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The bill was read for the first time and Interim introduction, referred to Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; clarifying right of access for certain persons to multiple unit
1.3 residences for campaign and election purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2006, section 211B.20.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.20, is amended to read:

1.7 **211B.20 DENIAL OF ACCESS BY POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO**
1.8 **MULTIPLE UNIT DWELLINGS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
1.10 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home
1.11 park, other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more
1.12 single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to: a candidate who has filed for
1.13 election to public office ~~or to~~; campaign workers accompanied by the candidate, ~~if the~~
1.14 ~~candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the purpose of~~
1.15 ~~campaigning~~; or individuals working for a committee organized to promote or defeat a
1.16 ballot question. A candidate, campaign workers, or individuals working for a committee
1.17 organized to promote or defeat a ballot question may only seek access to a facility as
1.18 provided in this section to campaign, register voters, get out the vote, or distribute
1.19 informational materials regarding an upcoming election. A violation of this section is a
1.20 petty misdemeanor.

1.21 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not prohibit:

1.22 (1) denial of admittance into a particular apartment, room, manufactured home, or
1.23 personal residential unit;

- 2.1 (2) requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to
2.2 admission to a multiple unit dwelling;
- 2.3 (3) in the case of a nursing home, denial of permission to visit certain persons for
2.4 valid health reasons;
- 2.5 (4) limiting visits ~~by candidates or workers accompanied by the candidate~~ to a
2.6 reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours, provided that the reasonable hours
2.7 include evenings or other times when residents of the facility are likely to be present;
- 2.8 (5) students not formally affiliated with a candidate or candidate's committee from
2.9 accompanying the candidate through a dormitory on a college or university campus;
- 2.10 ~~(5)~~ (6) requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility; or
- 2.11 ~~(6)~~ (7) denial of admittance to or expulsion from a multiple unit dwelling for good
2.12 cause.