

1, shall not be in excess of 20 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property in the converted district, and that portion of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 475.53, Subdivision 5, as amended, which provides that no independent school district lying wholly or partly within a city of the first class shall issue any obligations running for more than two years, whenever the aggregate of the outstanding obligations of the district equals or exceeds seven and one-half percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the school district, shall be inapplicable to the converted district.

*Sec. 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the members of the school board of Independent School District No. 625 of the city of St. Paul and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Approved May 17, 1967.

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#### CHAPTER 526—H. F. No. 1563

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the county of Olmsted; authorizing the institution and operation of an employees' merit award program and the levy of a tax in support thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Olmsted county; merit award program.** Subdivision 1. The board of county commissioners of the county of Olmsted may by resolution institute a program designed to recognize, honor, and reward employees other than elected officials of the county who make unusual contributions to the efficient and economical operation of the county government. If such a program is undertaken the county board shall:

(a) Formulate, establish, and maintain plans to encourage and reward unusual and meritorious suggestions and accomplishments by employees of the county which promote efficiency and economy in the county government;

(b) Appoint committees to consider suggestions and accomplishments of county employees and make recommendations thereon to the county board; and

(c) Render merit awards to county employees in accordance with such plans.

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Subd. 2. The board may determine the nature and extent of the merit awards to be made under this act, which may include but shall not be limited to certificates, medals, other appropriate insignia, and cash. The board may also adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the operation of plans established under this act, the eligibility and qualifications of county employees participating therein, the character and quality of suggestions and accomplishments submitted for consideration, the method of submission and procedure for review of nominations for merit awards, the kind and value of such awards, and such other matters as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for the proper administration of this act and the accomplishment of its purposes.

Subd. 3. The county board may annually levy upon all taxable property within the county a tax sufficient to yield not more than \$2,500 for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this act. The taxing authority conferred by this subdivision is in addition to that conferred by any other law.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the governing body of Olmsted county and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 17, 1967.

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CHAPTER 527—H. F. No. 1576

[Not Coded]

*An act authorizing the conveyance of certain state lands in Crow Wing county.*

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

**Section 1. Conveyance of state lands; Crow Wing county.** The governor, upon recommendation of the commissioner of iron range resources and rehabilitation, shall transfer and convey by quitclaim deed, in such form as the attorney general approves, in the name of the state of Minnesota, to the Crow Wing Charcoal Company for such consideration as agreed upon, the following described lands in Crow Wing county:

That Part of Government Lot One (1), of Section Twenty-four (24), in Township Forty-seven (47) North, Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, which lies

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