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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2595**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; modifying certain election judge provisions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Counting and initialing.** (a) Before the voting begins, at least two election
1.7 judges must certify the number of ballots delivered to the precinct. Election judges may
1.8 conduct this count, presuming that the total count provided for prepackaged ballots is correct.
1.9 As each package is opened, two judges must count the ballots in the package to ensure that
1.10 the total count provided for the package is correct. Any discrepancy must be noted on the
1.11 incident log.

1.12 (b) Before the voting begins, or as soon as possible after it begins, at least two election
1.13 judges shall each initial ~~the backs~~ of all the ballots. The election judges shall not otherwise
1.14 mark the ballots.