

Dakota County Mandate Recommendation

Elected Official Pictures Prohibited			
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comment
Pictures prohibited	471.68 Subd.3		<p>When counties issue a report or other publication for public distribution to inform the general public of the activities of the political subdivision, this section of law provides that the report or publication must not include pictures of elected officials nor any other pictorial or graphic device that would tend to attribute the publication to an individual or groups of individuals, instead of the political subdivision.</p> <p>Dakota County believes this statute should be removed due to its interference with efforts to effectively communicate with the public. In a time when citizens often have difficulty associating local officials with their official roles, pictures on County documents would help to inform the public on the elected officials of county government.</p>