

license or revoke such license. The department shall not suspend a license for a period of more than one year.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 171.27, is amended to read:

**171.27 EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.** The expiration date for each driver's license, other than provisional licenses, is the birthday of the driver in the fourth year following the date of issuance of the license. The birthday of the driver shall be as indicated on his application for a driver's license. A license may be renewed on or before expiration or within one year after expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and passing the examination required of all drivers for renewal. Driving privileges shall be extended or renewed on or preceding the expiration date of an existing driver's license unless the commissioner believes that the licensee is no longer qualified as a driver.

The expiration date for each provisional license shall be the ~~21st~~ 18th birthday of the licensee. Upon the provisional licensee attaining the age of ~~21~~ 18 and upon the application, payment of the required fee, and passing the examination required of all drivers for renewal, a driver's license shall be issued if the commissioner deems the record of the provisional licensee to be satisfactory.

Any valid driver's license issued to a person then or subsequently on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States shall continue in full force and effect without requirement for renewal until 90 days after the date of his discharge from such service.

All provisional licenses issued prior to the effective date of this act will remain in effect until the licensee's 21st birthday.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 171.16, Subdivision 4, is repealed.

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## CHAPTER 699—S.F.No.813

*An act relating to elections; providing for the administration of absentee ballots by the municipalities in certain instances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 207.03; 207.04; 207.05,*

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Subdivisions 1 and 3; 207.06; 207.07; 207.08; 207.09; 207.10; 207.13; 207.19; 207.20, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 207.22; 207.221; 207.24; 207.28; 207.30, Subdivisions 1 and 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.15.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.03, is amended to read:

**207.03 ELECTIONS; ABSENTEE BALLOTS; APPLICATION FOR BALLOTS.** At any time not more than 45 days or less than one day before the day of holding any election, any person may make application in writing subscribed by him to the auditor of the county in which he is a resident if he resides outside a municipality, or to the clerk of the municipality if he is a resident of a municipality, for ballots and envelopes, by mailing to or filing with such auditor or such clerk an application substantially in the following form:

**“APPLICATION FOR BALLOTS**

The undersigned, a duly qualified voter in the County of ..... State of Minnesota, residing at ..... (here insert street and number) in said city, village or town, because of (absence from home) ....., (illness) ....., (physical disability) ....., (because of religious discipline or observance of a religious holiday) hereby makes application for the ballots to be voted upon in said precinct at the next election. Please mail said ballots and accompanying envelope to me at ..... (insert post office address to which to be sent) .....

Dated ....., 19.....

(Signature of Applicant)”

Any person who shall wilfully make or sign any false certificates specified herein; any person who shall wilfully make any false or untrue statement in any “Application for Ballots”; any person who shall wilfully exhibit to any other person any ballot marked by him; any person who shall in any way wilfully do any act contrary to the terms and provisions of this chapter with intent to cast an illegal vote in any precinct or to aid another in so doing shall be guilty of a felony.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.04, is amended to read:

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**207.04 COUNTY AUDITOR; MUNICIPAL CLERK TO BE SUPPLIED WITH BALLOTS.** The several officers charged by law with the preparation, printing, and distribution of ballots shall, at least 15 days before any election, print and deliver to the county auditor and to the municipal clerk a sufficient number of the ballots printed under their supervision, respectively, to enable the auditor and the municipal clerk to comply with the provisions of this chapter. It shall be the duty of the county auditor and the municipal clerk to prepare and print the ballots prepared under his direction at least 15 days before such election.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.05, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**207.05 APPLICATIONS FILED WITH AUDITOR OR MUNICIPAL CLERK; DELIVERY OF BALLOTS.** Subdivision 1. **APPLICATION, DELIVERY.** If any application is made either in person or by mail more than 30 days before election, the auditor or the municipal clerk shall file the same and forthwith on the delivery to him of the ballots, shall mail to the applicant without charge, at the address specified in the application one each of the several ballots the applicant is entitled to vote upon at the next election; also the envelope hereinafter specified. If the application is made within 30 days of the election, he shall forthwith upon receipt of such application or as soon thereafter as ballots are available, mail, or deliver to the applicant, without charge, if he apply therefor in person, and fill out and sign the application blank specified in section 207.03, one each of the several ballots the applicant is entitled to vote upon at the next election; also the envelopes hereinafter specified.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.05, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PRIORITY IN MAILING.** Priority in mailing shall be given to all ballots to be sent outside the United States. In the event the government of the United States or any branch, department, agency or other instrumentality thereof shall make provision for sending of any voting matter through the mails postage free, or otherwise, the election officials of the several counties and of the several municipalities of the state are authorized to make use thereof.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.06, is amended to read:

**207.06 FEES.** The expense of such extra clerical assistance as may be required for the performance by the auditor or by the municipal clerk of the duties imposed by this chapter; the cost of furnishing and printing the application blanks specified in section

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207.03; the cost of furnishing and printing the envelopes and voters' certificates herein specified; the cost of postage both in forwarding and for the return of the ballots as herein specified and in delivering to the judges of the several precincts in his county or in his municipality the applications after the same have been endorsed by him as herein specified, shall be paid by the county or by the municipality.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.07, is amended to read:

**207.07 AUDITOR OR MUNICIPAL CLERK MAY EMPLOY ADDITIONAL HELP.** Each county auditor and each municipal clerk is hereby authorized to employ such assistants, additional to those now authorized by law, as may be necessary to the carrying into effect of the provisions of this chapter, and the expense of such additional clerical assistance shall be paid by the county or by the municipality.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.08, is amended to read:

**207.08 "RETURN" AND "BALLOT" ENVELOPES, "DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS."** The auditor of each of the several counties or the clerk of each of the several municipalities shall mail or deliver to the applicant with the ballots two envelopes and "Directions to Voters." One envelope shall be known as the "Return Envelope" herein described, to conveniently enclose and contain the "Ballot Envelope" herein described. There shall be printed or written across the left hand end of this envelope, by the auditor or by the municipal clerk, before delivery thereof to the applicant, the words:

"Return Envelope

Postmaster to deliver on Election Day."

The auditor or the municipal clerk shall also cause this "Return Envelope" to be addressed to the "Judges of Election" in the precinct in which the applicant is entitled to vote, ~~if he knows or can ascertain such precinct.~~ Such address shall be in substantial conformity to one of the illustrations herein set forth and as the facts may require:

"To the Judges of Election.  
Seventh Precinct, Third Ward,  
City of Minneapolis,  
Hennepin County,  
Minnesota."

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“To the Judges of Election, Rosedale Town,  
(Here insert name of post-office nearest voting place)  
Hennepin County, Minnesota.”

“To the Judges of Election, Village of Excelsior,  
Excelsior, Hennepin County, Minnesota.”

If the auditor does not know or cannot ascertain the precinct in which the applicant is entitled to vote he shall cause the Return Envelope to be addressed to the clerk of the municipality in which the applicant is entitled to vote. Such address shall be in substantial conformity to one of the illustrations herein set forth and as the facts may require:

~~“To the city clerk of the city of Minneapolis  
For the Judges of Election of the Precinct  
in which 3217 Elm Street is situated.  
Courthouse, City of Minneapolis  
Hennepin County, Minnesota.”~~

“To the Town Clerk of the Town of Fisher  
For the Judges of Election of the Precinct  
in which Box 32, Route 3, Fisher, Minnesota is  
situated.  
Town Hall, Town of Fisher,  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota.”

“To the Town Clerk of the Town of White  
For the Judges of Election of the Precinct  
in which Route 3, Aurora, Minnesota is situated.  
Village of Aurora  
St. Louis County, Minnesota.”

~~“To the Village Clerk of the Village of Roseville  
For the Judges of Election of the Precinct  
in which 1787 North Victoria is situated.  
City of St. Paul,  
Ramsey County, Minnesota.”~~

The auditor may vary any such form for addressing “Return Envelope” as the facts may require, but shall adopt such form of address as will best insure the prompt delivery of such envelope and contents to the judges on election day. If the Return Envelope

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is addressed to the clerk of a municipality it shall contain a notation in bold face type reading substantially as follows:

"Clerk of

.....  
.....

(Here insert name of municipality)

Deliver this envelope to the correct Election Precinct immediately upon receipt thereof."

The county auditor or the municipal clerk shall also affix to this "Return Envelope" United States postage stamps sufficient in amount to pay the required United States postage on the "Return Envelope," after the ballot envelope and voter's certificate herein prescribed have been enclosed therein. If necessary to assure delivery to the judges of election in the polling place by the postmaster, the county auditor or the municipal clerk shall affix to this "Return Envelope" United States postage stamps necessary for special delivery.

There shall be printed on the back of this "Return Envelope" a certificate which shall be substantially in the following form:

"VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

County of ..... )  
State of ..... ) ss

I do swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I am an eligible voter; that I am an actual resident of the election precinct indicated by my address in my application; that on the date of the ballots contained herein I will have legally resided therein for more than 30 days; that I do not intend to abandon my residence in said precinct prior to such date; that at said time I will be a qualified voter in said precinct.

(Signed)

.....  
.....

(Voter)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... A.D. ...., and I hereby certify that the affiant exhibited the enclosed ballots to me unmarked; that he then in my presence and in the presence of no other person, and in such manner that I could not see his vote, marked such ballots and enclosed and sealed the same in the ballot envelope; or that he was physically incapacitated from marking his ballots and that at his request I marked the ballots for him; that the affiant was not solicited or advised by me for or against any candidate or measure.

.....  
 .....

(Attesting Witness)

.....  
 .....

(Official Title)

(Here write name of office or official character of attesting witness, such as notary public, postmaster, etc.)"

The Return Envelope shall be so made as to open on the left hand end and the certificate above set forth shall be printed on the right hand three-fourths of the back of the envelope.

The following "Directions to Voters" shall be printed and furnished to each voter at the time such ballots are mailed or delivered in person.

**"DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS"**

(1) Locate a Notary Public, United States Postmaster, Assistant United States Postmaster, postal supervisor, clerk in charge of contract postal station, or any officer having authority to administer an oath or take an acknowledgment.

(2) Exhibit the ballots to be voted on to such person unmarked.

(3) In his presence mark the ballots in such a manner that he cannot see your vote. If you are physically incapacitated, you may ask him to mark your ballot for you.

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(4) Fold each ballot separately so that your cross marks cannot be seen without unfolding, but so that facsimile signature of officer (secretary of state, county auditor, or municipal clerk) on back of ballot can be seen without unfolding ballot. Do not put your name, initials, or any other identifying mark on the ballots.

(5) Enclose all the ballots in the "Ballot Envelope" and seal the envelope.

(6) Sign your name on back of the "Return Envelope." The person taking your acknowledgment must sign his name as attesting witness, indicate his official title, insert proper date, and affix his official seal, or, in the case of postal authorities previously mentioned, the cancellation stamp of their respective post offices. Insert the "Ballot Envelope" in the "Return Envelope" and seal the "Return Envelope."

(7) Deposit the "Return Envelope" in the mail in the presence of the attesting witness or have him do it for you.

(8) The ballots may be marked and mailed at any time after you receive them from the county auditor or from the municipal clerk. However, they must be marked and mailed so that they can be delivered by the post office to the judges of election at your polling place before the polls close on election day."

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.09, is amended to read:

**207.09 APPLICATION TO BE CERTIFIED AND SEALED.** The county auditor or the municipal clerk on mailing or delivering to an applicant ballots as hereinbefore specified, shall sign or cause to be signed by his deputy, and date the certificate printed on the application for ballots and shall authenticate such certificate with his official seal. All applications shall be preserved by the auditor or the municipal clerk and arranged by him according to precincts and the initial letter of the surname of the applicant. At the time ~~he~~ the county auditor delivers the state and county ballots to the town, village and city clerks within his county, he shall also deliver to the respective town, village, and city clerks the applications theretofore received by him and endorsed by him. Such town, village and city clerks shall in turn deliver said applications so endorsed together with the applications filed with their respective offices to the respective judges of the several precincts.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.10, is amended to read:

**207.10 VOTER TO MAIL BALLOT.** Any qualified voter of any precinct of this state to whom ballots have been delivered by the

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county auditor or by the municipal clerk, may mark and mail the ballots so delivered to him at any place, the same to be marked and mailed in the manner specified in the directions to voters, set forth in section 207.08, and before an attesting witness belonging to one of the classes specified in the directions to voters.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.13, is amended to read:

**207.13 COUNTY AUDITOR TO PREPARE APPLICATIONS.** The county auditor or the municipal clerk shall prepare and print a suitable number of blanks for the "Application for ballots" described herein and deliver a copy thereof to any voter applying therefor.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.19, is amended to read:

**207.19 REGISTRATION; REQUEST; BALLOT.** Subdivision 1. Registration for the primary and general elections may be made by or for any member of the armed forces who is an eligible voter or who will be an eligible voter on or before the date of the next primary or general election occurring after such registration by the member of the armed forces himself or by a parent, spouse, or a brother, sister, or child over the age of 18 years, by filing in the office of the county auditor of the county in which his place of residence is located, if his place of residence is outside a municipality, or in the office of the clerk of the municipality if his place of residence is within a municipality, a request for ballot in substantially the following form, whether said request for ballot is upon a form prepared and distributed by the war and navy departments or otherwise:

**REQUEST FOR BALLOTS**

To the County Auditor of ..... County, Minnesota, United States of America:

Or,

To the clerk of ..... (name of municipality), ..... County, Minnesota, United States of America.

The name of the person for whom ballots are requested is ..... He is a member of the armed forces of the United States. He expects to be absent from his place of residence in Minnesota on the primary or general election date. Request is therefore made that ballots be furnished to him to be used by him

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in voting at such elections and be sent to him at the address herein stated. He is a citizen of the United States. He is a resident of the State of Minnesota and has been such resident for more than ~~six months~~ 30 days last past. He was born on the ..... day of ..... in the year ..... His home and place of residence is and on said election days will be at ..... in the ..... of ..... (Town, City or Village) County of ....., State of Minnesota. His voting precinct according to the best information of the undersigned is ..... (Give precinct and ward number or name of precinct if you know it.) Ballots are to be sent to said member of the armed forces at the following address:

.....

.....

(If this request is signed by the spouse, parent, or a brother, sister, or child over the age of 18 years, of the member of the armed forces, fill in the following paragraph.) The relative who signs this request is the ..... of said voter above-named, and is of the age of 18 years or over ..... (signature of member of armed forces or relative) Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ....., 19..... (State title of office. If officer of armed forces, must be a commissioned, noncommissioned, or petty officer not below rank of sergeant or its equivalent. Affix seal, if any.)

Subd. 2. Any such communication or request filed with or received by the county auditor or the municipal clerk shall be registered by the county auditor or the municipal clerk in a permanent record kept by him for such purpose, and the entry of said name in such register shall constitute the only registration necessary to entitle any member of the armed forces to vote at a primary or general election. Registrations under sections 207.16 to 207.29 may be challenged in the manner provided for in law, except that the county auditor or the municipal clerk shall not be required to give notice to the voter, and all reasonable doubt shall be resolved in favor of the validity of such registration. If it appears from the communication or request that the applicant is not qualified to vote at the primary election but will be qualified to vote at the general election, then no primary ballot shall be forwarded to the applicant, but such communication or request shall nevertheless constitute a request for ballot for the general election. Should any such request or a communication in the form thereof be addressed to the secretary of state or any other election

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official, the same shall immediately upon its receipt by said election official be forwarded to the county auditor of the county of residence of such registrant, if his place of residence is outside a municipality, or to the clerk of the municipality if his place of residence is within a municipality, as specified in such request, and shall have the same force and effect as if it were addressed to the county auditor or to the municipal clerk. The county auditor or the municipal clerk shall, in no event, send more than one set of ballots to any member of the armed forces for each election.

Subd. 3. Every county auditor or every municipal clerk shall forthwith prepare at the expense of his county or municipality a sufficient supply of blank forms to be used to request that ballots be furnished a member of the armed forces and shall furnish such blanks to any person applying therefor.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.20, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**207.20 COUNTY AUDITOR; MUNICIPAL CLERK DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. The county auditor or the municipal clerk shall, as promptly as possible, mail an official ballot, or ballots if more than one are to be voted at the election, to every absent member of the armed forces who has been registered in accordance with the foregoing provisions. Registration for the primary election shall entitle the registrant to receive a general election ballot without further application, notwithstanding that the registrant may have failed to vote in the primary election. Said ballot or ballots shall be mailed by air mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope upon which shall be printed "OFFICIAL BALLOT." There shall also be sent in the same envelope a return air mail stamped envelope, labeled "Official Ballot Return Envelope" and addressed in conformity with the requirements of the "Return Envelope" prescribed in section 207.08; upon the back of the "Official Ballot Return Envelope" shall be an affidavit in the following form:

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER THAT THE**

**ENCLOSED BALLOT BE COUNTED: I, .....**

do solemnly swear that I am an eligible voter or will be an eligible voter on or before .....

(the date of the next primary or general election in Minnesota) that I am a citizen of the United

States; that my home and place of residence is and on said election days will be at .....

in the .....

(Town, City or Village)

of ....., county of

....., State of Minnesota;

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that I have not cast another vote or returned another ballot for this election to any voting precinct; and that I am otherwise qualified to vote the enclosed ballot which I personally marked and sealed in this envelope without exhibiting it to any other person, or which, in case of my physical incapacity, has been marked for me and sealed in this envelope under my personal direction.

.....  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of  
..... 19.....  
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(State title of office. If officer of armed forces, must be a commissioned, noncommissioned or petty officer (not below the rank of Sergeant or its equivalent). Affix seal, if any.) NOTE: Temporary change of dwelling place made necessary by military service does not affect the voter's residence.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.20, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Priority in mailing shall be given to all ballots to be sent outside the United States. In the event the government of the United States or any branch, department, agency or other instrumentality thereof shall make provision for sending of any voting matter provided for in sections 207.16 to 207.29 through the mails postage free, or otherwise, the election officials of the several counties and of the several municipalities of the state are authorized to make use thereof.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.22, is amended to read:

**207.22 BALLOT CONFORM TO PROVISIONS OF THE MINNESOTA ELECTION LAW.** The ballots used under this section conform to the requirements of the Minnesota election law, except that if modification of the size of ballot or envelope, or weight or color of paper, is necessary to conform to mailing requirements of the federal authorities, state ~~and~~ county, ~~and~~ municipal officials in charge of the preparation of such ballots and envelopes shall cause such modifications to be made. Ballots shall be marked pursuant to instructions contained thereon and shall be returned in the return envelope provided therefor.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.221, is amended to read:

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**207.221 REGISTRATION RECORDS; DELIVERY BY AUDITOR AND BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.** At the time the county auditor delivers the state and county ballots to the town, village, and city clerks within his county he shall also deliver to them a copy, certified by him, of his registration records as kept in conformity with Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 207.19, Subdivision 2. If members of the armed forces are registered after such ballots have been delivered to such clerks certified copies of such additional registration records shall forthwith be delivered by the county auditor to the appropriate town, village, or city clerk. Such town, village, and city clerks shall in turn deliver such registration records together with registration records made by them in conformity with section 207.19, subdivision 2 to the respective judges of the several precincts.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.24, is amended to read:

**207.24 CAST OF BALLOT IN PERSON, EFFECT.** If any person entitled to vote under the provision of sections 207.16 to 207.29 casts his ballot in person on election day, then no absentee ballot shall be counted for such elector. If more than one absentee ballot is received from any elector entitled to vote under the provisions of sections 207.16 to 207.29, the ballot of such elector bearing the latest county auditor's or municipal clerk's date stamp shall be cast.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.28, is amended to read:

**207.28 EXPENSE CHARGEABLE TO GENERAL REVENUE.** The county auditors of the several counties and the clerks of the municipalities may incur such expenses and expend such amounts for clerk hire, postage and other expenses as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 207.16 to 207.29, the same to be paid from the general revenue funds of the counties or of the municipalities.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.30, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**207.30 ABSENTEE BALLOT PRECINCT.** Subdivision 1. **LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND POLICY.** The legislature determines that some municipalities in the state have the cumbersome burden of handling absentee ballots. It is the purpose of this section to provide a means through the local option of a municipality to determine whether or not it would be more convenient and more efficient to establish an absentee ballot precinct within the municipality which will handle all absentee ballots of the electorate of the municipality received during an any election, ~~either primary or general, within the municipality.~~

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Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.30, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **BOARD, DUTIES.** An absentee ballot precinct shall be a board set up by the designated election official of a municipality whose duties shall be as follows:

(a) Receive all absentee ballots of the electorate of the municipality for ~~a primary or general~~ any election held ~~within the municipality.~~

(b) Check the registration of each absentee ballot ~~against the permanent voter registration file.~~

(c) Determine the precinct of each absentee ballot voter and report the results of such election to each precinct with such results to be tabulated with that precinct.

(d) Prepare a list for submission to each precinct within the municipality prior to the close of the election day for the precinct officials to check against the voter registration file to ascertain if any absentee ballot voter voted by person.

(e) Reject any absentee ballots of persons who had voted at a precinct making a notation on the envelope of the absentee ballot as to the reason for rejection.

(f) After the polls have closed in the municipality the board shall count the absentee ballots by opening them and tabulating the vote of each absentee ballot voter in a manner which will indicate each vote of the absentee voter and designate that the vote was received by absentee ballot.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.15, is repealed.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 700—S.F.No.877

*An act relating to taxation; tax forfeited lands; purchase by veterans; extending application to Vietnam veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 282.031.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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