



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 21, 2009

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning House File 1053, Chapter 133, a bill relating to elections.

Although there are some worthy provisions in this bill, registering to vote should be a voluntary, intentional act. Changes to election law should also be accomplished on a bipartisan basis. This bill does not reflect bipartisan support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator John Marty
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Steve Simon
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Albin Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State