

DFL Rural Legislator Accessibility Resolution 2018

Category: Government Accountability to the Public

Be it resolved that :

The Minnesota State Legislature will find ways to enable people in rural areas to serve as legislators by making use of creative solutions such as teleconferencing, Skype, FaceTime, off-site offices, occasional off-site hearings and/or conferences closer to rural constituents, etc.

Explanation:

Many young women and men have families, jobs, or responsibilities that preclude them from serving as Minnesota legislators. They are intelligent, passionate and energetic, but do not have the time nor the means to spend six or eight weeks in St. Paul. We would achieve diversity in the age of the people that we send to represent us.

Rural constituents could benefit from bringing hearings and legislators out to alternative sites, rather than having them all at the Capitol.