

CHAPTER 703—H. F. No. 886

[Not Coded]

An act relating to salaries of officials in counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants; relating to disposition of fees collected and fixing certain fees therein; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 666.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 666, is amended to read:

Section 1. Ramsey county officers, salaries. In counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants annual salaries shall be paid as follows: county attorney \$12,000, county auditor \$11,000, clerk of district court \$7,500, register of deeds and registrar of titles \$9,500, coroner \$5,000, sheriff \$10,500, and treasurer \$7,500.

Sec. 2. County board members, salaries. In such counties members of the board of county commissioners shall receive an annual salary of \$3,600, and the mayor of any city of the first class located therein who is ex-officio chairman of said board shall be paid a salary of \$1,500 in full for his services on such board, which sum may be retained by him regardless of any provision of charter or other prohibition.

Sec. 3. Clerk of juvenile court, salary. *In such counties the clerk of the juvenile court shall receive such salary as the board of county commissioners shall determine, not exceeding \$5,500 per annum.*

Sec. 4. Court Commissioner, fees. *In such counties the court commissioner shall be paid a fee of \$10 for each examination of an alleged insane, inebriate or feeble-minded person for commitment.*

Sec. 5. Fees paid to county treasurer. *In such counties all fees collected by elected county officers other than the abstract clerk and the court commissioner shall be paid to the county treasurer within the first ten days of the following month.*

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 704—H. F. No. 948

[Coded]

An act relating to game and fish; imposing duties on the commissioner of conservation, requiring training and certi-

fication in firearms safety for certain minors, appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. [97.76] Firearms, safe use. Subdivision 1. Program of instruction. The commissioner of conservation is authorized and directed to publish rules and regulations establishing a state wide program of instruction in the safe use of firearms .

In the preparation of the regulations the commissioner shall cooperate with the director of civilian marksmanship of the United States, and the director of civil defense of the state. The director of civil defense is authorized and directed to cooperate with and to assist the commissioner of conservation in the preparation of these regulations. Such regulations shall provide for courses of instruction in every municipality or school district in this state by the commissioner of conservation in cooperation with organizations, groups, associations and any private or public corporation or political subdivision of the state, the United States, or any federal agency. The courses shall be conducted at least once annually, or within 30 days of a written request to the commissioner from the municipality or school district to instruct the youth of the state in the commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and in the handling of all types of common hunting firearms.

Subd. 2. Certificate. The commissioner or his authorized agent shall issue a certificate of satisfactory completion of the course of instruction required by this act to any person entitled thereto. The form and content of the certificate shall be as prescribed by the commissioner. To defray the expense of preparation and distribution, the commissioner shall be paid a fee of 50 cents for each certificate issued.

Sec. 2. [97.77] Director of hunting safety. The commissioner shall appoint a qualified person as a director of hunting safety and shall prescribe his duties and responsibilities. The director of hunting safety shall assist the commissioner in the administration and execution of the provisions of this act. The director of hunting safety shall be appointed from existing personnel assigned to the division of game and fish. He shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the director with such assistants and clerical help as the commissioner shall determine necessary within the appropriation made by this act. The commissioner may appoint one or more deputy directors of hunting safety in each county in this state, who shall be responsible to the director of hunting safety and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation.

Sec. 3. [97.78] Minors forbidden to use firearms in hunting game without a certificate. Subdivision 1. **Certificate required.** After September 1, 1957 it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 16 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian to use a firearm for the purpose of taking protected or unprotected wild animals unless he has been awarded a certificate of satisfactory completion of the course of instruction established and conducted under the program provided by regulations of the commissioner of conservation under this act; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to a person who is on lands occupied by himself as a permanent abode; provided, however, no such certificate shall be issued to a youth under ten years of age. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 98.47, Subdivision 10 and Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 615.10 are not affected by this act.

Subd. 2. Seizure of firearms unlawfully used. Any law enforcement officer is authorized and directed in the name of the state to seize and hold any firearms used in violation of this act. Firearms so seized shall be tagged with the name and address of the child from whom it was taken and a receipt given therefor. The firearm shall be placed in the custody of the state game warden in whose area the seizure was made.

Subd. 3. Firearms, when contraband. The game warden in whose custody a firearm seized under this act is deposited shall hold the firearm for a period of 90 days and if, during such time, the child from whom the weapon was taken presents a certificate of completion of the course of instruction provided for in this act, the firearm shall be returned to him. However, after the firearm has been held for 90 days, if no valid demand has been made for the return thereof, the firearm is contraband and forfeited to the state and shall be disposed of as the commissioner may prescribe.

Sec. 4 [97.79] Safety revolving fund. Subdivision 1. **Fees paid into fund.** The auditor shall establish an account to be known as the safety revolving fund into which shall be credited all fees collected under section 1.

Subd. 2. Moneys transferred. The auditor shall transfer from any money in the game and fish fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$30,000 to the safety revolving fund.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the commissioner of conservation from the safety revolving fund for purposes of this act the sum of \$30,000, \$15,000 of which is

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955 and \$15,000 of which is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 705—H. F. No. 963

An act relating to the powers and duties of school boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 125.06, Subdivision 14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 125.06, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **Transportation of pupils.** It may provide for the free transportation of pupils to and from school, and to schools in other districts for grades and departments not maintained in the district, including high school, at the expense of the district, *when funds are available therefor* and if agreeable to district to which it is proposed to transport the pupils, for the whole or a part of the school year as it may deem advisable, and subject to *its* rules. Every driver shall possess all the qualifications required by the rules of the state board of education. If high school pupils from a district within this state are being transported to a school in another state, the school board of the district from which the pupils are being transported may provide free transportation and tuition for any or all of its elementary pupils to such school in another state and be entitled to state aid as provided by law.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 706—H. F. No. 1003

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the use of small boats, motorboats, and sailing vessels, prescribing safety measures in connection therewith, providing penalties for violation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 361.01; Repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 361.05, 361.22 to 361.27.

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

Section 1. [361.41] **Definitions.** *Subdivision 1.*