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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 559

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; permitting trainee election judges to serve until reaching the
1.3 age of 18; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.19, subdivision 6.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204B.19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. ~~High school students~~ Trainee election judges. (a) Notwithstanding any other
1.7 requirements of this section, a student enrolled in a high school in Minnesota or who is in
1.8 a home school in compliance with sections 120A.22 and 120A.24, who has attained the age
1.9 of 16 is eligible to be appointed as a without party affiliation trainee election judge in the
1.10 county in which the student resides, or a county adjacent to the county in which the student
1.11 resides. The student must meet qualifications for trainee election judges specified in rules
1.12 of the secretary of state. A student appointed under this subdivision while enrolled in a high
1.13 school or receiving instruction in a home school may continue to serve as a trainee election
1.14 judge after the student graduates and until the student reaches the age of 18.

1.15 (b) A student appointed as a trainee election judge may be excused from school attendance
1.16 during the hours that the student is serving as a trainee election judge if the student submits
1.17 a written request signed and approved by the student's parent or guardian to be absent from
1.18 school and a certificate from the appointing authority stating the hours during which the
1.19 student will serve as a trainee election judge to the principal of the school at least ten days
1.20 prior to the election. ~~Students shall not serve as~~ A trainee election judges judge shall not
1.21 serve after 10:00 p.m. Notwithstanding section 177.24 to the contrary, trainee election judges
1.22 may be paid not less than two-thirds of the minimum wage for a large employer. The principal

- 2.1 of the school may approve a request to be absent from school conditioned on acceptable
- 2.2 academic performance at the time of service as a trainee election judge.