



Minnesota Association of County Officers

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Sen. Ron Latz, Chair
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
3105 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Latz and committee members:

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), represents county officers from all 87 Minnesota Counties.

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

On behalf of MACO and the Vitals Records Advisory Committee, I want to thank you for including numerous provisions of Senate File 1409 (Mann) in Senate File 1098 (Latz).

These provisions represent critical steps toward the modernization and cleanup of the Minnesota marriage statute Chapter 517 which provide much needed clarification. Thank you as well for including provisions to provide for a process to amend marriage records as well as support the local issuance office. This work represents a strong commitment to the needs of local issuance offices and constituents and will provide efficiencies in administration as well as improved customer experience.

MACO looks forward to continuing work together as this legislation continues to move through the process.

Thank you again for your service and leadership.

Sincerely,

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