

CHAPTER 292—S.F.No.1353

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An act relating to elections; providing certain precinct caucus requirements; amending Laws 1975, Chapter 5, Sections 5, Subdivisions 1 and 3; 6, Subdivision 1; and 9, Subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Laws 1975, Chapter 5, Section 5, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. **[202A.14] ELECTIONS; PRECINCT CAUCUS; REQUIREMENTS.** Subdivision 1. **TIME AND MANNER OF HOLDING.** At 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in February in every general election year there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus in the manner provided in sections 5 to 9-10.

Sec. 2. Laws 1975, Chapter 5, Section 5, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

[202A.14] Subd. 3. **NOTICE.** The county or legislative district chairman shall give ~~two weeks~~ at least six days published notice ~~and at least six days' posted notice at the regular polling place~~ of the holding of the precinct caucus, stating the place, date, and time for holding the caucus. He shall deliver the same information to the county auditor at least 20 days before the precinct caucus. The county auditor shall make this information available to persons who request it.

Sec. 3. Laws 1975, Chapter 5, Section 6, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 6. **[202A.15] TIME AND PLACE OF CAUCUS.** Subdivision 1. Precinct caucuses within a county shall be held on the day provided by law ~~at a time set by the county auditor at least 45 days before the caucus date, after consultation with the chairman of each political party's executive committee.~~ The hour for convening all caucuses throughout a county shall be uniform. No caucus shall be convened before 2:00 p.m. nor later than 9:00 p.m., and the caucuses shall remain open for at least one hour.

Sec. 4. Laws 1975, Chapter 5, Section 9, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

[202A.18] Subd. 2. Nominations for the election of permanent officers and delegates shall remain open for at least the first half hour of the caucus.

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Sec. 5. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1975.

CHAPTER 293—S.F.No.1415

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An act relating to public welfare; authorizing an experimental program for the cost of home care of mentally retarded children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 252.27, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, Section 252.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. PUBLIC WELFARE; MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN; COST OF HOME CARE. In order to determine the effectiveness of the family unit in providing alternate living arrangements and providing or arranging for the training and developmental opportunities provided in a state hospital or a licensed community residential facility, the commissioner of public welfare may establish an experimental program to subsidize selected families who agree to carry out a planned program of home care and training for their minor dependents who are mentally retarded.

This program shall be limited to children who otherwise would require and be eligible for placement in state hospitals or licensed community residential facilities.

Grants to families shall be determined by the commissioner of public welfare. In determining the grants, the commissioner shall consider the cost of diagnostic assessments, homemaker services, training expenses including specialized equipment, visiting nurses' or other pertinent therapists' costs, preschool program costs, related transportation expenses, and parental relief or child care costs not to exceed \$250 per month per family.

An individual care and training plan for the child shall be established and agreed upon by the parents receiving the subsidy and the appropriate local welfare agency. Periods of parental relief, including vacations, may be included in the plan and do not require the approval of the local welfare agency. The plan shall be periodically evaluated to determine the progress of the child.

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