



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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The Honorable Kurt Zellers
Speaker of the House
Room 463, State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 265, House File 2821, a bill modifying House of Representatives district boundaries in Senate districts 39 and 49. February 21, 2012 was the deadline for legislative action on drawing redistricting boundaries. Modifying the redistricting plan, months after the Special Redistricting Panel's order was released, is not appropriate. I encourage the cities and others, who requested those boundary changes to petition the Redistricting Panel for their desired corrections.

This bill would set a bad precedent and invite further legislative adjustments, which could lead to additional lawsuits and voter confusion. Moreover, I have been very clear, as was my predecessor, that any change in election law must have broad bipartisan support in order for me to support it. The votes in both Chambers on this bill did not meet that requirement.

Sincerely,



Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, President of the Senate
Senator David H. Senjem, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Geoff Michel
Representative Paul Thissen, House Minority Leader
Representative Sarah Anderson
The Honorable Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State
Mr. Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives