

CHAPTER 100—H. F. No. 224

[Coded]

An act relating to printing of state publications.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **[16.81] Misuse of state publications by state officers.** Subdivision 1. No elected, administrative, or executive officer of the state, shall cause to be printed, nor shall the commissioner of administration authorize the printing of, official reports and other publications intended for general public circulation except those authorized by law or included in the intent of the appropriation out of which the cost will be defrayed; and executive officers shall, before presenting their annual reports and other publications to the commissioner of administration, examine the same and exclude therefrom pictures of elected and administrative officials, and any other pictorial device calculated to or tending to attribute the publication to an individual instead of the department of state government from which it emanates. All other engravings, maps, drawings and illustrations shall be excluded from such reports and publications, except as the executive officers shall certify when presenting such reports for printing, are necessary and relate entirely to the transaction of the state's business, or are reasonably required to present for clear understanding the substance of the report.

Subd. 2. A report for publication authorized by law and paid for from public funds shall carry the imprimatur of the department or the office under whose authority it is issued, but it shall not carry the name of an official in any way that might infer attributing the publication to any person, except where certification of the officer is required for authenticity of the document.

Subd. 3. No report or publication distributed by or from an administrative or executive officer shall contain any notice that the same is sent with "the compliments" and shall not carry letters of personal greeting from an official.

Subd. 4. This section does not apply to the legislative manuals as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 5.

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