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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **980**

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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 elections; authorizing individuals under the age of 18 to vote at a primary
- 1.3 election in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
- 1.4 201.014, subdivision 1.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.014, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, an individual
- 1.8 who meets the following requirements at the time of an election is eligible to vote. The
- 1.9 individual must:
- 1.10 (1) be 18 years of age or older;
- 1.11 (2) be a citizen of the United States; and
- 1.12 (3) maintain residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election.
- 1.13 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (1), an individual who has not reached 18
- 1.14 years of age but who meets all other eligibility requirements for voting may cast a ballot at
- 1.15 a primary election or presidential nomination primary, for purposes of nominating candidates
- 1.16 to be voted on at the subsequent general election, if the individual will be 18 years of age
- 1.17 or older at the time the general election is held. The ballot provided to an individual
- 1.18 authorized to vote under this paragraph must be prepared so that the individual may vote
- 1.19 only for the candidates seeking nomination for office and not for any question or proposition.