



OFFICE OF THE REVISOR OF STATUTES

Minnesota Legislature

INTRODUCTION TO THE REVISOR'S BILL

Minnesota Statutes, section 3C.04, directs the Revisor of Statutes to prepare and submit bills to the legislature that clarify and correct the statutes. It is produced by our office annually and is known as the Revisor's bill. In accordance with Joint Rule 2.01, it is accompanied by a memorandum of explanation which explains each of the corrections being made in the bill.

In addition to making a variety of technical changes to statutes and laws, such as correcting erroneous references and removing obsolete language, the Revisor's bill is also used to resolve conflicts published in Minnesota Statutes.¹

Many corrections in the bill are found by our office during the process of editing Minnesota Statutes and the Laws of Minnesota for publication. Corrections are also brought to our attention by state agencies, other legislative staff, and members of the State Bar.

The Revisor's bill goes through a careful screening process before its introduction, to make sure that the corrections in it are technical in nature and not controversial in the legislature. In addition to a process of internal review, the bill is also shared with the House Research Department and Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis before its introduction. We also consult with state agencies and other interested parties to ensure the accuracy of the corrections and make certain there is no controversy.

¹ The Revisor publishes all of the general and permanent law in Minnesota Statutes, including amendments to the law enacted during each legislative session. Sometimes it's necessary to annotate a statute when there are separate legislative enactments to the same statute, that can't be reconciled. The most common example of this is a statute that is both repealed and amended in the same legislative session. Our office follows standard editorial conventions to report in Minnesota Statutes what has been enacted by the legislature. In the Revisor's bill, we bring these cases before the legislature to resolve the conflict, thereby allowing us to remove the annotation.