

fore December 31 of the immediately preceding year; thereupon, the board shall issue a certificate of renewal registration. A penalty fee of \$1 \$2 shall be added for renewal registration applications post-marked after December 31 of the immediately preceding year.

Sec. 5. *The fees set by sections 2 and 4 of this act are effective for the calendar year 1968 and thereafter. Sections 1 and 3 of this act are effective January 1, 1968.*

Approved March 13, 1967.

CHAPTER 69—H. F. No. 720

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An act relating to the city of White Bear Lake and the county of Ramsey; providing for the merger of the public libraries thereof.

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

Section 1. **White Bear Lake, city of; Ramsey county; merger of libraries.** The city of White Bear Lake owns and operates a public library for the use of its inhabitants under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 134.07; and the county of Ramsey owns and operates a public library for the free use of residents of the county under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33.

Sec. 2. **Agreement to combine.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or city charter, the city and the county, by agreement entered into pursuant to resolutions adopted by their governing bodies, may combine their public libraries into a single public library system having two or more separate libraries.

Sec. 3. The agreement shall prescribe the manner and method of accomplishing the merger of libraries; provide an orderly arrangement for the transfer of real and personal property; provide for transfer of any library fund balances or receipts; and prescribe other necessary and pertinent details.

Sec. 4. When an agreement is entered into by the county of Ramsey and the city of White Bear Lake pursuant to the provisions of this act, those employees working for the city Public Library may, by action of the county Civil Service Commission, become employees of the county in such appropriate classifications as may be determined by the said county Civil Service Commission, and such employees shall be subject to and protected by the provisions of the laws establishing such county Civil Service Commission.

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Sec. 5. Any library established or continued as a consequence of an agreement under this act shall be financed, operated, and maintained by the county under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33, and other laws relating to free county libraries.

Sec. 6. **Effective date.** This act shall be effective upon its approval by a majority of the city council of White Bear Lake and a majority of the county board of Ramsey county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved March 13, 1967.

CHAPTER 70—S. F. No. 336

An act relating to counties; increasing the rate of interest which may be paid on county orders and warrants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 385.31.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 385.31, is amended to read:

385.31 Counties; orders and warrants; interest rate. When any order or warrant drawn on him as treasurer is presented for payment, if there is money in the treasury for that purpose, the county treasurer shall redeem the same, and write across the entire face thereof the word "redeemed," the date of the redemption, and his official signature. If there is not sufficient funds in the proper accounts to pay such orders they shall be numbered and registered in their order of presentation, and proper endorsement thereof shall be made on such orders and they shall be entitled to payment in like order. Such orders shall bear interest at not to exceed the rate of ~~four~~ *six* percent per annum from such date of presentment. The treasurer, as soon as there is sufficient money in the treasury, shall appropriate and set apart a sum sufficient for the payment of the orders so presented and registered, and, if entitled to interest, issue to the original holder a notice that interest will cease in 30 days from the date of such notice; and, if orders thus entitled to priority of payment are not then presented, the next in order of registry may be paid until such orders are presented. No interest shall be paid on any order, except upon a warrant drawn by the county auditor for that purpose, giving the number and the date of the order on

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