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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

In 2005 the legislature enacted a requirement that county auditors prepare posters for the polling places that contain a Voter's Bill of Rights. This bill adds new rights to the 2005 list.

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**1 Minnesota Voter's Bill of Rights.** Adds new rights. First, concerning access:

- having the polls open on time;
- voting in peace and security without harassment;
- not having campaigners ask a voter's name when entering or leaving the polls; taking a sample ballot to the voting booth if the voter does not show it to other voters.

Second, concerning privacy the following rights:

- a private voting booth;
- having the voted ballot placed in a secure container;
- not having private information on a voter registration application disclosed

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unlawfully.

Third, concerning integrity, the following rights:

- a paper ballot;
- have the voter's name on the roster if registered on time;
- information about filing an election complaint;
- prompt delivery of voter registrations collected through a voter registration drive;
- prompt entry of a registration in the statewide voter registration system;
- right to a new ballot after spoiling one.

Finally, rights about accuracy:

- an accurate ballot;
- seeing the votes counted;
- having votes announced and posted immediately after they are counted
- getting a copy of the Voter's Bill of Rights.

**2** **Effective date.** July 1, 2006.