

EMAIL PRIVACY

What are the current laws?

Under existing Minnesota law, after 180 days, law enforcement can access your emails and other electronic communications – without a warrant – because those communications are considered “abandoned.” This loophole must be closed.

Who is affected?

This loophole affects anyone who has used email, text messages or other digital communications. Collecting data without a warrant allows law enforcement to sidestep our due process protections and our privacy.

How is this harmful?

The Founding Fathers recognized that citizens in a democracy need privacy for their “persons, houses, papers and effects.” That remains as true as ever today. Minnesotans deserve no less protection when their “papers and effects” are stored electronically.

What can we do?

Support HF 3010/SF 3071 to close the loophole that permits law enforcement agencies to access emails, text messages and other electronic communications without a warrant.

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