

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to government data practices; rejecting a statutory interpretation found in
1.3 an advisory opinion issued by commissioner of administration in 2008.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **REJECTION OF ADVISORY OPINION.**

1.6 The legislature declares that an interpretation of Minnesota Statutes, section 13.82,
1.7 subdivision 14, expressed in Department of Administration advisory opinion 08-006, is
1.8 contrary to legislative intent by suggesting that public access to the names and addresses
1.9 of witnesses to criminal incidents depends on the point in time at which criminal charges
1.10 are filed in connection with the incident. The legislature rejects that interpretation.

1.11 Sec. 2. **APPENDIX REQUIRED.**

1.12 The commissioner of administration shall append to Department of Administration
1.13 advisory opinion 08-006 a statement describing the legislature's action as stated in section
1.14 1.

1.15 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.16 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.