

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **938**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations  
04/02/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time  
04/29/2013 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; eliminating certain state directories and guidebooks;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16E.07, subdivision 3; repealing  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 14.04.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16E.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Access to data.** The legislature determines that the greatest possible access  
1.8 to certain government information and data is essential to allow citizens to participate  
1.9 fully in a democratic system of government. Certain information and data, including,  
1.10 but not limited to the following, must be provided free of charge or for a nominal cost  
1.11 associated with reproducing the information or data:

1.12 ~~(1) directories of government services and institutions, including an electronic version~~  
1.13 ~~of the guidebook to state agency services published by the commissioner of administration;~~

1.14 ~~(2)~~ (1) legislative and rulemaking information, including an electronic version of  
1.15 the State Register, public information newsletters, bill text and summaries, bill status  
1.16 information, rule status information, meeting schedules, and the text of statutes and rules;

1.17 ~~(3)~~ (2) Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions and general judicial  
1.18 information;

1.19 ~~(4)~~ (3) opinions of the attorney general;

1.20 ~~(5)~~ (4) Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and election information;

1.21 ~~(6)~~ (5) public budget information;

1.22 ~~(7)~~ (6) local government documents, such as codes, ordinances, minutes, meeting  
1.23 schedules, and other notices in the public interest;

2.1           ~~(8)~~ (7) official documents, releases, speeches, and other public information issued by  
2.2 government agencies; and  
2.3           ~~(9)~~ (8) the text of other government documents and publications that government  
2.4 agencies determine are important to public understanding of government activities.

2.5           Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.6           Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 14.04, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: H0938-2

**14.04 AGENCY ORGANIZATION; GUIDEBOOK.**

To assist interested persons dealing with it, each agency must, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of administration, prepare a description of its organization, stating the general course and method of its operations and where and how the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests. The commissioner of administration must publish these descriptions at least once every four years commencing in 1981 in a guidebook of state agencies. Notice of the publication of the guidebook must be published in the State Register and given in newsletters, newspapers, or other publications, or through other means of communication. The commissioner must make an electronic version of the guidebook available on the Internet free of charge through the North Star information service.