



S.F. No. 1592 – State songs designation (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Hail! Minnesota, written in 1904 by University of Minnesota students Truman E. Rickard and Arthur E. Upson, is currently the state song by virtue of a [joint resolution](#) of the legislature adopted April 19, 1945 (Laws 1945, Resolution 15). Copyright in the Hail Minnesota song was first owned by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, but the association later released its copyright to the words and music. The song is not currently designated as the state song in statute, in the way statutes designate the state muffin, the state bird, and so on. This bill creates that statutory designation for Hail! Minnesota, a Prince song, and a Bob Dylan song.

Sec. 1 [State songs] designates the composition of three songs as official songs of the state: “Hail! Minnesota”, “Purple Rain,” composed by Prince and the Revolution, and “Girl from the North Country,” composed by Bob Dylan.

Sec. 2 [Copyright in State Songs] clarifies that the designation of these songs does not convey any rights to perform the songs, create derivative works, or otherwise violate copyright in the songs or the recordings of the songs.

