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		Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to elections; allowing individuals to wear political or campaign apparel
1.3   in or near the polling place; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.11,
1.4   subdivision 1.

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

1.6   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 211B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7   Subdivision 1. **Soliciting near polling places.** (a) A person may not display campaign

1.8   material, post signs, ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter within

1.9   a polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, ~~or~~

1.10   ~~anywhere on the public property on which a polling place is situated,~~ on primary or election

1.11   day to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate or ballot question. ~~A person may not~~

1.12   ~~provide political badges, political buttons, or other political insignia to be worn at or about~~

1.13   ~~the polling place on the day of a primary or election. A political badge, political button, or~~

1.14   ~~other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary or election~~

1.15   ~~day.~~ This section applies to areas established by the county auditor or municipal clerk for

1.16   absentee voting as provided in chapter 203B.

1.17   (b) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the distribution of "I VOTED" stickers as

1.18   provided in section 204B.49.

1.19   (c) Nothing in this subdivision may be construed to prohibit a person from wearing a

1.20   political or campaign button, pin, hat, shirt, sticker, insignia, or other item of apparel within

1.21   a polling place or within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated on

1.22   primary or election day.