

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.241, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 612 and Laws 1957, Chapter 32, is amended to read:

282.241 Repurchase after forfeiture for taxes. The owner at the time of forfeiture or his heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless prior to the time repurchase is made such parcel shall have been sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn such parcel of land. Said parcel of land may be repurchased for a sum equal to the aggregate of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed as provided by section 282.251, together with penalties, interest, and costs, which did or would have accrued if such parcel of land had not forfeited to the state. Such repurchase shall be permitted only after the adoption of a resolution by the board of county commissioners determining that thereby undue hardship or injustice resulting from the forfeiture will be corrected, or that permitting such repurchase will promote the use of such lands that will best serve the public interest; provided further such repurchase shall be subject to any easement, lease or other encumbrance granted by the state prior thereto, and if said land is located within a restricted area established by any county under Laws 1939, Chapter 340, such repurchase shall not be permitted unless said resolution with respect thereto is adopted by the unanimous vote of the board of county commissioners.

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CHAPTER 833—S. F. No. 1508

[Not Coded]

An act creating a commission to study the laws relating to urban towns and to incorporation and change of boundaries of cities and villages, defining the powers and duties of such commission, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Interim commission to study laws relating to cities, villages and urban towns. There is created a commission to study the laws relating to the incorporation of cities

and villages and the annexation of land to and detachment of land from cities and villages and the laws granting special powers to so-called urban towns, including towns having 1,200 people residing on platted territory or having land within 25 miles of the city hall of a city of the first class. The commission shall consist of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

Sec. 2. Duties. The commission shall study the statutes referred to in Section 1, the experience under them, and suggestions for changes therein, and shall submit its report to the legislature no later than December 15, 1958. It shall include in its report its recommendations on the following matters, among others within the scope of its study:

(1) minimum population, territorial and other requirements for municipal incorporations and annexations;

(2) the extent to which reliance should be placed in statutory procedures for incorporation and boundary changes of cities and villages upon the petitions of affected landowners and elections among the voters of the area affected;

(3) the need for administrative review by an impartial agency of the public interest in proposed incorporations of cities and villages, and the annexation of land to or detachment of land from cities and villages, and the nature and scope of such review;

(4) the extent to which and the method by which other political subdivisions directly affected by a proposed incorporation of a city or village or a change in boundaries of a city or village should participate in incorporation, annexation, or detachment proceedings;

(5) the need for a separate statutory class of urban towns and, if such a class is deemed necessary, the content of the statutes relating to such class, including the procedure by which a town becomes an urban town and the relationship between such towns and cities and villages.

Sec. 3. Meetings. The commission shall hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 4. Witnesses; employees. The commission may subpoena witnesses and records, employ such professional and

technical assistants and employees as it deems necessary, and it may do all things reasonably necessary and convenient to enable it to accomplish its purposes. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel.

Sec. 5. Cooperation. Each political subdivision and its officers and employees shall cooperate with the commission in the discharge of its duties and shall furnish it with available records, reports, and other pertinent information upon request.

Sec. 6. Expenses. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay expenses incurred by the commission. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at least one other member of the commission and then shall be made in the manner provided by law. A general statement of expenses of the commission shall be included with its report.

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CHAPTER 834—H. F. No. 342

An act relating to occupational disease under the workmen's compensation act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, and Section 176.66, Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapters 206 and 652.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 176.011, Subdivision 15, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 206, Section 1, [and Chapter 652, Section 1], is amended to read:

Subd. 15. Occupational disease. "Occupational disease" means a disease arising out of and in the course of employment peculiar to the occupation in which the employee is engaged and due to causes in excess of the hazards ordinary