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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2795**

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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; modifying provisions related to nominating petitions;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 204B.07, subdivision 4; 204D.20,  
1.4 subdivision 3; 204D.22, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204B.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Oath and address of signer.** Following the information required by  
1.8 subdivisions 1 and 2 and before the space for signing, each separate page that is part of  
1.9 the petition shall include an oath in the following form:

1.10 "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I know the contents and purpose of this nominating  
1.11 petition, ~~that I do not intend to vote at the primary election for the office for which this~~  
1.12 ~~nominating petition is made~~, and that I signed this petition of my own free will."

1.13 Notarization or certification of the signatures on a nominating petition is not  
1.14 required. Immediately after the signature, the signer shall write on the petition the signer's  
1.15 residence address including street and number, if any, and mailing address if different  
1.16 from residence address.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204D.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 3. **Nominations by petition.** Candidates to fill a vacancy may also be  
1.19 nominated by petition under the conditions and in the manner provided by law for  
1.20 candidates filing by petition for like office at the state general election as far as practicable,  
1.21 except that the number of signatures required on a nominating petition must be reduced in  
1.22 proportion to the time allotted for filing affidavits of candidacy if the length of the filing  
1.23 period is less than that provided in section 204B.09.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 3. **Notice of special election.** The county auditor of a county in which a  
2.3 special election is to be held shall direct the clerk of each municipality in which the  
2.4 election is to be held to post a notice of the special primary and special election at least  
2.5 seven days before the special primary and at least 14 days before the special election in  
2.6 the manner provided in sections 204B.33 and 204B.34. The notice required by section  
2.7 204B.33 must list the number of signatures required on a nomination petition if that  
2.8 number is reduced pursuant to section 204D.20, subdivision 3. If the special primary is to  
2.9 be held 14 days before the special election, a single notice of both elections may be posted  
2.10 seven days before the primary.

2.11 When the special primary or special election is to be held on the same day as any  
2.12 other election, notice of the special primary or special election may be included in the  
2.13 notice of the other election, if practicable.