

duties when the district public defender so requests. Whenever the state public defender is directed by a court to represent any defendant or other person, with the approval of the court he may assign such representation to any district public defender.

He also shall supervise the training of all state and district public defenders, and may establish a training course for such purpose.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 611.26, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

611.26 District public defenders. Subdivision 1. ~~All~~ *A majority of the judges of any judicial district not subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 611.12 or 611.13 may, by written order filed with the state judicial council, establish in such district the public defender system provided in Laws 1965, Chapter 869. Such an order shall be effective 30 days after its filing. Notwithstanding this subdivision the state public defender may assist the public defenders of Hennepin and Ramsey counties at their request.*

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 611, is amended by adding a section to read:

Sec. [611.271]. **Copies of documents; fees.** *The clerks of all courts and justices of peace shall furnish upon the request of the office of the state public defender copies of any documents in their possession and shall bill the office of the state public defender for these copies after they have been furnished. The fees for such documents shall be \$2.00 plus 12 cents for each page of the documents furnished.*

Approved May 24, 1969.

CHAPTER 656—H. F. No. 1746

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the town of Thomson firemen's relief association; authorizing payment of certain pensions to certain members of the association at an earlier date.

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1. **Thomson, town of; firemen's relief association.** The fire department relief association of the town of Thomson may pay out of its special fund in a lump sum a service

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pension in an amount not exceeding \$75 per year of service, or as may be provided by its bylaws, to each of its members who shall hereafter retire, who has reached or shall hereafter reach the age of 50 years, and who shall have done active duty for 20 years or more as a member of the volunteer fire department in the municipality where the association exists and a member of the town of Thomson volunteer firemen's relief association.

Subd. 2. These pensions shall be uniform in amount, except as herein otherwise provided. No such pension shall be paid to any person while he remains a member of the fire department and no person receiving such pension shall be entitled to other relief from the association. No payments made or to be made by the association to any member on the pension roll shall be subject to judgment, garnishment, execution, or other legal process and no person entitled to such payment shall have the right to assign the same, nor shall the association have the authority to recognize any assignment or pay over any sum which has been assigned

Sec. 2. This act shall expire January 1, 1978.

Sec. 3. This act takes effect when approved by the town board of the town of Thomson and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 24, 1969.

CHAPTER 657—H. F. No. 1788

[Coded]

An act relating to elections; absentee balloting; providing for the establishment of an absentee ballot precinct; describing the function of the absentee ballot precinct and the tabulating and counting of absentee ballots; and providing local option for the establishment of an absentee precinct.

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

Section 1. **[207.30] Elections; absentee ballots; legislative purpose and policy.** Subdivision 1. The legislature determines that some municipalities in the state have the cumbersome burden of handling absentee ballots. It is the purpose of this act to provide a means through the local option of a municipality to determine whether or not it would be more convenient and more efficient

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