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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; changing provisions on fair campaign practices;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.20, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Prohibition. (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
1.7 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
1.8 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
1.9 dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate an individual who has:

- 1.10 (1) has organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;
1.11 (2) has filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; or
1.12 (3) has filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office; or
1.13 (4) is a United States Census Bureau employee.

1.14 A candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to be accompanied by
1.15 campaign volunteers.

1.16 (b) For candidates, access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the
1.17 district or territory that will be represented by the office to which the candidate seeks election,
1.18 and the candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers seek access exclusively for
1.19 the purpose of campaigning for a candidate or registering voters. The candidate must be
1.20 seeking election to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

2.1 (c) A candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers granted access under this
2.2 section must be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except
2.3 that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central
2.4 location within the facility. The campaign materials must be left in an orderly manner.

2.5 (d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a candidate and accompanying
2.6 volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit, but access
2.7 is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple candidates are traveling together, each
2.8 candidate and that candidate's accompanying volunteers is limited to one building at a time,
2.9 but all of the candidates and accompanying volunteers traveling together must not be
2.10 restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

2.11 (e) For a United States Census Bureau employee, access to a facility or area is only
2.12 required if it is part of their official work duties on a decennial census of population. United
2.13 States Census Bureau employees working on other surveys and censuses are not granted
2.14 access under this section.

2.15 (f) A United States Census Bureau employee must be permitted to leave census materials
2.16 for residents at their doors. The census materials must be left in an orderly manner.

2.17 (g) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a United States Census Bureau
2.18 employee must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit. If multiple
2.19 employees are traveling together, they must not be restricted to accessing the same building
2.20 at the same time.

2.21 ~~(e)~~ (h) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.