



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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January 26, 2026

The Honorable Chief Judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Court of Administrative Hearings

**In the Matter of the Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Elections Administration;
Revisor's ID Number R-4824; CAH Docket No. 8-9019-39440; Minnesota Rules
Chapter 8200-8250**

Dear Chief Judge Palmer-Denig:

On January 16, 2026, the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) filed a request to make a change in its proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Elections Administration. The OSS made this request pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2300, subpart 8a. The OSS proposed to make one additional modification to the rules as proposed by adding an effective date of June 1, 2026, to allow local election officials time to prepare new forms incorporating the new rules and so as not to interfere with the orderly election process of local special elections that will be happening before that date.

The OSS has been made aware that this request should have been brought pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2240, subpart 5 and respectfully requests that the Court consider the OSS's request under that authority. The OSS has previously filed the materials required to make that request for change under that subpart, but would of course be happy to provide any additional information or resubmit anything the Court requires to make that determination.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at justin.erickson@state.mn.us or 651-201-6895. Thank you for your consideration and patience.

Respectfully,

Justin R. Erickson
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