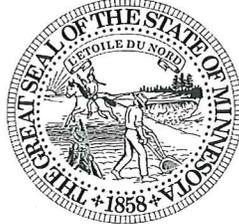


STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR
FOR SENATE DISTRICT 35 IN ANOKA COUNTY
AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly those residing in Senate District 35 in Anoka County; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditor of Anoka County; to all election officials in Senate District 35; and to all others who may be concerned.

Whereas, there is a vacancy in the office of State Senator for Senate District 35 of the State of Minnesota, caused by the resignation of Senator Branden Petersen, effective October 31, 2015; and

Whereas, a special election is necessary to fill this vacancy to ensure representation for the citizens of Senate District 35.

Now, Therefore, I, Mark Dayton, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting under the authority and direction vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, 351.01, 351.02, 351.055, and other relevant statutes, do hereby direct that:

1. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held in Senate District 35 on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.
2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of State Senator for Senate District 35 will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.
3. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for Senate District 35 must be filed with the Secretary of State or the county auditor of Anoka County from Tuesday, December 8, 2015 until 5 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204D.23, subd. 5, affidavits of withdrawal for Senate District 35 may be filed with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.
5. Notices of this special election and special primary must be given, the nomination and election of candidates must be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto must be done as provided by Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, and other applicable law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on October 16, 2015.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Steve Simon
Secretary of State

