

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 3096

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/27/2025	1111	Introduction and first reading Referred to Elections

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A bill for an act
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relating to elections; modifying certain election judge provisions; amending
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Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 204C.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
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Subdivision 1. **Counting and initialing.** (a) Before the voting begins, at least two election
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judges must certify the number of ballots delivered to the precinct. Election judges may
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conduct this count, presuming that the total count provided for prepackaged ballots is correct.
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As each package is opened, two judges must count the ballots in the package to ensure that
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the total count provided for the package is correct. Any discrepancy must be noted on the
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incident log.
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(b) Before the voting begins, or as soon as possible after it begins, at least two election
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judges shall each initial ~~the backs of~~ all the ballots. The election judges shall not otherwise
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mark the ballots.