

unrepresented affected employees and authorized employee representatives on or before the date the notice of contest is filed with the commissioner. For purposes of this section, a document is considered filed upon receipt by the commissioner filing may be accomplished by United States mail addressed to the commissioner. Filing is timely if the document is deposited in the United States mail and postmarked within the time fixed for filing or otherwise timely received by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective August 1, 1997, and applies to enforcement proceedings commenced on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 1, 1997

Signed by the governor May 2, 1997, 3:02 p.m.

CHAPTER 82—H.F.No. 317

An act relating to capital improvements; authorizing towns to exercise eminent domain and other powers for purposes of wastewater infrastructure; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 444.

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

Section 1. [444.26] TOWNS; POWERS; RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN.

Subdivision 1. **POWERS.** For the purpose of designing, planning, improving, and constructing a wastewater treatment system under section 446A.072, a town has all the powers given it under section 115.50.

Subd. 2. **RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN.** Any town may exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire private property within or without the limits of the town for the purpose of carrying out the authority provided in this chapter, including obtaining the right-of-way for sewerage or drainage purposes and an outlet for sewerage or drainage within or without the town limits. Chapter 117 applies to the exercise of eminent domain under this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 1, 1997

Signed by the governor May 2, 1997, 3:14 p.m.

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