

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2956 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 203B.121, subdivision 4, is
1.4 amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 4. **Opening of envelopes.** After the close of business on the seventh day before
1.6 the election, the ballots from secrecy envelopes within the signature envelopes marked
1.7 "Accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed in the manner provided in section 206.86,
1.8 subdivision 5, initialed by the members of the ballot board, and deposited in the appropriate
1.9 ballot box. Prior to depositing a ballot into the appropriate ballot box, the members of the
1.10 ballot board must verify that the ballot contains the security marking required by section
1.11 204B.36, subdivision 1. If more than one voted ballot is enclosed in the ballot envelope, or
1.12 if a ballot does not contain the required security marking, the ballots must be returned in
1.13 the manner provided by section 204C.25 for return of spoiled ballots, and may not be
1.14 counted.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Type.** (a) All ballots shall be printed with black ink on paper of sufficient
1.17 thickness to prevent the printing from being discernible from the back. All ballots shall be
1.18 printed in easily readable type with suitable lines dividing candidates, offices, instructions
1.19 and other matter printed on ballots. The same type shall be used for the names of all
1.20 candidates on the same ballot.

1.21 (b) Except for ballots prepared and distributed under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27, all
1.22 ballots must be printed on paper that contains a security marking designed to allow
1.23 verification of the ballot's authenticity. The security marking must be designed so that it
1.24 does not interfere with a tabulator's ability to accurately read the ballot. At a federal or state
1.25 election, the form of the watermark must be prescribed by the secretary of state. At a local
1.26 election, the form of the watermark must be prescribed by the county auditor or municipal
1.27 clerk. For purposes of this paragraph, a security marking is a watermark, ultraviolet light
1.28 marking, or other substantially equivalent marking. "

1.29 Amend the title accordingly