

State of Minnesota

## SECRETARY OF STATE

### Boundary Correction Order

#### *Minnesota House of Representative Districts 37A and 37 B*

The City of Blaine in Anoka County requested that the Secretary of State act under Minnesota Statutes, section 2.91, subdivision 2, to order a correction to the boundary between Minnesota House of Representative Districts 37A and 37B for the reason that the boundary between the two districts is not properly named and is ambiguous.

The portion of the legislative district boundary in question is the section between Jackson Street N.E. and Central Avenue N.E. in Blaine. The City of Blaine requests that the boundary between Minnesota House of Representative Districts, 37A and 37B be clarified or corrected.

The ambiguity is that the census block boundary in question is not a physical feature but is described in the database used by the Special Court Redistricting Panel to divide Minnesota House of Representatives Districts 37A and 37B as a “Unified School District Boundary between Independent School District 11 and Independent School District 16.”

Because this legislative district boundary is not properly named in the Special Court Redistricting Panel’s description, this request meets the requirements of the Minnesota Statutes, section 2.91, subdivision 2. In order to resolve the ambiguity in favor of creating districts of convenient, contiguous territory of substantially equal population, I exercise my authority under Minn. Stat. § 2.91, subd. 2, to order a correction and correct the name of the boundary between Minnesota House of Representative Districts 37A and 37B between Jackson Street N.E. and Central Avenue N.E. The correct name of the boundary is now “Unified School District Boundary between Independent School District 11 and Independent School District 16.” Because the dividing line is not a recognizable physical feature, the precinct to the north of this line and the precinct to the south of this line are directed to be named to reflect a relationship pursuant to M.R. 8255.0020, such as being numbered using the same precinct number, with the precinct in District 37A to have the suffix “A” and the precinct in District 37B to have the suffix “B”.

Dated: February 24, 2012



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ritchie".

Mark Ritchie  
Secretary of State