



February 12, 2025

Chair Jim Carlson
Minnesota Senate Elections Committee

Re: Senate File 1071

Elections Committee Members

I am writing to highlight our support for the provision included in SF 1071 that opens a pathway for the adoption and implementation of automatic tabulation equipment for the purpose of tabulating Ranked Choice Voting elections. Thank you to the authors for including this section in the bill.

The City of Bloomington has used Ranked Choice Voting in two elections, in 2021 and 2023. We have used both the hand-count process and the spreadsheet-based system. With both methods, tabulation of RCV votes remains a labor intensive and time-consuming process.

Adopting an automatic tabulation process would be a great benefit to the public, providing timely results through a transparent and reliable tabulation process. I strongly encourage you to support this provision of SF 1071 to allow municipalities that use RCV to produce and share election results more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Tim Busse
Mayor, City of Bloomington

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