

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 46**

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01/08/2015	44	Introduction and first reading Referred to Rules and Administration

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to elections; modifying mail balloting authorization; amending  
 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.45, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A town of any size ~~not located in a metropolitan~~  
 1.7 ~~county as defined by section 473.121,~~ or a city having fewer than ~~400~~ 1,000 registered  
 1.8 voters on June 1 of an election year and not located in a metropolitan county as defined  
 1.9 by section 473.121, may provide balloting by mail at any municipal, county, or state  
 1.10 election with no polling place other than the office of the auditor or clerk or other locations  
 1.11 designated by the auditor or clerk. The governing body may apply to the county auditor  
 1.12 for permission to conduct balloting by mail. The county board may provide for balloting  
 1.13 by mail in unorganized territory. The governing body of any municipality may designate  
 1.14 for mail balloting any precinct having fewer than 100 registered voters, subject to the  
 1.15 approval of the county auditor.

1.16 Voted ballots may be returned in person to any location designated by the county  
 1.17 auditor or municipal clerk.