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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 1472

02/20/2017 Authored by O'Driscoll The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; allowing cities to canvass primary results on the second or
1.3 third day after the primary; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 205.065,
1.4 subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 205.065, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Results. (a) The municipal primary shall be conducted and the returns made
1.8 in the manner provided for the state primary so far as practicable. If the primary is conducted:

1.9 (1) only within that municipality, a The canvass may be conducted on either the second
1.10 or third day after the primary; or

1.11 (2) in conjunction with the state primary, the canvass must be conducted on the third
1.12 day after the primary, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b).

1.13 The governing body of the municipality shall canvass the returns, and the two candidates
1.14 for each office who receive the highest number of votes, or a number of candidates equal
1.15 to twice the number of individuals to be elected to the office, who receive the highest number
1.16 of votes, shall be the nominees for the office named. Their names shall be certified to the
1.17 municipal clerk who shall place them on the municipal general election ballot without
1.18 partisan designation and without payment of an additional fee.

1.19 (b) Following a municipal primary as described in paragraph (a), clause (2), a canvass
1.20 may be conducted on the second day after the primary if the county auditor of each county
1.21 in which the municipality is located agrees to administratively review the municipality's
1.22 primary voting statistics for accuracy and completeness within a time that permits the canvass
1.23 to be conducted on that day.