



## **Proposed Resolution Submission Form**

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☐ **This resolution is submitted with approval by the school board.  
Please provide the date on which the authoring school board approved  
submission of this resolution: 9/10/2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED, MSBA URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO (please clearly and concisely state the action you would like the legislature to take):**

Authorize candidates to omit addresses from campaign materials or use a non-residential address under Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04, and require redaction of home addresses from campaign finance filings posted online by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A, per Minnesota Statutes, section 13.607, to protect candidate safety.

### **DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM:**

Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04 requires campaign materials to include a disclaimer with the candidate's or committee's address, such as "Prepared and paid for by [name], [address]," or an alternative if no payment is involved. Additionally, campaign finance filings under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A, often including home addresses, are posted online by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

**EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS A PROBLEM:**

School board candidates, often with limited campaign resources, must use home addresses on campaign materials due to Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04, exposing them to safety risks amid rising threats against elected officials. While candidates may use a P.O. box or campaign address, many in smaller districts rely on home addresses due to cost or logistical constraints. Publicly posting home addresses in online filings further increases vulnerability, especially given recent incidents of harassment and violence.

A member of our board experienced an unsettling incident during campaign season when a man parked on the street and took pictures of her home and property, potentially linked to address disclosure on campaign materials. Nationally, a 2024 National School Boards Association report noted 60% of school board members reported harassment concerns. In Minnesota, incidents in 2024-25, including threats and attacks at legislators' homes, underscore the risks of public address disclosure. Amending Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.04 to remove address requirements and redacting home addresses from online filings under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A, per Minnesota Statutes, section 13.607 (Government Data Practices Act), would align with practices in states like California (CA Govt. Code § 6254.21), which allows address redactions for elected officials' safety.

**PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:****For MSBA Staff Use Only:**

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