

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

Phillip C. Parrish,

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota,

Petitioner,

v.

Steve Simon, in his official capacity as

Minnesota Secretary of State;

and the State Canvassing Board,

Respondents.

**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ERRORS, OMISSIONS, AND WRONGFUL ACTS
PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 204B.44**

TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT:

Petitioner Phillip C. Parrish, a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota on the August 11, 2026 State Primary ballot, respectfully petitions this Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 204B.44 for the correction of errors, omissions, and wrongful acts by the Secretary of State and other election officials charged with duties concerning the August 11, 2026 State Primary Election.

I. JURISDICTION AND STANDING

1. This petition is brought under Minn. Stat. § 204B.44, which authorizes any individual to seek correction of any wrongful act, omission, or error of the Secretary of State or any other individual charged with a duty concerning an election for state office.
2. The petition is properly filed with a justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court because it concerns a statewide election.
3. Petitioner is a candidate for statewide office and an eligible voter. He has standing to seek relief that ensures the integrity of the canvass and certification of the primary results.

**II. FACTUAL BASIS — EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY ANOKA COUNTY
COMMISSIONER JEFF REINERT**

4. On or about August 10–11, 2026, Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert publicly stated, on the record, that the voting system used in Anoka County is uncertified.
5. Commissioner Reinert explained that the voting machines themselves had been certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), but that the subsequent addition of modems to those machines caused the entire system configuration to become uncertified.
6. Commissioner Reinert further stated that he had verified this information with Anoka County elections staff and that approximately two-thirds of Minnesota counties are using the same modem-equipped configuration.
7. Commissioner Reinert described the situation as a “huge issue” and stated he was “appalled” to learn of it. He publicly called for the use of equipment that can be certified if modems are to be employed.
8. The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State has publicly maintained that all elections equipment in Minnesota is certified according to Minn. Stat. § 206.57 after testing in federally accredited laboratories and by the Secretary of State’s office.

9. A material disagreement therefore exists between an elected county commissioner who has examined the configuration in the fourth-largest county in the state and the Secretary of State regarding whether the majority of the state's voting systems remain within their certified configuration.

10. Concurrent documented failures in the same election cycle include residual test data being added to live results in Blue Earth County and an incorrect results file that temporarily displayed the wrong winner in Todd County until paper reports were used to correct it.

11. Paper ballots exist for every vote cast. Electronic totals produced by systems whose certification status is in open dispute between elected officials cannot be treated as self-authenticating for purposes of final canvass and certification.

III. ERRORS, OMISSIONS, AND WRONGFUL ACTS

12. The Secretary of State and county election officials charged with duties concerning the August 11, 2026 primary have:

- a. Failed to ensure, or failed to demonstrate publicly, that voting systems used to tabulate and transmit results in approximately two-thirds of Minnesota counties remain within the configuration that was tested and certified;
- b. Allowed electronic results to be transmitted and reported as official or unofficial totals without contemporaneous, independent verification against the paper ballots in jurisdictions using the disputed configuration;
- c. Failed to produce, prior to the State Canvassing Board meeting, clear documentation resolving the certification conflict identified by Commissioner Reinert; and
- d. Thereby created an omission and potential wrongful act affecting the reliability of the electronic canvass that is about to be certified.

IV. RELIEF REQUESTED

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Immediately set a hearing on this petition;
- B. Order the Secretary of State and the State Canvassing Board to show cause why the electronic results from counties using modem-equipped systems should be accepted as final without a hand count or other independent verification of the paper ballots;
- C. Order the production, before final certification, of:
 - Documentation of the certified configuration for each voting system used in the August 11, 2026 primary;
 - A list of all counties whose systems include modems or other components that alter the original certified configuration; and
 - All results-file transmission logs and any corrected or replaced files;
- D. Order that, in any county where the certification status remains unresolved or where documented data-handling errors have already occurred, the paper ballots be counted by hand or subjected to a transparent, public verification process before the results are certified; and
- E. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate to correct the identified errors, omissions, and wrongful acts.

V. SERVICE

A copy of this petition will be served on the Minnesota Secretary of State, the members of the State Canvassing Board, and all candidates for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor as required by Minn. Stat. § 204B.44.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August, 2026.

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This petition is submitted under Minnesota Statutes § 204B.44. A copy is retained for the Petitioner's records and for service as required by law.