

~~(2) Each person desiring to have his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for judge, except as provided in (3) of this subdivision, shall state in his affidavit of candidacy the office of the particular judge for which he is a candidate. The filing of this affidavit with the county auditor in each county of the county court district and compliance with all other requirements of law constitutes a person a candidate for that office. No person shall be a candidate for more than one county court judgeship at any election.~~

(3) In any election following reduction of the number of county court judges pursuant to section 487.01, subdivision 7 the requirement contained in Minnesota Statutes, Section 202.04, Subdivision 3 that a candidate for office of judge state the office for which he is a candidate shall not apply. In such a situation all parties filing for office of judge shall run against each other for the remaining seats. However, each candidate who otherwise would have qualified to have the word "incumbent" printed after his name on the ballot pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 203.41, Subdivision 3 shall retain this right.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 487.03, Subdivision 3, is repealed.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 570—S.F.No.1404

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to veterans; the enforcement of veterans' preference rights by the commissioner of veterans affairs; authorizing the attorney general to represent veterans in certain cases; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 197, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 197, is amended by adding a section to read:

[197.481] VETERANS; ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS. Subdivision 1. PETITION. A veteran who has been denied rights by the state or any political subdivision, municipality, or other public agency of the state under sections 43.30, 197.45, 197.46, 197.47, and 197.48 may petition the commissioner of veterans affairs for an

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order directing the agency to grant the veteran such relief the commissioner finds justified by said statutes.

The petition shall contain:

(1) The name, address and acknowledged signature of the veteran.

(2) The names and addresses of all agencies and persons that will be directly affected if the petition is granted.

(3) A concise statement of the facts giving rise to the veteran's rights and a concise statement showing the manner in which rights were denied.

(4) A statement of the relief requested.

Subd. 2. SERVICE. Upon receipt of a petition herein, the commissioner shall serve a copy of same, by registered mail, on all agencies and persons named therein and on such other agencies or persons as in the judgment of the commissioner should in justice be parties to the proceeding. The veteran and all agencies and persons served shall be parties to the proceeding.

Subd. 3. SUBPOENAS. The commissioner shall have free access to relevant records of all parties and may issue subpoenas for and compel the attendance of witnesses and the giving of testimony and the production of books, records, accounts, documents and papers; and may administer oaths to witnesses. If any person shall fail or refuse to appear or testify regarding that upon which he may be lawfully interrogated, or produce any books, records, accounts, documents or papers relevant in the matter under consideration, after having been lawfully required by subpoena, any judge of the district court in any county of the state where the subpoena was made returnable, on application of the commissioner, shall compel obedience or punish disobedience as for contempt as in the case of disobedience of a similar subpoena issued by such court.

Subd. 4. HEARING. The commissioner shall hold a hearing on the petition of any party within 20 days of serving, or being served with the petition. The veteran may demand an opportunity to be heard at a time set by the commissioner. A party who fails to demand such hearing within 20 days shall be heard only by permission of the commissioner, except that if any party demands to be heard all parties shall have the right to be heard. A hearing hereunder shall be conducted and orders issued in accord with sections 15.0418, 15.0419 and 15.0422, at the office of the commissioner or at a place he designates. The commissioner shall notify all parties, by mail, of the time and place of the hearing.

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Subd. 5. PERSONNEL. The commissioner may appoint a hearing officer to act in his stead and to employ such other personnel as are necessary to investigate facts in cases brought under this section.

Subd. 6. APPEALS. Appeals of orders issued under this section shall be to the Ramsey county district court in accord with section 15.0424 and to the supreme court as provided in section 15.0426; the scope of judicial review shall be as prescribed by section 15.0425.

Subd. 7. REPRESENTATION. If a veteran receives a favorable decision hereunder and (a) a party to the proceeding appeals such decision to the district court or (b) if an action attacking the decision is begun, the commissioner shall become a party in such appeal or action and with the aid of the attorney general represent the veteran therein.

Subd. 8. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the state treasury from funds not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to the commissioner of veterans affairs for the biennium ending June, 1975 to carry out the purpose herein stated, or so much thereof as may be necessary for proper administration of the act.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 571—S.F.No.1436

An act relating to elections; providing for the payment of the expenses of special county elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 203.43.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 203.43, is amended to read:

203.43 ELECTIONS; EXPENSES. The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clause (a), the cost of printing the white and pink ballots, and all necessary expenses incurred by the secretary of state in connection with elections, shall be paid by the state out of moneys not otherwise appropriated. ~~That~~ The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clauses (b) and (c), the

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