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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; amending voter registration application and reporting
1.3 requirements for school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement,
1.4 section 201.1611, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 201.1611, subdivision 1, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Forms.** (a) All postsecondary institutions that enroll students accepting
1.9 state or federal financial aid must provide voter registration forms to each student during
1.10 the fall and spring of each year. In state election years, it must be provided 15 days in
1.11 advance of the deadline for registering to vote for the state general election. If the voter
1.12 registration forms are provided electronically, the electronic message must be devoted
1.13 exclusively to voter registration.

1.14 (b) All school districts must make available voter registration applications each May
1.15 and September to all students registered as students of the school district who ~~will be~~ are
1.16 eligible to register to vote at the next election after those months. In state election years,
1.17 voter registration applications must be provided 15 days in advance of the deadline for
1.18 registering to vote for the state general election. If the voter registration forms are provided
1.19 electronically, the electronic message must be devoted exclusively to voter registration. A
1.20 school district has no obligation to provide voter registration applications to students who
1.21 participate in a postsecondary education option program or who otherwise maintain residence
1.22 in the district but do not attend a school operated by the district. A school district fulfills its

2.1 obligation to a student under this section if it provides a voter registration application to the
2.2 student one time.

2.3 (c) The voter registration forms must contain spaces for the information required in
2.4 section 201.071, subdivision 1, and applicable rules of the secretary of state. The institutions
2.5 and school districts may request these forms from the secretary of state. Institutions must
2.6 consult with their campus student government in determining the most effective means of
2.7 distributing the forms and in seeking to facilitate election day registration of students under
2.8 section 201.061, subdivision 3. School districts must advise students that completion of the
2.9 voter registration application is not a school district requirement.

2.10 (d) The institutions and school districts must report to the secretary of state by November
2.11 30 of each year on their implementation of this section-, including at a minimum, ~~the report~~
2.12 ~~must include~~ how and when the forms were distributed ~~and~~. Institutions must also include
2.13 the voter engagement plan under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2). Institutions and
2.14 school districts may include information about methods that were effective in increasing
2.15 student registrations.

2.16 (e) By February 1 of each year, the secretary of state must report to the chairs and ranking
2.17 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections on the
2.18 information under paragraph (d). The secretary must highlight best practices and innovative
2.19 methods that were most effective in registering students to vote.