

other parties to the labor dispute at least ten days before the strike or lockout *becomes* effective. Unless the strike or lockout is commenced within 90 days from the date of service of the *petition* upon the labor conciliator, it shall be unlawful for any of the parties to institute or aid in the conduct of a strike or lockout without serving a new *petition* in the manner prescribed for the service of the original *petition*, provided that the 90-day period may be extended by written agreement of the parties filed with the labor conciliator.

A *petition* by the employer shall be signed by him or his duly authorized officer or agent; and a *petition* by the employees shall be signed by their representative or its officers, or by the committee selected to *negotiate with the employer*. In either case the *petition* shall be served by delivering it to the labor conciliator in person or by sending it by registered mail addressed to him at his office. The *petition* shall state briefly the nature of the dispute and the demands of the party who serves it. Upon receipt of a *petition*, the labor conciliator shall fix a time and place for a conference with the parties to the labor dispute upon the issues involved in the dispute, and he shall then take whatever steps he deems most expedient to bring about a settlement of the dispute, including assisting in negotiating and drafting a settlement agreement. It shall be the duty of all parties to a labor dispute to respond to the summons of the labor conciliator for joint or several conferences with him and to continue in such conference until excused by the labor conciliator, not beyond the ten-day period heretofore prescribed except by mutual consent of the parties.

Subd. 2. Labor conciliator, powers and duties. The labor conciliator *may at the request of either party to a labor dispute render assistance in settling the dispute without the necessity of filing the formal petition referred to in subdivision 1 of this section. If the conciliator takes jurisdiction of the dispute as a result of such a request, he shall then proceed as provided in subdivision 1.*

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CHAPTER 838—S. F. No. 1017

An act relating to town roads; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 163.17, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 163.17, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Town boards, failure to agree on a division; county board to determine.** When the town boards cannot agree upon a division under either subdivision 2 or 4, *or upon the petition of either town board when a division previously agreed upon has proved to be inequitable*, the county board, or where the road is on a county line, the county boards of the counties concerned shall determine the proper division of responsibility. In making this division, the county board or boards shall proceed under subdivision 2. Where deemed necessary, the services of a county engineer may be used.

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CHAPTER 839—S. F. No. 1050

An act relating to school districts and the annexation of lands thereto; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 122.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 122.14, is amended to read:

122.14 Territory in two or more counties. When the territory affected by the change of boundaries of school districts lies in two or more counties proceedings as in the formation of new districts or change of boundaries shall be had in each county affected and no order in such proceedings shall be valid unless concurred in by the county boards of all such counties, *provided however, where the owner or owners of land situated in a common school district lying wholly within one county, petitions for a removal of land from such common school district to an adjoining school district, it shall only be necessary to file such petition with the county board of the county in which such land is located and such county board shall proceed as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 122.15.*

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CHAPTER 840—S. F. No. 1069

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An act authorizing the attorney general to attempt to