

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2736**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to elections; authorizing the opening of additional polling place locations  
1.3 for voting by absentee ballot for fewer than 46 days; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 203B.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Location; timing.** (a) An eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot in  
1.8 the office of the county auditor and at any other polling place designated by the county  
1.9 auditor or by a municipal clerk authorized to conduct absentee balloting under section  
1.10 203B.05 during the 46 days before the election, except as provided in this section.

1.11 (b) A polling place location, other than the office of the county auditor, may be opened  
1.12 for fewer than 46 days. If a polling place is open fewer than 46 days before the election,  
1.13 the county auditor or municipal clerk must post the polling place location and hours of  
1.14 operation on the jurisdiction's website and must inform the secretary of state of the polling  
1.15 place's location and hours.