

of such census shall be filed with the appropriate state authorities by the governing body of the village. The result of any such census so taken and filed shall be the population of the village for purposes of any law providing that population is a required qualification for tax distribution, liquor licensing under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 340, or distribution of highway aids. Such special census shall remain in force and effect until the 1970 federal decennial census is completed and the results filed. The expense of taking the special census shall be paid by the village of Chanhassen.

Sec. 2. This act is in effect upon its approval by the governing body of the village of Chanhassen and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 710—S. F. No. 25

[Coded]

An act establishing a uniform municipal election day.

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

Section 1. **[205.20] Uniform municipal election day.**
Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this act, the term municipality means a city, however organized, or borough.

Subd. 2 **Uniform municipal election day established.** There is hereby established a uniform municipal election day. The uniform municipal election day shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Municipal officials elected on that date shall take office on the first business day of January next succeeding their election for such term as is provided by law or as is hereinafter provided. The governing body of a municipality may designate a date for the primary election not less than 14 days before the municipal election day.

Subd. 3. **Adoption.** Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to the contrary, and subject to the provisions of this act, the governing body of a municipality may by ordinance adopt the uniform municipal election day as its municipal election day.

Subd. 4. **Modification of terms of office.** If the uniform municipal election day is adopted, the terms of all incumbents at the time of adoption of the ordinance holding offices filled by municipal

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election whose terms end at a different date are hereby extended to the first business day in January of the even-numbered year first following the date the term would otherwise expire, unless this extension would be longer than thirteen months. If the extension would be longer than thirteen months, the terms of such incumbents are hereby shortened so as to end on the first business day in January of the even-numbered year first preceding the date the term would otherwise expire.

Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality adopting the uniform municipal election day shall in the adopting ordinance designate a new term for each office to be filled where the term for such office at the time of the ordinance is an odd number of years. Such new terms shall be an even number of years and for no more than one year longer than the term in effect at the time of the adoption of the ordinance. The governing body may also provide that one or more members of any multi-member body shall, at the first election held on the uniform municipal election day, be elected for a shorter term than is otherwise provided so as to achieve staggered terms on such multi-member bodies.

Subd. 5. Effect of ordinance; referendum. An ordinance adopting the uniform municipal election day shall not become effective until 90 days after passage and publication or at such later date as is fixed in the ordinance. Within 60 days after passage and publication of such an ordinance, a petition requesting a referendum on the ordinance may be filed with the municipal clerk. The petition shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to five per cent of the total number of votes cast in the municipality at the last state general election. If the municipality has a system of permanent registration of voters, only registered voters are eligible to sign the petition. If the requisite petition is filed within the prescribed period, the ordinance shall not become effective until it is approved by a majority of 55 percent of voters voting on the question at a general or special election held at least 60 days after submission of the petition. If the petition is filed, the governing body may reconsider its action in adopting the ordinance.

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CHAPTER 711—S. F. No. 148

An act relating to the public employees retirement association;

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