

## CHAPTER 736—S. F. No. 1143

*An act relating to drainage, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.501, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.501, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.501 **Improvements.** Subdivision 1. Before any public drainage system theretofore established and constructed shall be improved by tiling, enlarging or extending, the following procedure shall be observed. In the case of the improvement of a ditch system lying wholly within the county, a petition signed by not less than 26 percent of the resident owners of the property affected *by the proposed improvement or over which the proposed improvement passes* or by the owners of not less than 26 percent of the area of the property affected *by the proposed improvement or over which the proposed improvement passes* shall be filed with the auditor. In the case of a drainage system affecting two or more counties, such petition shall be filed with the clerk of the district court having jurisdiction of the system.

The provisions of section 106.031 relative to signatures of public and corporate officials, shall apply to this section. The petition shall designate the drainage system proposed to be improved by number or other description sufficient to identify the same and set forth that the ditch is of insufficient capacity or needs enlarging or extending so as to furnish sufficient capacity or a better outlet; with a description of the starting point, general course and terminus of any extension, and that the proposed improvement will be of public utility and promote the public health. The petition shall contain an agreement by the petitioners that they will pay all costs and expenses which may be incurred in case the proceedings are dismissed.

Approved April 26, 1957.

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CHAPTER 737—S. F. No. 1191

[Coded]

*An act relating to services for the deaf and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.97.*

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

Section 1. [256.971] **Services for deaf.** The commissioner of public welfare shall provide such services for

the deaf and hard of hearing in the state as will best promote their personal, economic and social well being. He shall maintain a register of all such persons, with such information as he deems necessary to improve services for them. He shall gather and disseminate information relating to the causes of deafness; he shall collect statistics on the deaf and ascertain what trades or occupations are most suitable for them; and he shall use his best efforts to aid them in securing vocational rehabilitation and employment, through cooperation with other agencies, both public and private.

Sec. 2. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.97, is repealed.

Approved April 26, 1957.

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CHAPTER 738—S. F. No. 1346

[Coded]

*An act relating to minimum annual salaries of county supervisors of assessments.*

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

Section 1. [Subd. 7A.] **County supervisors of assessments, annual salary.** The minimum annual salary of county supervisors of assessments as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 273.071, Subdivision 7, is hereby increased ten percent above the amount specified for each county according to the classification of counties set forth in the act.

Sec. 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 1, 1957.

Approved April 26, 1957.

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CHAPTER 739—S. F. No. 1361

*An act relating to defamation by radio; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 544.043.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 544.043, is amended to read :

544.043 **Defamation by radio, defense.** The owner,