STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of Possible Amendments
Governing Election Administration

ORDER ON REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL NOTICE PLAN

This matter came before Administrative Law Eric L. Lipman upon the application of the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) for a legal review under Minn. R. 1400.2060, subp. 1 (2017).

On August 7, 2019, the OSS submitted a request for review and approval of its additional notice plan.

The Administrative Law Judge has two suggested technical corrections relating to the OSS's draft Request for Comments. Technical corrections are not defects in the notice plan, but matters that the agency may consider as it deems fit. First, the OSS may wish to describe the end of the 60-day comment period as "Friday, October 18, 2019." Second, in its Request for Comments, the OSS asks for feedback on potential conflicts with federal law and likely regulatory compliance costs, but does not reference specific rule proposals. These proposals, explains the OSS, are yet to be drafted. See Requests for Comments at 2. In advance of specific proposals, it may be more useful to ask commenters to detail the nature or causes of recent compliance cost increases.

Based upon a review of the written submissions from the OSS, including its plan to notify a wide range of public interest groups, associations representing ethnic minorities, and state-election-law practitioners,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Additional Notice Plan is APPROVED.

Dated: August 13, 2019

ERIC L. LIPMAN

Administrative Law Judge