

the contrary, the county of Aitkin may enter into rental purchase agreements or conditional sales agreements for the acquisition of road equipment. No such agreement shall exceed two years in duration.

Sec. 2. This act is effective when approved by a majority of the county board of Aitkin county and upon compliance with Laws 1959, Chapter 368.

Approved April 13, 1961.

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CHAPTER 329—H. F. No. 1769

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to civil service for county officers and employees in the county of St. Louis; amending Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Sections 6 and 7, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 6, as amended by Laws 1949, Chapter 255, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1949, Chapter 258, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 310, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1959, Chapter 217, Section 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 6. **St. Louis county classified and unclassified service.** The officers and employees of such county and of any agency, board, *including the county board of education for unorganized territory*, or commission, supported in whole or in part by taxation upon the taxable property of such county or appointed by the judges of the district or probate court for such county, are hereby divided into the unclassified and classified service. The unclassified service shall comprise:

a. All officers elected by popular vote or persons appointed to fill vacancies in such offices.

b. Judges and receivers, referees, arbiters, court reporters, jurors, notaries public, and persons appointed by a court to make or conduct any special inquiry of a judicial and temporary character.

c. Superintendent, principal administrative officer, or comptroller of any separate department of county government which is now or hereafter created pursuant to law, who is directly responsible to the board of county commissioners

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or any other board or commission, as well as the county agricultural agents and the home demonstration agents under the control of the county extension committee.

d. Members of the teaching staff ~~and supervisors~~ and principals in the employ of the superintendent of county schools. *Members of the teaching staff and principals in the employ of the county board of education for unorganized territory.*

e. Members of non-paid board, or commissioners appointed by the board of county commissioners or acting in an advisory capacity.

f. Assistant county attorneys or special investigators in the employ of the county attorney.

g. All common labor temporarily employed on an hourly basis.

h. All inmate or patient help in county institutions.

i. All physicians, dentists, registered nurses and medical laboratory technicians working under the direction of a licensed physician or dentist in any hospital or sanatorium operated by a commission or board of such county.

j. All county commissioners' clerks appointed by the county board after the passage of this act; but nothing in this act shall affect the civil service status of any person previously appointed and now holding such a position in the classified service of the county.

The classified service shall include all other positions now existing and hereinafter created in the service of the county or any board or commission, agency, or offices of such county.

Sec. 2. Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 7, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 608, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 187, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1949, Chapter 310, Section 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 7. **Classifications, examinations.** *Subdivision 1.* All regular employees holding positions which are placed in the classified service under the provisions of this act shall be permanent members of the classified service without examination or working test period if they have been in the employ of the county for five consecutive years or more, im-

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mediately previous to December 31, 1943, or when a regular employee has been transferred from the unclassified service to the classified service and has been in the employ of the county for five consecutive years or more, immediately previous to said transfer from the unclassified service to the classified service, and all employees who have been appointed through merit examinations administered under authority of Laws 1941, Chapter 476, Section 5, and who have not since been separated from the service shall also be permanent members of the classified service without further examination or working test period, except that any employee who has not completed his working test period as provided under the rules of the merit plan, shall be on probation for that period of time as he would have had to serve to complete his working test period under the merit plan. All other employees shall not be members of such classified service until such time as they shall have been appointed to such position in accordance with the provisions of this act. The civil service director subject to rules and regulations of the county civil service commission shall within two years of the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, prepare and offer once to all persons who, on the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, are incumbents of positions in the classified service with less than five years of service, a qualifying examination that is designed to test his fitness to perform the work of the class to which his position has been allocated. No person holding an office for employment in the classified service previous to December 31, 1943, who is required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall be laid off, suspended, discharged or reduced in pay or position, except in accordance with the provisions of this act applicable to members of the classified service having permanent status until they have completed such qualifying examination and shall have been notified of the results thereof. If such incumbents pass such qualifying examination, they shall become permanent members of the classified service. If, however, any of the aforementioned incumbents who are required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall fail to pass the same, they shall be removed from their positions at or before the expiration of three months following receipt of notice of failure to pass such examination. All persons who shall willfully fail or refuse to take the examination when offered without reasonable excuse, shall be removed from their positions immediately.

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*Subd. 2. All regular employees of the county board of education on the effective date of this act holding a position which is placed in the classified service under the provisions of this act shall be subject to and have the benefit of all provisions of subdivision 1 of this section in like manner as all county employees subject thereto on the effective date of Laws 1941, Chapter 423, were subject thereto and had the benefit thereof.*

*Sec. 3. This act is effective only after its approval by a majority vote of the county board of St. Louis county, and upon compliance with Laws 1959, Chapter 368.*

Approved April 13, 1961.

CHAPTER 330—H. F. No. 1115

[Coded]

*An act establishing the golden anniversary state forest.*

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1. [89.021] [32.] **Golden anniversary state forest.** All lands and waters now owned by the state or hereafter acquired by the state, within the boundaries of the area hereinafter described, and not dedicated for other purposes pursuant to law, are hereby withdrawn from sale and established as a state forest, to be known as the Golden Anniversary state forest, to be governed, operated, managed and controlled on forestry principles and for such purposes incidental thereto as provided by law.

Subd. 2. The area comprising said state forest is described as follows: Section 18, township 54, range 24 west of the fourth principal meridian.

Subd. 3. Tax-forfeited lands held in trust for the taxing district shall not be included in said state forest unless incorporated therein as otherwise provided by law.

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