

lished for the class of his position; the words "his new range" means the *adjusted* salary range established by this act by which the class of his position shall be paid as provided in section 43.123, subdivision 4 and in section 43.121, Subdivision 2; and "minimum" and "maximum", used alone, mean respectively, the minimum and maximum *salary rates of an adjusted range*.

(6) *Whenever a class is reassigned to a higher salary range as provided in section 43.121, subdivision 2, the salaries of state employees in the classified service shall be adjusted as follows:*

(a) *An employee whose class is reassigned to a salary range which is not more than two ranges higher than his former range, shall receive an adjusted salary bearing the same relation to the minimum and maximum salaries of his new range as his former salary immediately preceding the reassignment bore to the minimum and maximum of his former range.*

(b) *An employee whose class is reassigned to a salary range which is three or more ranges higher than his former range, shall receive either an adjusted salary which is two steps above his former salary or the minimum of his new range, whichever is greater.*

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CHAPTER 717—H. F. No. 1000

An act relating to arson; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 621.035 and 621.041.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 621.035, is amended to read:

621.035 Arson, fifth degree. Any person who wilfully and maliciously attempts to set fire to or attempts to burn or to aid, counsel or procure the burning of any buildings or property mentioned in the foregoing sections, or who commits any act preliminary thereto, or in furtherance thereof, shall be guilty of arson in the *fifth* degree and upon conviction thereof be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than two years or fined not to exceed \$1,000.

The placing or distribution of any flammable, explosive or combustible material or substance, or any device in any

building or property mentioned in the foregoing sections in an arrangement or preparation with intent to eventually wilfully and maliciously set fire to or burn same, or to procure the setting fire to or burning of same shall, for the purposes of this act constitute an attempt to burn such building or property.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 621.041, is amended to read :

621.041 **Insured property, fourth degree.** Any person who wilfully and with intent to injure or defraud the insurer sets fire to or burns or attempts so to do or who causes to be burned or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any building, structure or personal property, of whatsoever class or character, whether the property of himself or of another, which shall at the time be insured by any person, company or corporation against loss or damage by fire, shall be guilty of *arson in the fourth degree* and upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than three years.

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CHAPTER 718—H. F. No. 1028

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An act relating to the acquisition of private property by the state or its political subdivisions, by purchase or eminent domain proceedings and the payment of the purchase price or award in annual installments.

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

Section 1. [117.51] **Acquisition of property for public purposes.** [Subdivision 1.] **Payment; lump sum, installments.** Whenever the state of Minnesota or any of its political subdivisions acquires private property for public purposes by purchase or eminent domain proceedings, the property owner shall have the option of receiving the purchase price or the award as finally adjudicated, either in a lump sum or in not more than four annual installments.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] **Eminent domain; acquisition, mode of payment.** When the property is acquired by eminent domain proceedings and the amount the owner or owners shall receive for said property is finally determined, the owner or all the owners, if there is more than one, entitled to