

or the principal parking lot located within a state park. At the request of the commissioner of conservation the counties wherein such roads are located shall do such work as requested in the same manner as on any other county state-aid highway and shall be reimbursed for such construction, reconstruction or improvements from the amount set aside by this subdivision. Any sums paid to counties in accordance with this subdivision shall reduce the money needs of said counties in the amounts necessary to equalize their status with those counties not receiving such payments. Any balance of the amount so set aside, at the end of each year shall be transferred to the county state-aid highway fund.

The sum authorized to be set aside as provided in this subdivision shall be set aside only in the years 1964 and 1965 and continued for the years 1966 and 1967.

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CHAPTER 336—H. F. No. 628

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An act providing for an exclusive post conviction remedy to challenge the legality of conviction of crime and sentence or other disposition thereof but not replacing appellate relief or proceedings preparatory thereto.

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

Section 1. [590.01] **Post conviction remedy; availability, conditions.** Subdivision 1. Except at a time when direct appellate relief is available, a person convicted of a crime, who claims that the conviction was obtained, or that the sentence or other disposition made violated his rights under the constitution or laws of the United States or of the state, may commence a proceeding to secure relief therefrom by filing a petition in the district court in the county wherein the conviction was had to vacate and set aside the judgment and to discharge the petitioner or to resentence him or grant a new trial or correct the sentence or make such other disposition as may be appropriate. Such proceeding shall conform with sections 1 to 6.

Subd. 2. This remedy takes the place of any other common law, statutory or other remedies which may have been available for challenging the validity of a conviction, sentence, or other disposition

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and must be used exclusively in place of them unless it is inadequate or ineffective to test the legality of the conviction, sentence or other disposition.

Sec. 2. [590.02] **Petition; filing; service; costs.** Subdivision 1. The petition filed in the district court pursuant to section 1 shall be entitled in the name of the petitioner versus the state of Minnesota and shall contain:..

(1) A statement of the facts and the grounds upon which the petition is based and the relief desired. All grounds for relief must be stated in the petition or any amendment thereof unless they could not reasonably have been set forth therein. It shall not contain argument or citation of authorities;

(2) An identification of the proceedings in which the petitioner was convicted including the date of the entry of judgment and sentence or other disposition complained of;

(3) An identification of any previous proceeding, together with the grounds therein asserted taken on behalf of the petitioner to secure relief from his conviction and sentence or other disposition;

(4) The name and address of any attorney representing the petitioner. In the event the petitioner is without counsel, the clerk of court shall forthwith transmit a copy of the petition to the state public defender and shall advise the petitioner of such referral.

Subd. 2. The filing of the petition and any document subsequent thereto and all proceedings thereon shall be without costs or any fees charged to the petitioner.

Subd. 3. When a petition is filed pursuant to section 1 it shall be filed with an original and three copies, each verified by the petitioner or signed by his attorney. It shall be addressed to the district court of the judicial district in the county where the conviction took place.

In those cases in which the petitioner is represented by counsel or in which the petitioner has filed a written waiver of his right to counsel, the clerk of the district court shall deliver a copy of the petition to the county attorney and to the attorney general and shall immediately direct attention of the filing thereof to the chief judge or judge acting in his behalf who shall promptly assign the matter to a judge in said district.

Sec. 3. [590.03] **Pleadings and practice after filing a post conviction petition.** Within 20 days after the filing of the petition pursuant to section 1 or within such time as the judge to whom the

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matter has been assigned may fix, the county attorney, or the attorney general, on behalf of the state, shall respond to the petition by answer or motion which shall be filed with the clerk of district court and served on the petitioner if unrepresented or on the petitioner's attorney. No further pleadings are necessary except as the court may order. The court may at any time prior to its decision on the merits permit a withdrawal of the petition, may permit amendments thereto, and to the answer. The court shall liberally construe the petition and any amendments thereto and shall look to the substance thereof and waive any irregularities or defects in form.

Sec. 4. [590.04] Hearings on petition; evidence; order.

Subdivision 1. Unless the petition and the files and records of the proceeding conclusively show that the petitioner is entitled to no relief, the court shall promptly set an early hearing on the petition and response thereto, and promptly determine the issues, make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect thereto, and either deny the petition or enter an order granting appropriate relief.

Subd. 2. Hearings on a petition filed pursuant to section 1 shall be in open court in the judicial district in which the conviction took place or in the second, fourth, seventh, or tenth judicial districts in the discretion of the judge to whom the proceeding has been assigned.

Subd. 3. If the court determines that the issues present only questions of law, it may order the petitioner to be present at the hearing; in all other cases it shall order the petitioner to be present at the hearing. If the petitioner is represented by an attorney, the attorney shall be present at any hearing.

A verbatim record of any hearing shall be made and kept.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court the burden of proof of the facts alleged in the petition shall be upon the petitioner to establish such facts by a fair preponderance of the evidence.

In the discretion of the court it may receive evidence in the form of affidavit, deposition, or oral testimony. The court may inquire into and decide any grounds for relief, even though not raised by the petitioner.

The court may summarily deny a second or successive petition for similar relief on behalf of the same petitioner.

Sec. 5. [590.05] Indigent petitioners. A person financially unable to obtain counsel who desires to pursue the remedy provided in section 1 is entitled to be represented by the state public defender. The state public defender shall be appointed to represent

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such person pursuant to the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 611.14 to 611.29.

Sec. 6. [590.06] **Appeal to the supreme court.** An appeal may be taken to the Minnesota supreme court from the order granting relief or denying the petition within 60 days after the entry of said order.

The appealing party shall within the 60 days serve a notice of appeal from the final order upon the clerk of district court and the opposing party. If the appeal is by the petitioner such service shall be on the county attorney and the attorney general; if the appeal is by the state such service shall be on the petitioner or his attorney. No fees or bond for costs shall be required for such appeal.

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CHAPTER 337—H. F. No. 660

An act relating to garnishment; prohibiting garnishment by reason of a debt owed a credit union; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 571.43.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 571.43, is amended to read:

571.43 Garnishment; debts owed credit unions; garnishment prohibited. No person or corporation shall be adjudged a garnishee by reason of:

(1) Any money or other thing due to the defendant, unless at the time of the service of the summons the same is due absolutely, and without depending on any contingency;

(2) Any debt due from such garnishee on a judgment, so long as he is liable to an execution thereon;

(3) Any liability incurred upon any negotiable instrument;

(4) Any money or other thing due to the defendant where the defendant is a bank, savings bank, trust company, *credit union*, or a savings and loan association.

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