

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.

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## 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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to establish an absentee ballot precinct within the municipality which will handle all absentee ballots received during an election, either primary or general, within the municipality.

**Subd. 2. Establishing an absentee ballot precinct.** Any city, town, village, or borough charged with the responsibility of elections may by ordinance of the governing body of such municipality establish an absentee ballot precinct.

**Subd. 3. Absentee ballot precinct.** An absentee ballot precinct shall be a board set up by the designated election official of a municipality whose duties shall be as follows:

(a) Receive all absentee ballots for a primary or general election held within the municipality.

(b) Check the registration of each absentee ballot against the permanent voter registration file.

(c) Determine the precinct of each absentee ballot voter and report the results of such election to each precinct with such results to be tabulated with that precinct.

(d) Prepare a list for submission to each precinct within the municipality prior to the close of the election day for the precinct officials to check against the voter registration file to ascertain if any absentee ballot voter voted by person.

(e) Reject any absentee ballots of persons who had voted at a precinct making a notation on the envelope of the absentee ballot as to the reason for rejection.

(f) After the polls have closed in the municipality the board shall count the absentee ballots by opening them and tabulating the vote of each absentee ballot voter in a manner which will indicate each vote of the absentee voter and designate that the vote was received by absentee ballot.

**Subd. 4. Appointment of members.** The election official of each municipality shall be charged with the responsibility, after an ordinance has been adopted by the governing body of the municipality, to appoint the number of persons he deems necessary to carry out the duties of the absentee ballot precinct.

**Subd. 5. Compensation of members.** The election official of each municipality shall pay a reasonable compensation to each member of the absentee ballot precinct for his services rendered during each election.

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Subd. 6. **Applicable laws.** Except as otherwise provided by this act, all of the laws applicable to absentee ballots and absentee voters as well as any other applicable provisions of law as contained within the election laws of this state and specifically Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 207, shall apply to the ballots handled by the absentee ballot precinct. It is intended by this act that an absentee ballot precinct may be established and that the provisions of this act are to be supplementary to the election laws of the state.

Approved May 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 658—H. F. No. 1866

[Coded]

*An act relating to savings banks; authorizing unsecured loans to college students; amending Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 50, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 50, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[50.147] Savings banks; authorized investments; student loans.** *In addition to other investments authorized by law, a savings bank organized under the laws of this state may make student loans. Such loans may be secured or unsecured, and the lender may require a comaker or guaranty under a governmental student loan guarantee plan, or both. The borrower shall certify to the lender that the proceeds of the loan are to be used by a student solely for the payment of expenses of college, university or vocational education.*

Approved May 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 659—H. F. No. 1901

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the city of St. Cloud; authorizing it to acquire a new public library.*

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

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