

**uance or conversion.** Any steam heat system operated by a public utilities board or commission in any city may be discontinued in whole or in part at the discretion of such board or commission. Funds may be expended at the discretion of such board or commission to partially or wholly compensate persons to whom service is discontinued for the expense of converting to some other type of heat system. Prior to exercising any of the authority granted by this section, the public utilities board or commission shall obtain the approval of the governing body of the city. The authority granted by this section shall apply notwithstanding any statute, city charter, or other law to the contrary. This act shall not apply to Austin, Buhl, Hibbing, Marshall, Mountain Iron and Virginia.

Approved May 27, 1969.

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CHAPTER 797—H. F. No. 2796

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to taxation; providing for the distribution of proceeds from sale or rental of tax-forfeited land and products thereof in St. Louis county; amending Laws 1955, Chapter 826, Section 1.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1955, Chapter 826, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **St. Louis county; tax-forfeited lands.** In ~~any county having an area of more than 5000 square miles~~ *St. Louis county*, the net proceeds from the sale or rental of any parcel of forfeited land, or from sale of any products therefrom, shall be apportioned by the county auditor to the taxing districts interested therein, as follows:

(1) Such portion as may be required to pay any amounts included in the appraised value under *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 282.01, Subdivision 3, as representing increased value due to any ~~public~~ *public* improvement made after forfeiture of such parcel to the state, but not exceeding the amount certified by the clerk of the municipality, shall be apportioned to the municipal subdivision entitled thereto;

(2) Such portion of the remainder as may be required to discharge any special assessment chargeable against such parcel for drainage or other purpose whether due or deferred at the time of for-

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feiture, shall be apportioned to the municipal subdivision entitled thereto;

(3) Any balance shall be apportioned as follows:

(a) Any county board may annually by resolution set aside not exceeding ~~ten~~ 20 percent of the receipts remaining to be used for timber development on tax-forfeited land and dedicated memorial forests, to be expended under the supervision of the county board. It shall be expended only on projects approved by the commissioner of conservation.

(b) If the board does not avail itself of the authority under paragraph (a), any balance remaining shall be apportioned as follows: ~~state, ten percent;~~ county, ~~30~~ 40 percent; town, village or city, 20 percent; and school district, 40 percent, and if the board avails itself of the authority under paragraph (a) the balance remaining after such ~~ten~~ 20 percent has been deducted shall be apportioned among the ~~state~~, county, town, village or city, in the proportions in this paragraph above stated, provided, however, that in unorganized territory that portion which should have accrued to the township shall be administered by the county board of commissioners.

Sec. 2. *This act shall become effective upon approval by the board of county commissioners of the county of St. Louis, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

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CHAPTER 798—H. F. No. 2849

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to courts; and salaries of the Ramsey county district court reporters, second judicial district; amending Laws 1967, Chapter 497.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1967, Chapter 497, is amended to read:

Section 1. **District court; Ramsey county court reporters; salary.** Subdivision 1. *Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Section 486.05 to the contrary,* the chief judge of the district court for the second judicial district, by an order filed with the Ramsey county

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