

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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be added a credit of five points; and if such augmented rating gives him a passing grade, and if he is able to perform with reasonable efficiency the duties of the position sought, his name shall be placed on the list of eligibles with the names of other eligible persons. The name of a veteran with such an augmented rating shall be entered ahead that of a non-veteran applicant when their ratings are the same.

Subd. 4. CREDIT TO WIDOWS AND WIVES OF DISABLED VETERANS. Such preference is hereby extended to the widows of deceased veterans and to the spouse of a disabled veteran who, because of such disability, is unable to qualify.

Subd. 5. ENTRY OF PREFERENCE ON EXAMINATION AND APPLICATION RECORD. The fact that an applicant has claimed a veterans preference shall not be made known to the examiners, and the preference credit shall be added to the examination rating by the director of the sheriff civil service commission. The records of application for employment shall show the examination rating and the preference credit.

Subd. 6. In the event of the rejection by the appointing officer of the person so preferred when certified for promotion or to fill a vacancy or a new position, the appointing officer shall forthwith file, in writing, with the director of the sheriff civil service commission the reasons for such rejection, and shall furnish to the rejected veteran a copy of such reasons.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall take effect only after its approval by the governing body of the county of Koochiching, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 3, 1973.

CHAPTER 166—H.F.No.78

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Hastings; authorizing payment of lump sum retirement benefits to firemen.

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

Section 1. HASTINGS, CITY OF; RETIREMENT OF FIREMEN. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, the bylaws of the fire department

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