

#### STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The need arises to adopt Parts 8210.0200 and 8210.9915 from the requirements of the Act of May 3rd 1990, section 19, 1990, Minn. Laws 2218 which requires the Secretary of State to establish rules for use in the administration of a permanent application for absentee ballots. The rationale for each individual rule is as follows:

1. Part 8210.0200 is needed to provide the procedures to be used in establishing and maintaining a list of eligible voters who are to automatically receive an absentee ballot application. The procedures are reasonable to insure uniformity throughout the state, to insure adequate time for the voter to complete and return the application, and to allow adequate time for election officials to process the applications.
2. Part 8210.9915 is needed to provide a uniform manner in which to apply for the permanent absentee ballot application. The part is reasonable in that it contains the information required by Minnesota Statutes 203B.04.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.11 the proposed rule will not have any impact on agricultural land nor will the adoption of this rule result in additional spending by local public bodies in excess of \$100,000 per year for the first two years following the adoption of this rule. Also pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.115, the proposed rule will not have an impact on small business in Minnesota.