

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1723

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03/13/2025 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations

Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended

Read for the Second Time

04/07/2025 Calendar for the Day

Read for the Third Time

Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; modifying unclassified service and appointment

1.3 provisions for St. Louis County; removing obsolete county appropriation for

1.4 historical work in St. Louis County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

1.5 383C.035; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 383C.07; 383C.74,

1.6 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 383C.035, is amended to read:

1.9 **383C.035 UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE.**

1.10 (a) The officers and employees of the county and of any agency, board, or commission,

1.11 supported in whole or in part by taxation upon the taxable property of the county or appointed

1.12 by the judges of the district court for the county, are divided into the unclassified and

1.13 classified service.

1.14 (b) The unclassified service comprises:

1.15 (1) all officers elected by popular vote or persons appointed to fill vacancies in such

1.16 offices;

1.17 (2) superintendent or principal administrative officer or comptroller of any separate

1.18 department of county government which is now or hereafter created pursuant to law, who

1.19 is directly responsible to the board of county commissioners or any other board or

1.20 commission, as well as the county agricultural agents reporting to the county extension

1.21 committee;

1.22 (3) members of nonpaid board, or commissioners appointed by the board of county

1.23 commissioners or acting in an advisory capacity;

2.1 (4) assistant county attorneys or special investigators in the employ of the county attorney.
2.2 For purposes of this section, special investigators are defined as all nonclerical positions in
2.3 the employ of the county attorney;

2.4 (5) all common labor temporarily employed on an hourly basis;

2.5 (6) not more than a total of nine full-time equivalent clerical employees serving the
2.6 county board and administrator;

2.7 (7) a legislative lobbyist/grant coordinator appointed by the county board to act as
2.8 legislative liaison with the St. Louis County legislative delegation and pursue legislative
2.9 concerns and grant opportunities for the county, and the clerk for that position;

2.10 (8) any department head and deputy director designated by the county board;

2.11 (9) three administrative assistants in the county administrator's office;

2.12 (10) the county administrator and ~~two~~ deputy administrators; and

2.13 (11) all court bailiffs.

2.14 (c) The classified service includes all other positions now existing and hereinafter created
2.15 in the service of the county or any board or commission, agency, or offices of the county.

2.16 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.17 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 383C.07; and 383C.74, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4,
2.18 are repealed.

383C.07 MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; TERMS OF OFFICE.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, in St. Louis County every lay member hereafter appointed by the county board to any board or commission heretofore or hereafter created by law, shall be appointed for a term of three years.

383C.74 HISTORICAL WORK.

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** The St. Louis County Board may appropriate from the treasury of the county a sum not to exceed \$2,500 each year for the promotion of historical work within its borders.

Subd. 2. **Minnesota State Historical Society.** Said sum shall be so appropriated for the use of a historical society organized in said county and devoted to the collection, preservation and publication of historical material, the dissemination of historical information and in general carrying on historical work, said society to be designated by the Minnesota State Historical Society.

Subd. 3. **Purpose of appropriation.** The work of said historical society shall be done in the county making such appropriation and in reference to the history of said county and all facts relevant thereto.

Subd. 4. **Money to remain in county treasury.** The money appropriated as aforesaid shall remain in the treasury of the county and be paid out in payment of expense incurred by said county historical society for the purposes above indicated on verified bills approved by said local society according to its rules, in the same way that county bills are paid. Said appropriation shall be available for expense occurring in any year although not paid until the succeeding year. Any unused portion of any appropriation for any year shall revert to the funds of the county. Said appropriation shall be effective only for the year in which it is made.