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BMS Rule 5510.0320 Filing and Service - Party Notification	Proposed Modification  Subp. 3. Filing method. Unless another manner of filing is required by law, a document may be filed:  A. in person, but if filing at the bureau, between only 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  B. by facsimile;  C. by United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the bureau or a party at its last
DRAFT	known address; or  D. electronically, with the express, prior written consent of the recipient that has provided at an email address provided for the filing purpose.
5510.0410 Filing Petition	C. An exclusive representative may file a petition for: §(1) unit clarification; (2) amendment of certification; (3) transfer of exclusive representative status; and (4) abandonment of exclusive representative status; . (5) request for unit merger; and (6) request for maintenance of status quo in part.
5510.0810, Subp. 2 Valid Authorization Signatures	Subp. 2. Valid authorization signatures.  A. Authorization signatures must be in the form of individual authorization cards and include: (1) a statement reflecting the employee's support for the petition's purpose; (2) the legibly printed name of the employee making the authorization; (3) the employee's information and signature; and (4) the date the employee signed the card; and (5) the name of the employee organization.  B. Authorization cards may contain the employee organization's name, address, email address, dues information, and telephone number.
5510.0810, Subp.3,(D) Invalid Authorization Signatures	Subp. 3. Invalid authorization card. An authorization card is invalid if it:  A. does not include the all information and statements required under subpart 2;  B. contains statements of explanation, interpretation, or advice;  B. C. is modified or altered in any way; or  C. D. is dated more than six twelve months before the commissioner receives the petition.
5510.0910 Unit Clarification Petitions  DRAFT	Subpart 1. A petition for unit clarification must include:  A. a statement on whether if there is an effective labor contract and the contract's expiration date;  B. the type of public employer involved;  C. the approximate number of employees affected by the proposed unit clarification;  D. a specific statement of the unit clarification requested and the reasons for the request;  E. the date the petition is signed; and  F. the name and title of the person signing the petition.  Subp. 2. Authorization cards are not required for Unit Clarification petitions.
5510.0720 Unit Mergers (NEW)	Subpt 1. Filing a petition. A petition requesting merger of two appropriate units must include:  A. the name, address, email address, and phone number of a representative for the employer and the exclsuive representative;  B. a statement on whether there are effective labor contracts, and the expiration date of the contracts;  C. the type of public employer involved;  D. the approximate number of employees in each bargaining unit to be merged;  E. a description of the proposed unit;  F. the date the petition is signed; and  G. the name and title of the person signing the petition.  Subpt 2. Right to merger. In accordance with 179A.09, Subd. 4., upon request of an exclusive representive, the commissioner will certify as a single bargaining unit two or more units represented by the exclusive representative within the same employer.  Subpt 3. Existing labor agreements. The labor agreements in place expire effective the date the commissioner certifies the new unit.  Subpt 4. Employee rights. Terms and conditions of employment in existence prior to certification of the merged unit continue until a new agreement is ratified.  Subpt. 5. Notice of bargaining. The request of an exclusive representative to merge units constitutes a notice of intent to meet and negotiate an agreement in accordance with 179A.  14, subd. 1.
5510.2010 Elections  DRAFT	Subp. 2. Election method.  A. In accordance with 179A.12, Subd. 2a., the commissioner will certify a proposed unit upon receipt of a valid petition after determining over 50 percent of the employees in the appropriate unit provided authorization signatures.  B. If the commissioner orders an election, it must be conducted by secret ballot ether at a site of employment or by mail, as determined under Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.12, subdivision 7.