

This Document can be made available
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **205**

01/09/2023 Authored by Bahner, Elkins, Pursell, Wolgamott and Freiberg
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy
01/23/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to elections; clarifying prohibitions on soliciting at or near a polling place;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** (a) A person may not display campaign
- 1.7 material, post signs, must not ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter
- 1.8 to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question (1) within a polling place
- 1.9 or, (2) within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or (3) anywhere
- 1.10 on the public property on which a polling place is situated, on primary or election day to
- 1.11 vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question.
- 1.12 ~~A person may not provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia~~
- 1.13 ~~to be worn at or about the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political~~
- 1.14 ~~badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling~~
- 1.15 ~~place on primary or election day. (b) During voting hours throughout the absentee voting~~
- 1.16 period and on the day of an election, a person must not wear, exhibit, or distribute in a
- 1.17 polling place, or within 100 feet of a building where a polling place is located, any item
- 1.18 that displays:
- 1.19 (1) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate who appears on the ballot;
- 1.20 (2) the number, title, subject, slogan, or logo of a ballot question that appears on the
- 1.21 ballot; or

2.1 (3) the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a political party represented by a candidate on
2.2 the ballot.

2.3 For purposes of this paragraph, "item" includes pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs,
2.4 banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

2.5 (c) This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal clerk for
2.6 absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

2.7 (d) This section applies only during the hours in which a polling place is open for voting.

2.8 (e) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as
2.9 provided in section 204B.49.