



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Minnesota Secretary of State  
Steve Simon

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Administrative Law Judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
600 Robert Street North  
Saint Paul MN 55101

Dear Judge Palmer-Denig,

As you will note in Exhibit I entered into the record today, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association provided a comment with respect to the proposed amendment to existing rule part 8200.7200, subp. 1, which, in part, defines the minimum requirements for a report of the outcome of charging decisions based upon investigations of alleged violations of voter registration or voting laws.

The comment expresses concern that providing certain data may be sufficient for a member of the public to deduce the identity of a person who might have been accused of, but not prosecuted for an alleged crime.

The comment provided by Robert Small, executive director of that association, suggests that by removing two identifying items of information, the risk of identifying an individual could be greatly reduced, or even eliminated.

I believe that Mr. Small's comment is a point well taken, and I agree with his suggested solution.

Therefore, I am hereby notifying you that in response to that comment I propose a modification of part 8200.7200, subp. 1, as proposed to be amended as follows:

On line 1.16, delete "either the name or initials of the individual under"

On line 1.17, delete the word "investigation"

On line 1.17, also delete "the voting precinct if applicable."

This does not create a substantial change in the rules, as proposed, as it is a very minor change to the requirements of the county attorney report, and is within the scope of the original rulemaking process.

Best regards,



STEVE SIMON  
Secretary of State