

CHAPTER 627—S. F. No. 1306

[Coded]

An act relating to public employees retirement association; authorizing legal representatives of certain survivors to obtain refunds of certain contributions of former members.

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

Section 1. **[353.81] Public employees retirement; refunds to certain survivors.** Notwithstanding any provision in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 353, and any act amendatory thereof to the contrary, the legal representative of the estate of a survivor who received benefits from the public employees retirement fund, and who died on May 9, 1963, may apply for and obtain a refund of the difference between the deceased members contributions to the fund and the amount of benefits paid to the survivor.

Approved May 22, 1965.

CHAPTER 628—S. F. No. 1848

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the fees of the abstract clerk in Ramsey county; amending Laws 1945, Chapter 561, Section 1, as amended, and Section 4, as amended.

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

Section 1. . . Laws 1945, Chapter 561, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1949, Chapter 64, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Ramsey county; abstract clerk; fees.** In counties ~~having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants~~ *Ramsey county:*

(a) The records and indexes in the office of county abstract clerk are hereby designated and defined as public records, open to inspection, but only to the extent in this section provided.

(b) Every record, index, abstract copy, plat, bookkeeping record, or paper of any type whatsoever, prepared in such office, shall be the property of the county for the use of the county abstract clerk and his successors in office, and shall at the expiration of the term of any such abstract clerk be turned over to his successor in office.

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(c) The county abstract clerk shall permit, without fee and within such reasonable business hours as not to interfere with the conduct of the work of the office, and under such supervision as shall assure the safety of the records, inspection of the tract index as hereinafter defined, by any party interested in the ownership of any particular parcel of land, or his agent or attorney. There shall be no right on the part of anyone to make general or indiscriminate searches of the records or to copy any part thereof for the purpose of making abstracts of title or abstract books or in any manner to deprive the abstract clerk of the fees provided by law for his official duties.

(d) Any person who destroys, attempts to destroy, deface or alter any record in the office of the county abstract clerk shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to punishment according to law.

Sec. 2. Laws 1945, Chapter 561, Section 4, as amended by Laws 1957, Chapter 855, Section 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. The county abstract clerk is permitted to charge, collect and retain for his own use, maximum fees for his services as follows: In the preparation and issuance of each abstract of title or registered property report, ~~50~~ 60 cents for each pertinent and proper entry thereon of a transfer or other instrument affecting title to the premises; but if the proper presentation of the instrument necessitates an entry of more than 200 words, he shall be permitted to charge 20 cents additional for each additional folio thereof; for abstractors certificate, ~~\$2~~ \$3; for report as to taxes or assessments, ~~50~~ 75 cents for each abstract or continuation thereof; for the first name searched for judgments \$2 each and for each additional name \$1.10 which shall include both state and federal courts; for each name searched for bankruptcies, 25 cents; for each name searched for old age assistance liens, 25 cents; for each name searched for federal tax liens, 25 cents; for every plat or drawing furnished on request with any abstract, such reasonable fee as may seem fit and proper. Provided, however, that the maximum fee permitted to be charged for any abstract of title or continuation as to any one description shall be ~~\$65~~ \$70.

Sec. 3. *This act shall take effect only after its approval by the county board of Ramsey county and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Approved May 22, 1965.

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