

Subd. 5. Any judicial ditch or judicial drainage system in existence on June 30, 1971, may be changed to a joint county ditch or drainage system. Such change may be initiated by order of the district court having jurisdiction of the ditch or the county boards of the counties in which the ditch is located by a petition to the said district court. No such change shall be made until the district court has held a hearing thereon. Due notice of the proposed change together with the time and place of hearing shall be given by two weeks published notice in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the area involved. All interested persons may appear and be heard. Following the hearing the district court may make its order directing that the judicial ditch or judicial drainage system be changed to a joint county or drainage system if the court finds that the change would be in the public welfare or public interest. If the change is ordered by the court the files and records of the judicial ditch or judicial drainage system shall be transferred from the clerk of the district court to the county auditor of the county containing the largest area of land over which the ditch passes. Thereafter, the county boards of the respective counties shall proceed to appoint members of the respective boards as the administrative authority as provided in subdivision 2. The ditch authority shall have the same powers as provided in subdivision 3 and the county boards of the respective counties shall have the same duties and powers as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 6. This section in no manner affects the transfer of a public drainage system to the board of managers of a watershed district as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.65.

Approved June 4, 1971.

CHAPTER 786—H.F.No.933

An act relating to game and fish; predator control program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 97.487, Subdivisions 3 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 97.487, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **GAME AND FISH; PREDATOR CONTROL.** If the commissioner has reason to believe that a predator or predators are causing damage to domestic or wild animals and if he determines that corrective action is necessary, he shall request the controllers ~~residing in the county or the area designated,~~ to take predators causing the damage by any method authorized for the taking of unprotected wild animals. The commissioner shall specify the county or other defined area in which the predator control activities are to be conducted, the objectives to be achieved, payments to be made, and he shall approve the methods to be used. All of the controllers shall cease their activities when the objective is achieved or when so directed by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 97.487, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **CERTIFICATION OF PREDATOR CONTROLLERS.** The commissioner shall designate one division within the department to implement, enforce, and control the program conducted pursuant to this section. The commissioner shall certify as a predator controller all persons who meet qualifications as to experience, ability and reliability which the commissioner shall prescribe. The commissioner shall establish application procedures, prescribe forms and maintain a list of said controllers. Application procedures shall provide for reports from conservation officers and other department field personnel as to the ability and reliability of the applicants.

Approved June 4, 1971.

CHAPTER 787—H.F.No.961

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Chaska; authorizing the taking of a special federal census and its use.

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

Section 1. **CHASKA, CITY OF; SPECIAL CENSUS.** The governing body of the city of Chaska may by resolution request the federal director of the census to take one special census of the population of the city of Chaska before January 1, 1973. A certified copy of the results of such census shall be filed with the appropriate state authorities by the governing body of the city. The result of any such census so taken and filed shall be the population of the city

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