

the information available to aid in the establishment of the identity of the deceased person.

Subd. 13. **CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES.** The board may contract to perform medical examiner services with other units of government or their agencies under a schedule of fees approved by the county board.

Sec. 9. RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL HOSPITAL.

All persons employed by the city of Minneapolis for the operation and maintenance of the Minneapolis general hospital transferred as employees to the county who were entitled to retain comparable status under civil service provisions, accumulated sick leave, vacation leave and retirement benefits at the time of the transfer of the Minneapolis general hospital to Hennepin county shall retain the status and benefits unless otherwise voluntarily waived, cancelled or exhausted prior to the effective date of this act.

Sec. 10. EXISTING HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS NOT AFFECTED.

This act does not affect the eligibility of any statutory or home rule charter city of the first or second class to receive a subsidy pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 145.917 or otherwise affect the authority of any such city to operate or to continue to operate a health service program.

Sec. 11. REPEALS.

Laws 1963, Chapter 738, as amended by Laws 1967, Chapter 280, Laws 1973, Chapter 616, and Laws 1976, Chapter 67; and Laws 1963, Chapter 848, as amended by Laws 1967, Chapter 801 and Laws 1979, Chapter 71, are repealed.

Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after the filing of a certificate of local approval by the Hennepin county board in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3.

Approved May 4, 1981

CHAPTER 92 — S.F.No. 520

An act relating to elections; allowing cities and counties to elect to use data processing systems in lieu of duplicate registration cards; requiring the secretary of state to prescribe alternate forms for duplicate registration files; changing voter verification requirements for cities and counties which elect to use data processing systems; amending Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article II, Section 9; Article II, Section 24; and Article V, Section 10.

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

Section 1. Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article II, Section 9, is amended to read:

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 201.071, is amended to read:

201.071 REGISTRATION CARDS.

Subdivision 1. FORM. Registration cards shall be of suitable size and weight for mailing, and shall contain the following information in substantially the following form:

VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

(Please print or type)

Date:

1. Name:

Last First Middle Initial

2. Address:

Street or Route No.

City (or Township) County Zip

3. Telephone Number:

4. Date of birth (optional):

5. Last registration if any

Street or Route Number

City (or Township) Zip

6. I certify that I will be at least 18 years old on election day and that the above facts are correct. I understand that giving false information to procure a registration is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Signature of Voter

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Subd. 2. **INSTRUCTIONS.** A registration card shall be accompanied by instructions specifying the manner and method of registration, the qualifications for voting and the penalties for false registration.

Subd. 3. **DEFICIENT REGISTRATION.** No registration is deficient if it contains the voter's name, address, prior registration if any and signature. The absence of a zip code number does not cause the registration to be deficient. The election judges shall request an individual to correct a registration card if it is deficient or illegible. No eligible voter may be prevented from voting unless his registration card is deficient or he is duly and successfully *challenged in accordance with Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article II, Section 22 or Article V, Section 12.*

Subd. 4. **CHANGE OF REGISTRATION.** Any county auditor who receives a registration card indicating that an individual was previously registered in a different county in Minnesota shall notify the county auditor of that county on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. A county auditor receiving a registration card indicating that a voter was previously registered in a different precinct in the same county or receiving a notification form as provided in this subdivision or Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article V, Section 30, Subdivision 2, shall delete that individual's name from the registration lists and remove the ~~original and duplicate voter registration card, if any, and the original voter registration~~ cards from the files. Any county auditor who receives a registration card or notification requiring a change of registration records under this subdivision shall also check the ~~duplicate registration card or file~~ from the precinct of prior residence to determine whether the individual voted in that precinct in the most recent election.

Subd. 5. A county or municipality with an electronic or automatic data processing system for maintaining duplicate voter registration records may elect to use the system in place of duplicate voter registration cards. The auditor of a county or the clerk of a city making such an election shall notify the secretary of state of that election in writing.

Subd. 6. A county or municipality which makes the election authorized in subdivision 5 of this section shall maintain in their data processing system the information required by the alternate form of the duplicate registration file prescribed by the secretary of state under Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article II, Section 24, Subdivision 3. A county or municipality which makes the election shall not be required to obtain or maintain a duplicate voter registration card. Any reference in chapter 201 to "duplicate registration file" shall not be interpreted as requiring duplicate registration cards or signatures on duplicate registration cards.

Subd. 7. Notwithstanding subdivisions 1 and 3 of this section, a county or municipality which makes the election authorized by subdivision 5 of this section shall require the day and month of birth of the registrant on the voter

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registration card. A registration in a county or municipality which makes the election is defective if it does not contain the day and month of birth of the registrant. Currently registered voters shall not be required to re-register to comply with this subdivision but shall be requested to give their day and month of birth to the county or municipality at any time except at the polling place. A county or municipality which makes the election authorized in subdivision 5 of this section shall make the prescribed duplicate registration file available as authorized by section 201.091 provided that no list which is made available for examination or purchase shall include the day and month of birth of any registered voter.

Sec. 2. Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article II, Section 24, is amended to read:

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 201.221, is amended to read:
201.221 RULES.

Subdivision 1. **ADOPTION OF RULES.** To implement the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall adopt rules consistent with federal and state election laws.

Subd. 2. **UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR COUNTIES.** The secretary of state shall assist local election officers by devising uniform forms and procedures. The secretary of state shall provide uniform rules for counties maintaining voter registration records on data processing systems so that the systems are compatible with a uniform system of electronic data maintenance. The secretary of state shall supervise the development and use of the system to insure that it conforms to applicable laws and rules.

Subd. 3. **PROCEDURES FOR DUPLICATE REGISTRATION FILE.** The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the duplicate registration file so that a duplicate card contains spaces for the voter's name, address, telephone number, and signature, and space to indicate whether the voter has voted in a given election. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for transporting the duplicate registration files to the election judges for use on election day.

The secretary of state shall prescribe an alternate form of the duplicate registration file for counties and cities which make the election authorized by section 1, subdivision 5. The alternate form shall not require a duplicate card or voter's signature. Information contained in the duplicate registration file shall include the voter's name, address, month and day of birth, last registration (if any), and a record of the vote history for the previous four years of elections. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for the duplicate registration file to be used on election day in the polling place and the file shall include the name, address, month and day of birth, and a space for the voters to sign the file when they vote. He shall prescribe the form for a county or municipality

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to request the day and month of birth from currently registered voters. The county or municipality shall not request the day and month of birth from currently registered voters by any communication other than the prescribed form and the form shall clearly indicate that a currently registered voter does not lose his or her registration status by failing to provide his or her day and month of birth. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for transporting the duplicate registration files to the judges on election day. In accordance with Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article IV, Section 40, the county auditor and the clerk of any municipality shall retain the prescribed duplicate registration file used on the date of election for one year following the election.

Subd. 4. **COUNTY RULES.** The county auditor of each county may adopt rules which delegate to municipal officials in that county the duties assigned to county auditors by this chapter. If the county auditor delegates the duty to accept registrations, that delegation does not relieve him of the duty to accept registrations. When a municipal official is delegated duties given to the county auditor by this chapter, the governing body of the municipality shall immediately provide the necessary funds, equipment and facilities, establish a place of registration and put the registration plan into operation without delay.

Sec. 3. Laws 1981, Chapter 29, Article V, Section 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. [204C.10] PERMANENT REGISTRATION; COMPLETION OF VOTER CERTIFICATES; VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. In election precincts with a permanent registration system, an individual seeking to vote shall print his name and address on a certificate which states that the individual is registered and will be voting only in that precinct. The individual shall then sign the certificate.

An election judge shall compare the signature on the voter's certificate with the signature as it appears on the duplicate registration card. If the election judge is satisfied that the signatures are the same, the election judge shall initial the certificate and record the fact of voting on the back of the duplicate registration card. The initialed certificate shall be handed to the voter, who shall deliver it to the election judge in charge of ballots as proof of the right to vote.

Subd. 2. Subdivision 1 does not apply to voting in counties or municipalities which make the election authorized by section 1, subdivision 5. In lieu of the certificate required by subdivision 1, an applicant shall sign the duplicate registration file in the space provided next to his name in the file. In lieu of the signature comparison required by subdivision 1, a judge may, before the applicant signs the duplicate registration file, request that the applicant give his name, address, and day and month of birth. After the applicant signs the

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registration file, the judge shall give the applicant a voter's receipt. The voter shall deliver the voter's receipt to the judge in charge of ballots as proof of his right to vote, and thereupon the judge shall hand to the voter the ballot. The judges shall destroy the voters' receipts at the end of the day.

Sec. 4. TEMPORARY RULES.

The secretary of state shall have authority to promulgate temporary rules pursuant to chapter 15 to carry out the purposes of section 2.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after final enactment.

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CHAPTER 93 — S.F.No. 741

An act relating to the town of Woodville; permitting payment of the cemetery directors; repealing Laws 1959, Chapter 149.

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

Section 1. COMPENSATION.

The directors of Woodville cemetery in Waseca County may be compensated on an annual basis in an amount as may be determined by the board of supervisors of the town of Woodville.

Sec. 2. REPEALER.

Laws 1959, Chapter 149 is repealed.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 4, 1981

CHAPTER 94 — S.F.No. 760

An act relating to occupational and professional licensing; removing the consecutive term restriction from the board of nursing; requiring distribution of licensure requirements to secondary school counselors; removing delinquent and non-practicing statutes; providing for nursing permits; repealing outdated statutes; providing for advanced standing for licensed practical nurses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 148.181, Subdivision 2; 148.211, Subdivision 1; 148.231, Subdivisions 1, 4, 5, and 6; 148.251, by adding a subdivision; 148.271; 148.291, Subdivision 1; 148.294 and 148.295; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 148.231, Subdivision 2.

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