

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; imposing additional requirements on polling place
1.3 challengers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivisions
1.4 3a, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 3a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. ~~Residence~~ **Registration and training requirement.** (a) A challenger
1.9 must be a registered voter as provided in section 201.054. An
1.10 appointed challenger seeking admission to a polling place to serve in that
1.11 capacity must prove their status as a resident of this state by presenting one of the
1.12 documents listed in section 201.061, subdivision 3. Challengers need not prove residence
1.13 in the precinct in which they seek to act as a challenger. sign a written statement under
1.14 penalty of perjury affirming the challenger's status as a registered voter in this state.

1.15 (b) An appointed challenger seeking admission to a polling place must also present
1.16 an affidavit from the challenger's appointing authority affirming that the individual
1.17 challenger has received training regarding the requirements of this section, including, but
1.18 not limited to, the standards of conduct for a polling place challenger.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 4. **Restrictions on conduct.** An election judge may not be appointed as a
1.21 challenger. The election judges shall permit challengers appointed pursuant to this section
1.22 to be present in the polling place during the hours of voting and to remain there until the
1.23 votes are counted and the results declared. ~~No~~ A challenger must comply with an order

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- 2.1 from an election judge to leave a polling place for the remainder of the election day for
2.2 failure to comply with the requirements of this section. A challenger shall not:
2.3 (1) handle or inspect registration cards, files, or lists. ~~Challengers shall not;~~
2.4 (2) prepare in any manner any list of individuals who have or have not voted. ~~They~~
2.5 ~~shall not;~~
2.6 (3) attempt to influence voting in any manner. ~~They shall not;~~
2.7 (4) converse with a voter except to determine, in the presence of an election judge,
2.8 whether the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct;
2.9 (5) use any electronic communication device inside the polling place; or
2.10 (6) interfere with an election judge who is performing official duties.