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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. **1344**

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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.