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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 278

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

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to data practices; classifying election judge party affiliation as public data

1.3on individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.607, by adding a

1.4subdivision; 204B.21, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024,

1.5section 204B.21, subdivision 3.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.607, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8to read:

1.9Subd. 10. **Election judge party affiliation.** The party affiliation of election judges is

1.10classified as provided in section 204B.21, subdivision 4.

1.11Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.12read:

1.13Subd. 4. **Election judge major party affiliation; data classification.** (a) Each appointing

1.14authority must maintain a list of all election judges that indicates the major political party

1.15affiliation of each election judge or a statement that the judge does not affiliate with a major

1.16political party. A list created under this paragraph is public data on individuals.

1.17(b) The lists described in subdivisions 1 and 2 are not public data on individuals.

1.18Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

1.19Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204B.21, subdivision 3, is repealed.

APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 25-01826

204B.21 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES.

Subd. 3. **Access to election judge party affiliation.** Notwithstanding section 13.43, the major political party affiliation of an election judge or a statement that the judge does not affiliate with a major political party may be shared with other election judges assigned to the precinct at the same election, to verify compliance with party balance requirements. This data may not be disclosed or used by the election judges for any other purpose.