to the secretary
1.16 of state's online voter registration website. In addition, the commissioner must include a
1.17 voter registration application in the printed and digital versions of fishing regulations and
1.18 hunting and trapping regulations.

1.19 (c) The secretary of state must provide the required voter registration information to the
1.20 commissioner. The secretary of state must prepare and approve an alternate form of the
1.21 voter registration application to be used in the regulations.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to licenses
- 2.2 issued on or after March 1, 2020. Paragraph (b) is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to
- 2.3 printed and digital versions of regulations updated on or after that date.