

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

NOTICE OF FILING RULES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Adopted Rules Governing Voter Registration, Petitions, Absentee Ballots, Optical Scan Voting Systems, Recounts, Election Judge Training Program and Ballot Preparation, Minnesota Rules, Chapters 8200, 8205, 8210, 8230, 8235, 8240 and 8250; OAH Docket No. OAH 3500-30741; Revisor's Tracking No. R-4193.

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

As you requested under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.16, subdivision 1:

On January 3, 2014, at the hearing regarding the rules related to voter registration, petitions, absentee ballots, optical scan voting systems, recounts, election judge training program, and ballot preparation, you requested that the Office of Secretary of State inform you when it adopts the rules and files them with the Secretary of State. This letter is to inform you that Secretary of State Mark Ritchie signed the Order Adopting Rules on March 25, 2014. The Office of Administrative Hearings is filing the rules with the Secretary of State today, April 2, 2014.

Please note that there are still several steps that must take place before the rules become effective:

1. The Secretary of State will send a copy of the adopted rules to the Revisor of Statutes and to the Governor.
2. The Revisor of Statutes will prepare an official Notice of Adoption and send this Notice to the Office of Secretary of State.
3. The Governor has the authority to veto rules under Minn. Stat § 14.05. Under Minn. Stat. § 14.05 the Governor must do so within 14 days of receiving it from the Secretary of State and must publish notice of the veto in the State Register.
4. The Office of Secretary of State will arrange for the publication of the Notice of Adoption in the State Register. The Notice of Adoption will be published approximately two weeks after it is submitted to the State Register.
5. The rules become effective five working days after publication in the State Register.

The remaining steps will take approximately three to five weeks to complete. If you have any questions, contact Julie Strother, (651) 201-1342 or julie.strother@state.mn.us.


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