

village or city, or if any such association resign, be removed or has heretofore resigned or has been removed as trustee of such money, then the ~~treasurer of such municipality~~ shall keep the money in a ~~special fund~~ the municipal treasury to be disbursed only for the purposes authorized by section 424.31 or for the equipment and maintenance of the fire department and for construction, acquisition, or repair of buildings, room, and premises for fire department use.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 69.70, 69.31, 424.07 and 424.09 are repealed.

Sec. 12. This act is effective July 1, 1971.

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EXTRA SESSION
CHAPTER 7—S.F.No.52

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the district court; second judicial district in Ramsey county and the fourth judicial district in Hennepin county; family court divisions; and providing for additional judges for the fourth judicial district and the second judicial district; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 484.64; 2.722; and Chapter 484, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 484.64, is amended to read:

484.64 SECOND AND FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; JUDGES; FAMILY COURT DIVISION; SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT. Subdivision 1. In the second ~~and fourth~~ judicial ~~districts~~ district a family court division of the district court is hereby created to be presided over by a district court judge to be appointed by the chief judge of the district court to serve for a term of one year. The judges appointed to said office shall be designated as the judge of the family court division.

Subd. 2. The district court judge, family court division, shall hear and determine all matters involving divorce, annulment or separate maintenance, including proceedings for civil contempt for violations of orders issued in such proceedings. In addition, he shall

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hear and determine paternity actions, reciprocal enforcement of support actions and criminal non-support cases.

Subd. 3. The board of county commissioners of ~~Hennepin and Ramsey counties~~ county shall provide suitable chambers and court room space, clerks, reporters, bailiffs, and one or more referees and other personnel to assist said judge, together with necessary library, supplies, stationery and other expenses necessary thereto.

Subd. 4. In cases of absence, sickness or other disability which prevents said judge from performing his duties, the chief judge of the district court of the second ~~and fourth~~ judicial districts ~~district~~ may designate or assign one or more of the other judges of the district court to perform the duties of the district court judge, family court division. The chief judge of the district court may assign one or more family court matters to another judge of said judicial district for hearing and determination.

Subd. 5. The judge of the family court division may be designated in writing by the chief judge of the district court of the second ~~and fourth~~ judicial district to the regular or ordinary duties of a judge of the district court without thereby affecting the term of office to which such judge was appointed.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 484, is amended by adding a section to read:

[484.65] FAMILY COURT DIVISION; FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. Subdivision 1. In the fourth judicial district, a family court division of the district court is hereby created to be presided over by a district court judge. The judge appointed or elected to said office shall be designated as the district court judge, family court division. Said district court judge shall be elected or appointed in the manner as provided for the election or appointment of other district court judges, except that he shall be designated district court judge, family court division, and at the primary or general election the office shall be so designated on the ballot.

Subd. 2. Said district court judge shall hear and determine all family matters assigned to him by the chief judge of the fourth judicial district with the approval of the majority of the judges of said district.

Subd. 3. The board of county commissioners of Hennepin county shall provide suitable chambers and court room space, clerks, secretaries or reporters, bailiffs, and one or more referees and other personnel to assist said judge, together with necessary library, supplies, stationery and other expenses necessary thereto.

Subd. 4. In cases of vacancy in the office, until the office is filled in accordance with subdivision 6, or if work load, absence,

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sickness or other disability prevents said judge from fully performing his duties, the chief judge of the district court of the fourth judicial district may orally or in writing designate or assign one or more of the other judges of the district court to perform or assist in the performance of the duties of the district court judge, family court division.

Subd. 5. The district court judge, family court division, may be designated in writing by the chief judge of the district court of the fourth judicial district to the regular or ordinary duties of a judge of the district court without thereby affecting the term of office to which such judge was appointed or elected.

Subd. 6. Vacancies in the office of district court judge, family court division, shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law for the filling of vacancies in the office of other judges of the district court.

Subd. 7. The district court judge, family court division, may, with the consent and approval of the judges of the district court of the fourth judicial district, appoint one or more suitable persons to act as referees. Such referees shall be learned in the law and shall hold office at the pleasure of the judges of the district court. The compensation of a referee shall be fixed by the personnel board of Hennepin county and appropriated by the county board and shall be paid in the same manner as other county employees are paid.

Subd. 8. The duties and powers of referees in the family court division shall be as follows:

(a) Hear and report all matters within the jurisdiction of the district court judge, family court division, as may be directed to him by said judge.

(b) Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law, temporary and interim orders, and final orders for judgment.

Subd. 9. All recommended orders and findings of a referee shall be subject to confirmation by said district court judge. Review of any recommended order or finding of a referee by the district court judge may be had by notice served and filed within ten days of effective notice of such recommended order or finding. The notice of review shall specify the grounds for such review and the specific provisions of the recommended findings or orders disputed, and said district court judge, upon receipt of such notice of review, shall set a time and place for such review hearing.

Subd. 10. Upon the conclusion of the hearing in each case, the referee shall transmit to said district court judge the court file together with his recommended findings and orders in writing. The recommended findings and orders of a referee become the findings and orders of the court when confirmed by said judge. The order of the court shall be proof of such confirmation.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 2.722, is amended to read:

2.722 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS. Effective July 1, 1959, the state is divided into ten judicial districts composed of the following named counties, respectively, in each of which districts two or more judges shall be chosen as hereinafter specified:

1. Goodhue, Dakota, Carver, LeSueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley; five judges; and four permanent chambers shall be maintained in Red Wing, Hastings, Shakopee, and Glencoe and one other shall be maintained at the place designated by the chief judge of the district;

2. Ramsey; ~~11~~ 12 judges;

3. Wabasha, Winona, Houston, Rice, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Freeborn, Mower, and Fillmore; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Owatonna, Albert Lea, Austin, Rochester, and Winona;

4. Hennepin; ~~18~~ 19 judges;

5. Blue Earth, Watonwan, Lyon, Redwood, Brown, Nicollet, Lincoln, Cottonwood, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, Faribault, Martin, and Jackson; five judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Marshall, Windom, Fairmont, New Ulm, and Mankato;

6. Carlton, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook; six judges;

7. Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Clay, Becker, and Wadena; four judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, and St. Cloud;

8. Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; three judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Morris, Montevideo, and Litchfield;

9. Norman, Polk, Marshall, Kittson, Red Lake, Roseau, Mahanomen, Pennington, Aitkin, Itasca, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Cass and Koochiching; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Crookston, Thief River Falls, Bemidji, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, and International Falls;

10. Anoka, Isanti, Wright, Sherburne, Kanabec, Pine, Chisago, and Washington; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Anoka, Lindstrom-Center City, and Stillwater.

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