

population of 500,000 or more wherein there is now established and maintained a county library system for the free use of the residents of the county, may levy each year a tax of not more than two and one-half mills on the dollar of all taxable property which is not already taxed for the support of any free public library and all taxable property which is situated outside any city or village in which is situated a free public library. The proceeds of this tax shall be placed in the county library system.

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CHAPTER 789—S. F. No. 1357

An act relating to the prohibition of strikes of certain public employees and adjustment of grievances of such employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 179.52, and adding new provisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 179.52, is amended to read:

179.52 Right of complaint not limited. Nothing contained in sections 179.51 to 179.58 shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any public employee or his or her representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment; nor shall it be construed to require any public employee to perform labor or service against his will.

Public employees shall have the right to form and join labor organizations, and shall have the right not to form and join labor organizations. Public employees shall have the right to designate representatives for the purpose of meeting with the governmental agency with respect to grievances and conditions of employment. It shall be unlawful to discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee for the exercise of such rights, and the governmental agency shall be required to meet with the representatives of the employees at reasonable times in connection with such grievances and conditions of employment. It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons, either directly or indirectly, to intimidate or coerce any

public employee to join, or to refrain from joining, a labor organization.

When a question concerning the representative of employees is raised by the governmental agency, labor organization, or employees, the labor conciliator or any person designated by him shall, at the request of any of the parties, investigate such controversy and certify to the parties in writing the name or names of the representatives that have been designated or selected. In any such investigation, the labor conciliator may provide for an appropriate hearing, and shall take a secret ballot of employees to ascertain such representatives.

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CHAPTER 790—S. F. No. 1639

An act relating to the prevention and control of crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 626.38, 626.39 and 626.40.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 626.38, is amended to read:

626.38 System for identification of criminals; records and indexes. The bureau shall install systems of identification of criminals, including the finger-print system, the modus operandi system, the Bertillon method, and such others as the superintendent deems proper. The bureau shall keep a complete record and index of all information received in convenient form for consultation and comparison. The bureau shall obtain from wherever procurable and file for record finger and thumb prints, measurements, photographs, plates, outline pictures, descriptions, modus operandi statements, or such other information as the superintendent considers necessary, of persons who have been or shall hereafter be convicted of a felony, *gross misdemeanor*, or an attempt to commit a felony or *gross misdemeanor*, within the state, or who are known to be habitual criminals. To the extent that the superintendent may determine it to be necessary, the bureau shall obtain like information concerning persons convicted of a crime under the laws of another state or government, *the central repository of this records system is the bureau of criminal apprehension in St. Paul.*