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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 2271

03/08/2017 Authored by Pugh The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring potential election judge lists to include the names
1.3 of individuals willing to travel outside of their home jurisdiction to act as an election
1.4 judge; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 204B.21, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 204B.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appointment lists; duties of political parties and secretary of state.
1.8 On May 1 in a year in which there is an election for a partisan political office, each major
1.9 political party shall prepare a list of eligible voters to act as election judges in each election
1.10 precinct. The list provided by the party must indicate which eligible voters are willing to
1.11 travel to a precinct outside of their home jurisdiction to act as an election judge in another
1.12 jurisdiction, and the distance each eligible voter is willing to travel for that purpose. The
1.13 political parties shall furnish the lists electronically to the secretary of state, in a format
1.14 specified by the secretary of state. The secretary of state must combine the data received
1.15 from each political party under this subdivision and must process the data to locate the
1.16 precinct in which the address provided for each potential election judge is located. If the
1.17 data submitted by a political party is insufficient for the secretary of state to locate the proper
1.18 precinct, the associated name must not appear in any list forwarded to an appointing authority
1.19 under this subdivision. The secretary of state shall notify political parties of any proposed
1.20 election judges with addresses that could not be located in a precinct.

1.21 By May 15, the secretary of state shall furnish electronically to the county auditor a list
1.22 of the appropriate names for each election precinct in the jurisdiction of the appointing
1.23 authority, and a list of the names of individuals residing outside of the jurisdiction who
1.24 indicated a willingness to travel to that jurisdiction to act as an election judge, noting the

- 2.1 political party affiliation of each individual on the list. The county auditor must promptly
- 2.2 forward the appropriate names to the appropriate municipal clerk.