## State of Minnesota

## **SECRETARY OF STATE**

## **Boundary Correction Order**

## Minnesota House of Representative Districts 13B and 14B

Benton County requests 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 13B and 14B 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 portion following the Sauk Rapids municipal boundary between Mayhew Lake Road NE and Golden Spike Road NE.

The ambiguity is that the legislative boundary in question as described in the database used by the Special Court Redistricting Panel for Senate District 13 includes Census Block 1014, which is located within the municipal boundary of the city of Sauk Rapids, but the boundary between House District 13B and 14B as described by the Special Court Redistricting Panel places Census Block 1014 in House District 14B. There are no residents in Census Block 1014, which is only a few feet in width.

Because there is an inconsistency between the Senate District 13 boundary and the House District 13B boundary in this area, the legislative district boundary between House Districts 13B and 14B is ambiguous and not properly named in the Special Court Redistricting Panel's description, and therefore 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 13B and 14B from the intersection of the Sauk Rapids municipal boundary with Mayhew Lake Road NE to the intersection of the Sauk Rapids municipal boundary and Golden Spike Road NE to be "the Sauk Rapids municipal boundary."

Dated: March 23, 2012

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Mark Ritchie Secretary of State