

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon approval of the county board and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 171—S.F.No.1291

[Not Coded]

An act relating to St. Louis county; designating officers of the building commission.

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

Section 1. **ST. LOUIS COUNTY; BUILDING COMMISSION.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the St. Louis county courthouse building commission shall be comprised of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, who shall be president of the building commission, the county auditor, who shall be both secretary and treasurer of the building commission, and the vice chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective upon approval of the county board and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 172—S.F.No.271

[Coded]

An act relating to divorce; visitation rights of the parties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 518, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 518, is amended by adding a section to read:

[518.175] DIVORCE; VISITATION OF CHILDREN AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT. Subdivision 1. In all divorce proceedings, subsequent to the commencement of the action and continuing

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thereafter during the minority of the child, the court may, upon the request of the noncustodial parent, grant such rights of visitation as will enable the child and the noncustodial parent to maintain such child to parent relationship as will be beneficial to the child. The court shall consider the age of the child and the child's relationship with the noncustodial parent prior to the commencement of the action. The court may deny visitation rights to the noncustodial parent if such visitation is not in the best interest of the child. A parent's failure to pay support because of the parent's inability to do so shall not be sufficient cause for denial of visitation, unless such inability is willful.

Subd. 2. Upon the request of either parent, the court may inform any child of the parties, if eight years of age or older, or otherwise of an age of suitable comprehension, of the rights of the child and the noncustodial parent under the order or decree or any substantial amendment thereof. The custodial parent shall present the child for visitation by the noncustodial parent, at such times as the court directs.

Subd. 3. The custodial parent shall not move the residence of the child to another state except upon order of the court or with the consent of the noncustodial parent, when the noncustodial parent has been given visitation rights by the decree.

Subd. 4. Proof of an unwarranted denial of or interference with duly established visitation may constitute contempt of court and may be sufficient cause for reversal of custody.

Approved April 29, 1971.

CHAPTER 173—S.F.No.400

An act relating to divorce; custody and support of children on judgment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 518.17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 518.17, is amended to read:

518.17 DIVORCE; CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF CHILDREN ON JUDGMENT. Upon adjudging the nullity of a marriage, or a divorce or separation, the court may make such further order as it deems just and proper concerning the care, custody, and maintenance of the minor children of the parties and may determine with which of

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