

S.F. No. 285 – Electronic Signatures; Electronic Rosters

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S.F. 285 allows for electronic signatures on electronic rosters (often called e-poll books).

Section 1 [Technology requirements] allows a voter to electronically sign the electronic copy of a voter registration application or voter signature certificate generated by an electronic roster. The roster must provide for a printed copy of the application or certificate and indicate that the document was signed electronically.

Section 2 [Election records retention] requires all voter signature certificates and voter registration applications signed electronically to be retained for 22 months in an electronic format. Current law requires the printed copies of the electronic certificates and applications to be retained for 22 months.

Section 3 [Election day] deletes a reference to printed election day registration applications. This change allows printed or electronic election day registration applications to be reviewed when being processed in the statewide voter registration system.