



Minnesota Association of County Officers

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Re: House File 2432 – Judiciary and Public Safety Omnibus

Dear Members of the Conference Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety,

The Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) is comprised of the Minnesota County Records Association (MCRA) and the Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Financial Officers (MACATFO), and represents county officers from all 87 Minnesota Counties.

MACO also includes the Vital Records Advisory Committee (VAC) whose members are responsible for processing requests related to issuance of Vital Records such as Birth, Death & Marriage certificates and Marriage Licenses in all 87 counties.

On behalf of MACO and the Vitals Records Advisory Committee, I write to request support for several marriage license/certificate provisions contained in Article 13 of the Senate language beginning on page R1A13 of the HF2432 side-by-side document. These provisions represent critical steps toward the modernization and cleanup of the Minnesota marriage statute Chapter 517 which provide much needed clarification.

Highlights of the MACO/VAC supported provisions include removing antiquated language, standardizing reports and the data collected clarifying processes for county employees and the public. An important provision will also provide the ability to amend marriage records, allowing individuals a direct and accessible avenue to resolve errors on their records without the need for legal fees or court involvement.

Thank you for your consideration of these provisions. These updates will reflect current legal standards as well as streamline processes for counties while improving service delivery to the public.

Sincerely,

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