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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; permitting appointment of election judges not affiliated with
1.3 a major political party; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204B.21,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204B.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Appointing authority; powers and duties.** Election judges for precincts
1.8 in a municipality shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality. Election
1.9 judges for precincts in unorganized territory and for performing election-related duties
1.10 assigned by the county auditor shall be appointed by the county board. Election judges for
1.11 a precinct composed of two or more municipalities must be appointed by the governing
1.12 body of the municipality or municipalities responsible for appointing election judges as
1.13 provided in the agreement to combine for election purposes. Appointments shall be made
1.14 from lists furnished pursuant to subdivision 1 subject to the eligibility requirements and
1.15 other qualifications established or authorized under section 204B.19. If no lists have been
1.16 furnished or if additional election judges are required after all listed names have been
1.17 exhausted, the appointing authority may appoint any other individual, whether or not
1.18 affiliated with a major political party, to serve as an election judge subject to the same
1.19 requirements and qualifications. The appointments shall be made at least 25 days before
1.20 the election at which the election judges will serve.