

this act to a position of comparable classification in the merit system with the same status therein as he had in the county of his employment prior thereto and every such employee shall be subject to and have the benefit of the merit system, including seniority within the welfare board, as though he had served thereunder from the date of his entry into the service of the welfare board.

Sec. 2. *The effective date of this act shall be January 1, 1962.*

Approved April 14, 1961.

CHAPTER 335—H. F. No. 461

An act relating to county nursing homes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 376.61.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 376.61, is amended to read:

376.61 Persons admissible. ~~No feeble-minded girl or woman under the age of 45 years shall be kept in, placed, or received in any county nursing home. No male under the age of 17 years or female under the age of 18 years shall be kept in such home. No male under the age of 17 years or female under the age of 18 years shall be kept in a county nursing home. No person shall be required to become an inmate of any county nursing home as a condition, wholly or in part, of any public assistance grant.~~

Approved April 14, 1961.

CHAPTER 336—H. F. No. 712

An act relating to royalties for the mining of minerals and other materials under public waters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 93.08, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 93.08, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Scope of regulations.** It shall be provided in such regulations, among other things:

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(1) No permit to prospect shall be issued for a period to exceed two years;

(2) Each permit shall authorize prospecting only within the area designated therein, which area shall not exceed the limitations upon size prescribed by the regulations;

(3) At any time prior to the expiration of any such prospecting permit, the holder thereof shall have the right to a lease giving him the exclusive right to mine and remove the minerals specified in such permit within the area specified in the permit; provided, if the regulations adopted hereunder shall permit or prescribe larger areas for permits than for leases, the permit holder shall designate the specific part of the area covered by his permit (not exceeding the limitations upon size of lease areas) upon which he desires a lease;

(4) Minimum rents and royalties, and the other terms, conditions, and covenants of all such leases shall be prescribed by such regulations prior to the issuance of any permits hereunder; *provided no rents or royalties shall be paid for muck and silt, or sand, or gravel removed under a lease issued to any department of the state, any political subdivisions of the state, or any port authority, if such materials are used for public purposes only, and are not resold to any private party; and provided further that no rents or royalties shall be charged for muck and silt, or sand, or gravel furnished to or taken by any department of the State or any political subdivision of the State, or any port authority, subsequent to July 1, 1958, and prior to the effective date of this act, if such materials were used for public purposes;*

(5) No such lease shall be for a longer term than 50 years;

(6) All rents and royalties paid under such leases shall be paid to the state treasurer on the order of the state auditor and shall be credited to the permanent school funds of the state;

(7) No minerals shall be removed under such permits until lease has been issued as provided by such regulations, except that, with the approval of the commissioner, sufficient minerals or ore material may be removed for exploratory or assaying purposes;

(8) The grantee of such permit or lease, his or their assigns, representatives, and successors in interest, may be

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required to secure riparian owners against damage from the use of such lease or permit.

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CHAPTER 337—H. F. No. 808

[Coded]

An act relating to the probate court of Ramsey county; authorizing the destruction and reproduction of records.

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

Section 1. [525.093] **Destruction and reproduction of probate records in Ramsey county.** Subdivision 1. The clerk of probate court of Ramsey county may destroy the original documents enumerated in this subdivision in any proceeding of record in his office 25 years after the commencement of the proceeding providing a photographic, photostatic, microphotographic, or similar reproduced copy of the original document is on file in his office.

Enumerated original documents:

(a) In estates, the jurisdictional petition and proof of publication of the notice of hearing thereof; will and certificate of probate; letters; inventory and appraisal and inheritance tax return; orders directing and confirming sale, mortgage, lease, or for conveyance of real estate; order setting apart statutory selection; federal estate tax receipt; decrees of distribution and order discharging representative; and any amendment of the listed documents.

(b) In guardianships, the jurisdictional petition and order for hearing thereof with proof of service; letters; orders directing and confirming sale, mortgage, lease or for conveyance of real estate; order for restoration to capacity and order discharging guardian; and any amendment of the listed documents.

(c) In mental, inebriety, and indigent matters, the jurisdictional petition; report of examination; warrant of commitment; notice of discharge from institution, or notice of death and order for restoration to capacity; and any amendment of the listed documents.

Subd. 2. A photographic, photostatic, microphoto-

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