

in such exploration, development, extraction, and reclamation of minerals and mineral deposits; (iii) acting in accordance with the provisions of section 82B.035, subdivision 3; 103L.205, subdivision 4; or 103L.601, subdivision 2; or (iv) engaged in academic geoscience research.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 599.14, is amended to read:

599.14 RECORDS OF SURVEYS, EVIDENCE WHEN.

Records of surveys made by ~~the engineering department~~ of any municipality, including field notes, profiles, plats, plans, and other files and records of such department, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of the correctness of the facts shown and statements made therein.

Sec. 9. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.

The revisor shall substitute the words "licensed land surveyor" for "registered land surveyor" in Minnesota Statutes, sections 160.085; 272.19; 300.045; 326.03; 383B.603; 383D.65; 462.359; 505.08; 505.1793; 508.23; 508.671; and 515.13.

Sec. 10. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 326.08, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 325—S.F.No. 2429

An act relating to the legislative auditor; adding a member to the local government services advisory council; clarifying the appointment of council members; amending Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 3.971, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 3.971, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. (a) To perform best practices reviews, the legislative auditor through the program evaluation division shall examine the procedures and practices used to deliver local government services, including those of municipalities and counties, determine the methods of local government service delivery, identify variations in cost and effectiveness, and identify practices to save money or provide more effective service delivery. The legislative auditor shall recommend to local governments, service delivery methods and practices to improve the cost-effectiveness of services. The legislative auditor and the board of government innovation and cooperation shall notify each other of projects being conducted relating to improving local government services.

(b) The commission shall identify local government services to be reviewed with advice from an advisory council ~~whose membership shall consist~~ appointed by the legislative auditor and consisting of:

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- (1) three representatives from the Association of Minnesota Counties;
 - (2) three representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities;
 - (3) two representatives from the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities; and
 - (4) one representative from the Minnesota Association of Townships; and
 - (5) one representative from the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.
- (c) This subdivision expires June 30, 1999.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 326—H.F.No. 3644

An act relating to telecommunications; modifying voting requirements for extended area service within combined school districts; amending Laws 1997, chapter 59, section 1, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Laws 1997, chapter 59, section 1, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CRITERIA.** The commission shall grant a petition under subdivision 1 when each of the following criteria has been met:

- (1) a majority of ballots of the customers voting in each of the local telephone exchanges identified in the petition favor extended area service installation;
- (2) at least ten percent of the customers of each local telephone exchange identified in the petition are also residents of the combined school district; and
- (3) each local telephone exchange identified in the petition is contiguous to another exchange identified in the petition.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective on the day following final enactment, and applies to petitions for which a vote under Laws 1997, chapter 59, section 1, subdivision 3, has not been taken as of that date.

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CHAPTER 327—H.F.No. 2309

An act relating to financial institutions; regulating use of spousal credit history; requiring that creditors consider a credit history in the name of the applicant's spouse; requiring that creditors re-

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