

to that particular soybean crop through the exercise of a legal right or that such party has himself paid the required fee and such other proof as the commissioner may by rule or regulation require, have the fee paid pursuant to sections 21A.01 to 21A.19 refunded to him. Any request for refund must be received in the office of the commissioner or the council within 60 days following the payment of such fee. Refund shall be made by the commissioner within 30 days after receipt of the request for refund provided that the fee sought to be refunded has been received.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 21A.19, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21A.19 **NONLIABILITY OF STATE; SEVERABILITY.** Subdivision 1. No liability shall be imposed upon the state of Minnesota for any acts or omissions of the commissioner or of the ~~soybean~~ council established pursuant to sections 21A.01 to 21A.19.

Sec. 14. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 21A.18, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 29—H.F.No.262

An act relating to veterans; commissioner of veterans affairs; changing residency requirements for the commissioner, certain officers and employees of the department of veterans affairs, and veterans service officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 196.02, Subdivision 1; and 197.601.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 196.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

196.02 **VETERANS AFFAIRS; COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.** Subdivision 1. **APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS.** The department shall be under the supervision and control of a commissioner of Veterans' Affairs who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for a four year term which shall coincide with the term of the governor and until his successor is duly appointed and has qualified. The governor may remove the commissioner at any time for cause after notice and hearing. The commissioner shall be in unclassified service. No person shall be eligible to receive appointment as commissioner unless he has the following qualifications:

(1) Residence in the state of Minnesota ~~for at least five years prior to his appointment;~~

(2) Citizenship in the United States;

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(3) Veteran of the armed forces of the United States as defined in section 197.447. In case of a vacancy, the governor may appoint a commissioner, who shall immediately take office and shall carry on all of the duties of the office until the next session of the legislature, when his appointment shall be submitted to the senate for approval. On January 4, 1971, the term of the incumbent commissioner shall expire.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 197.601, is amended to read:

197.601 QUALIFICATIONS OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS. No person shall be appointed a veterans service officer under sections 197.60 to 197.606 unless he has the following qualifications:

- (1) Residence in the state of Minnesota ~~for at least five years prior to his appointment;~~
- (2) Citizenship in the United States;
- (3) Veteran as defined in section 197.447;
- (4) Education and training for the duties of veterans service officer;
- (5) Knowledge of the law and the regulations and rulings of the United States Veterans Administration applicable to cases before it and the administration thereof.

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CHAPTER 30—H.F.No.291

An act relating to education; school districts; joint powers; authorizing joint boards to acquire certain property for data processing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 123.73.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 123.73, is amended to read:

123.73 EDUCATION; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; DATA PROCESSING BY JOINT BOARD, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. Any joint board formed pursuant to section 471.59 by two or more school districts, however organized, for the purpose in whole or in part of establishing or providing data processing services may acquire, transfer and hold title to real and personal property to the extent and in the manner as is authorized by law for independent school districts. The joint board may acquire by lease-purchase or installment purchase or in any manner approved pursuant to section 16.93 or other state law any necessary computer hardware or software. For purposes of acquiring, transferring and holding title to real and personal property, such joint board shall be considered a separate governmental entity, and the obligations incurred in acquiring any such property

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