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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 38

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; authorizing counties, cities, and townships to accept
1.3 certain documents or signatures electronically, by mail, or by facsimile.

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

1.5 Section 1. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR SIGNATURES
1.6 ELECTRONICALLY, BY MAIL, OR BY FACSIMILE.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or ordinance to the contrary, a township, home rule
1.8 charter or statutory city, or county may accept documents, signatures, or filings received
1.9 by United States mail, or may use Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325L, to accept documents,
1.10 signatures, or filings electronically or by facsimile, during a peacetime public health
1.11 emergency for applications for permits to carry firearms under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.12 624.714.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, there is no in-person requirement under
1.14 this section.

1.15 (c) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means a peacetime
1.16 emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious
1.17 disease known as COVID-19.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.19 expires 60 days after the peacetime public health emergency is terminated.