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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform,
Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; allowing certain persons access to multiple unit residences
1.3 for certain campaign and election purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 211B.20, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or
1.8 indirectly, to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured
1.9 home park, other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or
1.10 more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who ~~has~~
1.11 ~~filed~~ is currently filed for election to public office or to campaign workers accompanied
1.12 by the candidate, if:

1.13 (1) the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the
1.14 purpose of campaigning for a candidate, registering voters, or getting out the vote; and

1.15 (2) the candidate and any campaign workers accompanying the candidate are within
1.16 the territory for which the candidate is currently on file for election.

1.17 (b) A candidate and campaign workers obtaining access under this section must be
1.18 permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager
1.19 of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location. The
1.20 materials must be left in an orderly manner.

1.21 (c) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.