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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; awarding two electoral votes to the presidential candidate
1.3 with the highest nationwide vote total; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,
1.4 sections 208.02; 208.05.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 208.02, is amended to read:

1.7 **208.02 ~~ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.~~**

1.8 Presidential electors shall be chosen at the ~~state~~ general election held in the year
1.9 preceding the expiration of the term of the president of the United States.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 208.05, is amended to read:

1.11 **208.05 STATE CANVASSING BOARD.**

1.12 Subdivision 1. Meeting date and duties. The State Canvassing Board at its
1.13 meeting on the second Tuesday after each state general election shall open and canvass
1.14 the returns made to the secretary of state for presidential electors and alternates, and
1.15 prepare a statement of the number of votes cast for the persons receiving votes for these
1.16 offices, ~~and declare the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes for each~~
1.17 ~~office duly elected.~~

1.18 Subd. 2. Selection of electors. The board shall appoint two electors of the party
1.19 whose presidential candidate received the highest number of popular votes combined from
1.20 all states and the District of Columbia. The remaining elector offices shall be filled by
1.21 the person or persons receiving the highest statewide vote total, as certified by the board.
1.22 The governor shall transmit to each selected elector a certificate of election, signed by the
1.23 governor, sealed with the state seal, and countersigned by the secretary of state.

2.1 Subd. 3. Tiebreaking procedures. When it appears that more than the number of
2.2 persons to be elected as presidential electors or alternates have the highest and an equal
2.3 number of votes, the secretary of state, in the presence of the board shall decide by lot
2.4 which of the persons shall be declared elected. ~~The governor shall transmit to each person~~
2.5 ~~declared elected a certificate of election, signed by the governor, sealed with the state seal,~~
2.6 ~~and countersigned by the secretary of state.~~