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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 495

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; modifying postsecondary student voter registration provisions;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 135A.17, subdivision 2; 201.061, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Residential housing list. All postsecondary institutions that enroll students
1.8 accepting state or federal financial aid may prepare a current list of students enrolled in the
1.9 institution and residing in the institution's housing or within ten miles of the institution's
1.10 campus. All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting state financial aid must
1.11 prepare a current list of students enrolled in the institution and residing in the institution's
1.12 housing or within ten miles of the institution's campus. The list shall include each student's
1.13 current address, unless the student is enrolled in the Safe at Home address confidentiality
1.14 program as provided in chapter 5B. The list shall be certified and sent to the appropriate
1.15 county auditor or auditors for use in election day registration as provided under section
1.16 201.061, subdivision 3. A residential housing list provided under this subdivision may not
1.17 be used or disseminated by a county auditor or the secretary of state for any other purpose.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.061, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.19 read:

1.20 Subd. 3a. Additional proofs of residence permitted for students. (a) An eligible voter
1.21 may prove residence by presenting a current valid photo identification issued by a
1.22 postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota if the voter's name; student identification
1.23 number, if available; and address within the precinct appear on a current residential housing

2.1 list under section 135A.17, certified to the county auditor by the postsecondary educational
2.2 institution.

2.3 (b) This additional proof of residence for students must not be allowed unless the
2.4 postsecondary educational institution submits to the county auditor no later than 60 days
2.5 prior to the election a written agreement that the postsecondary educational institution will
2.6 certify for use at the election accurate updated residential housing lists under section 135A.17.
2.7 A written agreement is effective for the election and all subsequent elections held in that
2.8 calendar year, including the November general election.

2.9 (c) The additional proof of residence for students must be allowed on an equal basis for
2.10 voters who reside in housing meeting the requirements of section 135A.17, if the residential
2.11 housing lists certified by the postsecondary educational institution meet the requirements
2.12 of this subdivision.

2.13 (d) An updated residential housing list must be certified to the county auditor no earlier
2.14 than 20 days prior to each election. The certification must be dated and signed by the chief
2.15 officer or designee of the postsecondary educational institution and must state that the list
2.16 is current and accurate and includes only the names of persons residing as of the date of the
2.17 certification.

2.18 (e) The county auditor shall instruct the election judges of the precinct in procedures for
2.19 use of the list in conjunction with photo identification. The auditor shall supply a list to the
2.20 election judges with the election supplies for the precinct.

2.21 (f) The county auditor shall notify all postsecondary educational institutions in the county
2.22 of the provisions of this subdivision.