

and to fix a minimum amount of royalty payable during each year, whether mineral is removed or not; provided, further, prospecting options for such mining leases may be granted for periods not exceeding one year, such options to require, among other things, periodical showings to the county board of the results of exploration work done;

(4) To make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, a county may enter into a rental purchase agreement or conditional sales agreement for the acquisition of road equipment. Under such an agreement the seller shall be limited to the remedy of recovery of the property in case of nonpayment of all or part of the purchase price. The purchase price shall be payable over a period not to exceed five years.

Approved May 3, 1973:

CHAPTER 164—S.F.No.1211

[Not Coded]

An act relating to independent school district No. 447 in Roseau, Marshall and Beltrami counties; providing certain statutory exemptions, and validating the status of the district as an independent school district and the power of the district to issue previously authorized general obligation bonds.

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

Section 1. **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 447; STATUS OF DISTRICT.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 122.41 to 122.52, shall not apply to independent school district No. 447, in the counties of Marshall, Roseau and Beltrami.

Sec. 2. The status of the school district named in section 1 as an independent school district created and operating pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 123 and 124 and all other applicable laws and the power of such district to hereafter issue its general obligation bonds in the amount authorized by special election on December 9, 1969 are hereby ratified and affirmed.

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Sec. 3. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of independent school district No. 447, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 3, 1973.

CHAPTER 165—S.F.No.1599

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Koochiching county; prescribing conditions of veterans preference for employment by the county sheriff's department.

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

Section 1. KOOCHICHING COUNTY; SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; VETERANS PREFERENCE. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Sections 197.45 to 197.48 to the contrary, in the scoring of tests given for the purpose of employment by the Koochiching county sheriff's department, a veteran preference, as described in subdivisions 2 and 3, shall be given to every person who is a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 197.45, Subdivision 1, except that such person need not have been a resident of Koochiching county for five years immediately preceding his application. Any veteran thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in the employment of the said sheriff's department on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability provided such age or physical disability does not render him incompetent to perform the duties of the position.

Subd. 2. CREDIT TO DISABLED VETERAN. To the examination score or rating of any disabled veteran, there shall be added a credit of ten points; and if, in open competitive examination only, the augmented rating gives the disabled veteran a passing score, and if he is able to perform with reasonable efficiency the duties of the position sought, his name shall be placed at the head of the eligible list for such position.

For the purposes of this section, a disabled veteran is one who is rated or certified as disabled by the United States Veterans Administration, or by the retirement boards of the several branches of the armed forces, and whose disability is existing at the time preference is claimed.

Subd. 3. CREDIT TO VETERAN. To the examination score or rating of any veteran other than a disabled veteran, there shall

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