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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1753

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring county auditors to post sample ballots on the
1.3 county's Web site; requiring publication of notice on where sample ballots can be
1.4 viewed; removing requirement to publish sample ballot; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2014, section 204D.16.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204D.16, is amended to read:

1.8 **204D.16 SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; POSTING;**
1.9 **PUBLICATION.**

1.10 At least 46 days before the state general election, the county auditor shall post
1.11 sample ballots for each precinct in the auditor's office for public inspection and transmit an
1.12 electronic copy of these sample ballots to the secretary of state. ~~No earlier than 15 days~~
1.13 ~~and no later than~~ The county auditor shall also post sample ballots for each precinct on the
1.14 county's Web site. At least two days weeks before the state general election the county
1.15 auditor shall ~~cause a sample state general election ballot to be published~~ publish a notice
1.16 to the voters in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county that includes the
1.17 telephone number and e-mail address for the county auditor's office and the address of the
1.18 Web site where sample ballots can be examined.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.