

## Testimony on SB 2138

Thank you Madame Chairman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

My name is Senator Dean Rummel from District 37.

This bill addresses an issue that Municipal Judges have with being able to perform an official act on Sunday. It also allows for local control by letting the city determine when the municipal judge's court shall be open. The removal of the last sentence on line 11 and 12 will give a municipal judge the ability to perform an official act on Sunday. This is important because if they were to perform an official act such as a wedding on Sunday, we certainly would want those marriages to be valid.

Madame Chairman if I could continue, there is an amendment to SB 2138. On line 8, the amendment changes the word INDIVIDUALS back to PERSONS. The significance is that not all defendant's are individuals. Business entities, corporations, non-profits are not INDIVIDUALS but they are PERSONS and can be charged with crimes.

Madame Chairman and members of the committee  
I would ask for your support of SB 2138 and I would  
stand for any questions.