

CHAPTER 455—S.F.No. 2262

An act relating to local government; removing notice requirements for on-site inspections by town boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 366.01, subdivision 11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 366.01, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **OPEN MEETING LAW; EXEMPTION.** ~~Except for the notice requirements,~~ Section 471.705 does not apply to a gathering of town board members to perform on-site inspections, if the town has no employees or other staff able to perform the inspections and the town board is acting essentially in a staff capacity. The town board shall make good faith efforts to provide notice of the inspections to each news medium that has filed a written request for notice if the request includes the news medium's telephone number. The notice shall be given by telephone or by any other method used to notify the members of the public body.

Presented to the governor April 14, 1994

Signed by the governor April 18, 1994, 3:02 p.m.

CHAPTER 456—H.F.No. 2553

An act relating to retirement; public employees retirement association; permitting purchase of service credit by certain soil and water conservation district employees.

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

Section 1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION; PURCHASE OF PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT.**

Subdivision 1. ELIGIBILITY. Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 353, to the contrary, a member of the public employees retirement association or a member of the general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota state retirement system who:

(a) was a soil and water conservation district employee for all or part of the period between July 1, 1977 and June 30, 1981; and

(b) became a public employees retirement association member on July 1, 1981, because of that employment;

may purchase prior service credit in the association for any period or periods of employment by the district within the above period.

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In order to purchase the service credit, the member must establish in the records of the association proof of the service for which the purchase of prior service applies, and proof that the individual had sufficient salary during all or part of that period to meet minimum statutory salary thresholds for public employee retirement association membership. Payments cannot be made if the executive director determines that the member was eligible for coverage during this period by another Minnesota public pension plan other than a volunteer fire plan to which section 69.771, subdivision 1, applies. The manner of proof must be in accordance with procedures prescribed by the executive director of the association.

Subd. 2. PURCHASE PAYMENT AMOUNT. (a) To purchase credit for prior service under this section, there must be paid to the public employees retirement association an amount equal to the present value, on the date of payment, of the amount of the additional retirement annuity obtained by the purchase of the additional service credit. Calculation of this amount must be made by the executive director of the public employees retirement association using the applicable preretirement interest rate of the association specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 356.215, subdivision 4d, and the mortality table adopted for the association. The calculation must assume continuous future service in the association until, and retirement at, the age at which the minimum requirements of the fund for normal retirement or retirement with an annuity unreduced for retirement at an early age, including Minnesota Statutes, section 356.30, are met with the additional service credit purchased. The calculation must also assume a full-time equivalent salary, or actual salary, whichever is greater, and a future salary history that includes annual salary increases at the applicable salary increase rate for the fund or association specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 356.215, subdivision 4d.

(b) Payment must be made in one lump sum prior to July 1, 1995.

(c) Payment of the amount calculated under this subdivision must be made by the member. However, the current or former employer of the member may, at its discretion, pay all or any portion of the payment amount that exceeds an amount equal to the employee contribution rates in effect during the period or periods of prior service applied to the actual salary rates in effect during the period or periods of prior service, plus interest at the rate of eight and one-half percent a year compounded annually from the date on which the contributions would otherwise have been made to the date on which the payment is made. If the employer agrees to payments under this paragraph, the employee must make the employee payments required under this paragraph prior to July 1, 1995. If that employee payment is made, the employing unit payment under this paragraph must be remitted to the executive director of the public employees retirement association within 60 days of receipt by the executive director of the employee payments specified under this paragraph.

Subd. 3. SERVICE CREDIT GRANT. Service credit for the purchase period or periods must be granted to the account of the eligible person upon receipt of the purchase payment amount specified in subdivision 2.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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Signed by the governor April 18, 1994, 3:08 p.m.

CHAPTER 457—H.F.No. 1844

An act relating to highways; designating trunk highway marked No. 212 as the Minnesota Veterans Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 30. MINNESOTA VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. Trunk highway marked No. 212 is designated the "Minnesota Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

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CHAPTER 458—H.F.No. 2657

An act relating to state parks; establishing a special state park permit for physically handicapped persons who do not own motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 85.053, subdivisions 2 and 7; and 85.055, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 85.053, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **REQUIREMENT.** Except as provided in section 85.054, a motor vehicle may not enter a state park, state recreation area, or state wayside over 50 acres in area, without a state park permit issued under this section. Except for vehicles permitted under subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (3), the state park permit must be affixed to the lower right corner windshield of the motor vehicle and must be completely affixed by its own adhesive to the windshield.

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