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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to elections; clarifying that election judge may affirm oath; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.24.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.24, is amended to read:

1.6 **204B.24 ELECTION JUDGES; OATH.**

1.7 Each election judge shall sign the following oath before assuming the duties of  
1.8 the office:

1.9 "I ..... solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties of election judge  
1.10 according to law and the best of my ability and will diligently endeavor to prevent fraud,  
1.11 deceit and abuse in conducting this election. I will perform my duties in a fair and impartial  
1.12 manner and not attempt to create an advantage for my party or for any candidate."

1.13 The oath shall be attached to the summary statement of the election returns of that  
1.14 precinct. If there is no individual present who is authorized to administer oaths, the  
1.15 election judges may administer the oath to each other.