

5510.0810 AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES.

Subpart 1. **Confidentiality.** Authorization signatures submitted in support of a petition shall be privileged and confidential information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.12, subdivision 6, and may only be withdrawn by the petitioner.

Subp. 2. **Valid authorization signatures.** Authorization signatures submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.12, must be in the form of individual authorization cards which include:

- A. a statement clearly reflecting the employee's support for the purpose of the petition;
- B. the clearly printed name of the employee making the authorization;
- C. the signature of the employee; and
- D. the date the employee signed the card.

Authorization cards may contain the name, address, and phone number of an employee organization.

Subp. 3. **Invalid authorization card.** The commissioner shall consider invalid any authorization card which:

- A. does not include the information and statements required by parts 5510.0110 to 5510.2310;
- B. contains statements of explanation, interpretation, or advice;
- C. is modified or altered in any way; or
- D. is dated more than six months prior to the receipt of the petition by the commissioner.

Subp. 4. **Effect of invalid authorization card.** The commissioner shall not include invalid authorization cards in determining whether a petition has the necessary showing of interest. If there is evidence that authorization cards submitted to establish a showing of interest were obtained or submitted in a fraudulent manner, the petition or intervention will be denied and a one-year election bar for that unit shall be applied to the party submitting fraudulent cards.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 179A.04*

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