



January 28, 2014

Judge Eric Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
Stassen Building  
600 North Robert Street  
PO Box 64620  
Saint Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: Proposed Amendment to Rules of the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Dear Judge Lipman:

The Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) submits the following comments on the proposed amendments to the Permanent Rules relating to the election process in Minnesota.

MACO is a professional association of county officials dedicated to assisting its members to improve services to their constituencies. Our membership is comprised of auditors, auditor-treasurers, treasurers and recorders from all 87 Minnesota counties. I am writing to you on behalf of the MACO Elections Committee which oversees changes to our election system.

MACO supports the following proposed amendments:

**8200.5100, subp. 2, clause A, providing for the addition of other state drivers' license and identification cards.**

**8200.5100, subp. 2, clause A, clarifying that a learner's permit is an acceptable form of photo identification.**

**8200.5100, subp. 2, clause B, providing additional documents that can be used as proof of address.**

**8200.5100, subp. 2, clause B, clarifying that an "original" bill means either a printed copy or a display of the bill on a portable electronic device.**

It is our feeling that implementing the previously mentioned proposed amendments through rulemaking and not through legislative action will provide counties and election administrators with the proper amount of time needed to prepare for elections as well as an opportunity for each county to properly train election judges with a clear understanding of what is accepted under the new rulemaking decisions.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the rules regarding elections.

Sincerely,

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