

CHAPTER 300—H. F. No. 750.

(AMENDING SECTION 375.02 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to redistricting of county commissioners' districts and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 651, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 268.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's 1940 Supplement, Section 651, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 268, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

651. Commissioner districts.—Each county shall be divided into as many districts, numbered consecutively as it has members of the board. In all counties such districts shall be bounded by town, village, ward, or precinct lines, shall be composed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as practicable an equal population. Counties may be redistricted by the county board after each state or federal census. Provided however, that no city of the second class shall be in more than two commissioners' districts. *Provided further that when it appears that after a state or federal census 30 per cent or more of the population of any county is contained in one district, exclusive of the inmates of any state penal or corrective institution, or state hospital for the insane, maintained wholly or partly within such district, such county shall be redistricted by its county board. However, the county board may first submit the question of redistricting to the voters of the county at the next regular election after such state or federal census or the passage of this act upon a separate ballot and in the following form: Shall there be a redistricting of county commissioners' districts?* ☐ Yes ☐ No. *In the event the voters on this question cast a majority vote in favor of redistricting, the county board shall redistrict. Otherwise it need not do so. When any Board of County Commissioners has not redistricted a county as by law required prior to the enactment hereof, such board may submit to the voters the question of redistricting as herein provided and shall be subject to the provisions of this act.*

Provided that the county board shall not have authority or jurisdiction to re-district a county unless said board shall cause at least three weeks' published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for said county for the current year. One commissioner shall be elected in each such district who at the time of the election shall be a resident thereof,

and the person so elected shall be entitled to hold said office only while he remains a resident of said commissioner district. When a county is redistricted there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county at the next general election. The board shall determine that not less than two nor more than three members of the board shall be elected for a term of two years and the remainder for a term of four years at the next general election. Thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for four years; provided, that where no change is made in the boundaries of a district, or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting, the commissioner in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full period for which he was elected; provided further that where a county has heretofore been redistricted between the time of the general election and the time at which commissioners elected at such general election were required to qualify and no change was made in the boundary of the district to which such commissioner was elected, or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting, such commissioner-elect, after duly qualifying as a commissioner for said district, shall serve for the full period for which he was elected.

Approved April 5, 1943.

CHAPTER 301—H. F. No. 810.

An act relating to Itasca State Park, authorizing termination of lease on Douglas Lodge, providing for purchase of equipment and operation thereof, and appropriating funds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Termination of lease of Douglas Lodge.—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to accept surrender of the Douglas Lodge lease, if tendered by lessee, and upon termination of such lease, he is hereby authorized to operate Douglas Lodge and appurtenant cabins and other buildings within Itasca State Park as a first class retreat hostelry in conjunction with the other state park service facilities, by the use of any fund provided for operation of such facilities.

Sec. 2. Commissioner of Conservation may purchase equipment, etc.—The commissioner of conservation, with the approval of the executive council, is hereby authorized to purchase on behalf