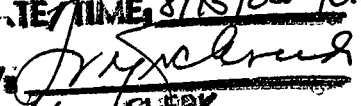


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IN RE ENFORCEMENT OF
SECTION 2, RULES GOVERNING JUDICIAL
RETENTION ELECTION CONDUCT

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2002-500

ORDER

¶1 In consideration of *Republican Party of Minnesota, et al. v. White*, 536 U.S. _____, 122 S. Ct. 2528, 153 L. Ed 2d 694 (2002), that portion of Section 2 of the *Rules Governing Judicial Retention Election Conduct* that states, "He or she should not state his or her views on disputed legal or political issues," shall not be enforced against a justice or judge seeking retention.

¶2 The remainder of Section 2 is in full force and effect.

¶3 Recusal, or other remedial action, may nonetheless be required of any justice or judge in cases that involve an issue about which the justice or judge has announced his or her views as otherwise may be appropriate under the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Dated this 15 day of August, 2002.


MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN, Chief Justice


ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, Associate Justice


JOHN A. MANGLONA, Associate Justice