

4525.1000 INITIATING ANONYMOUS PROCEEDINGS.

Subpart 1. **Authority.** Any person making application for an exemption from campaign reporting requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivisions 8 and 10, may proceed anonymously if the board determines that identification of the person for the purpose of the hearing would result in exposure to economic reprisals, loss of employment, or threat of physical coercion.

Subp. 2. **Application.** Any person wishing to proceed anonymously under this part shall make an application under part 4525.0900, subpart 1, which shall contain:

A. a name by which the person wishes to be known for the purposes of the proceeding;

B. the name and address of a person who is authorized to receive official notices or correspondence from the board or upon whom service of legal process may be made;

C. a statement of the facts which lead the applicant to believe that identification of the applicant for purposes of the hearing would result in exposure to economic reprisals, loss of employment, or threat of physical coercion;

D. the name and address of a person who will appear for the applicant during the proceedings if the applicant wishes to remain anonymous;

E. a statement of the facts which lead the applicant to believe that exposure to economic reprisal, loss of employment, or threat of physical coercion would result from the applicant's compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20; and

F. the signature of the applicant in the name by which the person wishes to be known during the proceedings or the signature of the person designated to appear for the applicant.

Subp. 3. **Determination.** Upon receipt of an application for initiation of anonymous proceedings, the board may require the applicant or the person designated to appear for the applicant to appear before a closed meeting of the board with appropriate precautions taken to preserve the anonymity of the applicant from persons other than the board and its employees. The purpose of the appearance is to enable the board to decide whether an anonymous proceeding is required.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 10A.02*

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