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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 the conduct of elections; reducing the number of personal vouches  
1.3 allowed for any one individual; requiring training for election judges on the  
1.4 conduct of partisan challengers; providing training for partisan challengers;  
1.5 requiring voters to show approved identification on election day; amending  
1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 201.061, subdivision 3; 204B.25, subdivision  
1.7 2; 204C.07, by adding a subdivision; 204C.10.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 201.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 3. **Election day registration.** (a) An individual who is eligible to vote may  
1.11 register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in  
1.12 which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration application, making  
1.13 an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence.

1.14 An individual may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

1.15 (1) presenting a driver's license or Minnesota identification card issued pursuant  
1.16 to section 171.07;

1.17 (2) presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper  
1.18 identification;

1.19 (3) presenting one of the following:

1.20 (i) a current valid student identification card from a postsecondary educational  
1.21 institution in Minnesota, if a list of students from that institution has been prepared under  
1.22 section 135A.17 and certified to the county auditor in the manner provided in rules of  
1.23 the secretary of state; or

1.24 (ii) a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the  
1.25 precinct together with a picture identification card; or

2.1 (4) having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct, or who is an employee  
2.2 employed by and working in a residential facility in the precinct and vouching for a  
2.3 resident in the facility, sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the  
2.4 voter or employee personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct. A  
2.5 voter who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of residence oath  
2.6 vouching for any other individual on that election day. A voter who is registered to vote  
2.7 in the precinct may sign up to ~~15~~ three proof-of-residence oaths on any election day.  
2.8 This limitation does not apply to an employee of a residential facility described in this  
2.9 clause. The secretary of state shall provide a form for election judges to use in recording  
2.10 the number of individuals for whom a voter signs proof-of-residence oaths on election  
2.11 day. The form must include space for the maximum number of individuals for whom a  
2.12 voter may sign proof-of-residence oaths. For each proof-of-residence oath, the form  
2.13 must include a statement that the voter is registered to vote in the precinct, personally  
2.14 knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct, and is making the statement on  
2.15 oath. The form must include a space for the voter's printed name, signature, telephone  
2.16 number, and address.

2.17 The oath required by this subdivision and Minnesota Rules, part 8200.9939, must  
2.18 be attached to the voter registration application and the information on the oath must be  
2.19 recorded on the records of both the voter registering on election day and the voter who  
2.20 is vouching for the person's residence, and entered into the statewide voter registration  
2.21 system by the county auditor when the voter registration application is entered into that  
2.22 system.

2.23 (b) The operator of a residential facility shall prepare a list of the names of its  
2.24 employees currently working in the residential facility and the address of the residential  
2.25 facility. The operator shall certify the list and provide it to the appropriate county auditor  
2.26 no less than 20 days before each election for use in election day registration.

2.27 (c) "Residential facility" means transitional housing as defined in section 256E.33,  
2.28 subdivision 1; a supervised living facility licensed by the commissioner of health under  
2.29 section 144.50, subdivision 6; a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision  
2.30 5; a residence registered with the commissioner of health as a housing with services  
2.31 establishment as defined in section 144D.01, subdivision 4; a veterans home operated by  
2.32 the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes under chapter 198; a residence  
2.33 licensed by the commissioner of human services to provide a residential program as  
2.34 defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 14; a residential facility for persons with a  
2.35 developmental disability licensed by the commissioner of human services under section  
2.36 252.28; group residential housing as defined in section 256I.03, subdivision 3; a shelter

3.1 for battered women as defined in section 611A.37, subdivision 4; or a supervised  
 3.2 publicly or privately operated shelter or dwelling designed to provide temporary living  
 3.3 accommodations for the homeless.

3.4 (d) For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of  
 3.5 registering by:

3.6 (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe  
 3.7 recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that  
 3.8 contains the name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or

3.9 (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe  
 3.10 recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that  
 3.11 contains the name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the  
 3.12 documents listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

3.13 (e) A county, school district, or municipality may require that an election judge  
 3.14 responsible for election day registration initial each completed registration application.

3.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204B.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.16 Subd. 2. **Rules of secretary of state.** The secretary of state shall adopt rules  
 3.17 establishing programs for the training of county auditors, local election officials, and  
 3.18 election judges by county auditors as required by this section. The training for election  
 3.19 judges must include training on the proper conduct of appointed partisan challengers,  
 3.20 as described in section 204C.07.

3.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204C.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 3.22 to read:

3.23 Subd. 6. **Training for challengers.** Prior to a partisan election, the secretary of state  
 3.24 shall conduct a training program and make available a written manual on the statutes and  
 3.25 rules regulating the conduct of challengers appointed under this section. The program  
 3.26 must be open to the public, and the secretary shall provide notice of the program's date  
 3.27 and time to each major political party.

3.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204C.10, is amended to read:

3.29 **204C.10 PERMANENT REGISTRATION; VERIFICATION OF**  
 3.30 **REGISTRATION.**

3.31 (a) An individual seeking to vote shall sign a polling place roster which states  
 3.32 that the individual is at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, has resided  
 3.33 in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election, maintains residence at

4.1 the address shown, is not under a guardianship in which the court order revokes the  
4.2 individual's right to vote, has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent to  
4.3 vote or has the right to vote because, if the individual was convicted of a felony, the felony  
4.4 sentence has expired or been completed or the individual has been discharged from the  
4.5 sentence, is registered and has not already voted in the election. The roster must also state:  
4.6 "I understand that deliberately providing false information is a felony punishable by not  
4.7 more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both."

4.8 (b) ~~A judge may~~, Before the applicant signs the roster, a judge:

4.9 (1) may confirm the applicant's name, address, and date of birth; and

4.10 (2) shall require the voter to present a document approved by the secretary of state  
4.11 as proper identification.

4.12 (c) After the applicant signs the roster, the judge shall give the applicant a voter's  
4.13 receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in charge of ballots as proof  
4.14 of the voter's right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to the voter the ballot. The  
4.15 voters' receipts must be maintained during the time for notice of filing an election contest.