

Section 1. [610.57] Operation of vending machines by means of slugs a misdemeanor. Any person who shall operate or cause to be operated or who shall attempt to operate machine, coin-box telephone or other receptacle designed to receive lawful coin of the United States of America in connection with the sale, use or enjoyment of property or service, by means of a slug or of any false, counterfeited, mutilated or sweated coin, or by any means, method, trick or device whatsoever not lawfully authorized by the owner, lessee or licensee of such machine, coin-box telephone or receptacle; or who shall take, obtain or receive from or in connection with any automatic vending machine, coin-box telephone or other receptacle designed to receive lawful coin of the United States of America in connection with the sale, use or enjoyment of property or service, any goods, wares, merchandise, gas, electric current, article of value, or the use or enjoyment of any telephone or telegraph facilities or service, or of any musical instrument, phonograph or other property, without depositing in and surrendering to such machine, coin-box telephone or receptacle, lawful coin to the amount required therefor by the owner, lessee or licensee of such machine, coin-box telephone or receptacle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. [610.58] Interference with operation of coin-box telephones a misdemeanor. A person who, without lawful authority, shall place or insert any paper, cloth, wadding, or any other article, object, material, substance, instrument or contrivance within the return coin chute or in any other part of a coin-box telephone under the control of any telegraph or telephone company doing business in this state in such manner as to prevent, interfere with or obstruct the return of coins to the users of such coin-box telephone, or in such manner as to cause such coins to be unlawfully returned, or who shall by any such or other means or device whatsoever prevent or contrive to prevent the return of coins to such users or who shall by any device or contrivance or in any manner whatsoever, obstruct, alter, injure, or interfere with the action or operation of such coin-box telephone, or who shall place or insert in any part of said coin-box telephone any such article, substance, contrivance or device in such manner as will obstruct, alter, injure or interfere with the action or operation of such coin-box telephone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 40—S. F. No. 80

An act relating to special assessments in cities of the

second, third, and fourth class, villages, boroughs and certain towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 429.051, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 429.051, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 842, Section 1, is amended to read :

429.051 Apportionment of costs. The cost of any improvement, or any part thereof, may be assessed upon property benefited by the improvement, whether the property abuts on the improvement, or not, based upon the benefits received. The area assessed may be less than but may not exceed the area proposed to be assessed as stated in the notice of hearing on the improvement, except as provided below. The municipality may pay such portion of the cost of the improvement as the council may determine from general ad valorem tax levies or from other revenues or funds of the municipality available for the purpose. The municipality may subsequently reimburse itself for all or any of the portion of the cost of a water or sanitary sewer improvement so paid by levying additional assessments upon any properties abutting on but not previously assessed for the improvement, on notice and hearing as provided for the assessments initially made. To the extent that such an improvement benefits non-abutting properties which may be served by the improvement when one or more later extensions or improvements are made but which are not initially assessed therefor, the municipality may also reimburse itself by adding all or any of the portion of the cost so paid to the assessments levied for any or such later extension or improvements, provided that notice that such additional amount will be assessed is included in the notice of hearing on the making of such extensions or improvements. The additional assessments herein authorized may be made whether or not the properties assessed were included in the area described in the notice of hearing on the making of the original improvement.

In any city of the fourth class electing to proceed under a home rule charter as provided in this chapter, which charter provides for a board of water commissioners and authorizes such board to assess a water frontage tax to defray the cost of construction of water mains, such board may assess the tax based upon the benefits received and without regard to any charter limitation on the amount that may be assessed for each lineal foot of property abutting on the water main. The water frontage tax shall be imposed according to the pro-

cedure and, except as herein provided, subject to the limitations of the charter of the city.

Approved February 27, 1957.

CHAPTER 41—S. F. No. 124

[Coded]

An act relating to terminology of reference to the chief judge and associate judges.

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

Section 1. [480.013] **Terminology of reference to chief judge and associate judges.** In construing and interpreting constitutional provisions, statutes, legal instruments, records, decisions, or legal process applicable or pertaining to, or emanating from the supreme court of the State of Minnesota, the terms chief justice and associate justice or associate justices shall be construed as synonymous with, and as equivalent in meaning to, the terms chief judge and associate judge or associate judges as those terms are used in Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

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CHAPTER 42—S. F. No. 158

An act relating to insurance, and specifying the rights of shareholders in insurance corporations in the case of amendments to the certificate of incorporation of insurance companies changing the corporate purposes or extending the duration of the corporation, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 60.30.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 60.30, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

60.30 Insurance corporations. *Subdivision 1.* Corporations may be formed for carrying on any one branch of the business of insurance authorized by law, or any two or more branches thereof, which are permitted by law to be transacted by one company.

Subd. 2. (a) If an insurance corporation has given notice to shareholders of a proposal to amend the articles of incorporation, which proposed amendment would substantial-