Sec. 3. REFERENDUM.

The county board, after adopting a resolution permitted by section 1, shall publish the resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. The resolution may be implemented without the submission of the question to the voters of the county, unless within 30 days after the second publication of the resolution a petition requesting a referendum, signed by a number of voters of the county equal to at least ten percent of those who voted in the county in the last general election, is filed with the county auditor. If a petition is filed, the resolution may not be implemented until approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at a regular or special election.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act takes effect separately for each county the day after the filing of a certificate of local approval by the Itasca county board, or the Polk county board, in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Presented to the governor May 11, 1993

Signed by the governor May 13, 1993, 2:50 p.m.

CHAPTER 128-H.F.No. 43

An act relating to transportation; regulating the sign franchise program; allocating funding for town bridges replaced by culverts when replacement does not exceed \$20,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 160.80, subdivision 1; and 161.082, subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 160.80, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROGRAM. (a) The commissioner of transportation may establish a sign franchise program for the purpose of providing on the right-of-way of interstate and controlled-access trunk highways specific information on gas, food, camping, and lodging, for the benefit of the motoring public.

- (b) The sign franchise program must include urban interstate highways. The commissioner may implement policies that apply only to signs on interstate highways in urban areas, such as distance requirements from the interstate for eligible services, priority issues, and mixing of service logos.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.082, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.

Subd. 2a. TOWN BRIDGES AND CULVERTS; TOWN ROAD ACCOUNT. An amount equal to 25 percent of the county turnback account must be expended, within counties having two or more towns, on town road bridge structures that are ten feet or more in length and on town road culverts that replace existing town road bridges. In addition, if the present bridge structure is less than ten feet in length but a hydrological survey indicates that the replacement bridge structure or culvert must be ten feet or more in length, then the bridge or culvert is eligible for replacement funds. In addition, if a culvert that replaces a deficient bridge is in a county comprehensive water plan approved by the board of water and soil resources and the department of natural resources, the costs of the culvert and roadway grading other than surfacing are eligible for replacement funds up to the cost of constructing a replacement bridge. The expenditures on bridge structures and culverts may be on a matching basis, and if on a matching basis, not more than 90 percent of the cost of a bridge structure or culvert may be paid from the county turnback account. When bridge approach construction work exceeds \$10,000 in costs, or when the county engineer determines that the cost of the replacement culverts alone will not exceed \$20,000, the town shall be eligible for financial assistance from the town bridge account. Financial assistance shall be limited to 90 percent of the cost of the bridge approach work that is in excess of \$10,000 and shall be requested by resolution of the county board and shall be limited to:

(1) 100 percent of the cost of the bridge approach work that is in excess of \$10,000; or

(2) 100 percent of the cost of the replacement culverts when the cost does not exceed \$20,000 and the town board agrees to be responsible for all the other costs, which may include costs for structural removal, installation, and permitting. The replacement structure design and costs shall be approved and certified by the county engineer, but need not be subsequently approved by the department of transportation.

An amount equal to 47.5 percent of the county turnback account must be set aside as a town road account and distributed as provided in section 162.081.

Presented to the governor May 11, 1993

Signed by the governor May 14, 1993, 3:56 p.m.

CHAPTER 129-S.F.No. 550

An act relating to agriculture; board of animal health; regulating the imposition and collection of civil penalties; regulating activities relating to restricted species; creating a restricted species task force; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 35.95, subdivisions 1 and 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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