

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.

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## 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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cost of printing the county and district canary ballots, and all necessary expenses incurred by auditors in connection with elections, and the expenses of special county elections, shall be paid by the respective counties. ~~That~~ The compensation prescribed in section 203.42, clauses (d) and (e), the cost of printing the municipal light green ballots, of providing ballot boxes and polling places, and equipping the same, and all necessary expenses of the clerks of municipalities on account of elections, except special county elections, shall be paid by the respective towns, villages, or cities where the elections are held. All disbursements hereunder shall be presented, audited, and paid as in the case of other public expenses.

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CHAPTER 572—S.F.No.1455

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to health; regulating alcohol and other drug abuse; establishing a state authority providing for treatment of persons dependent on alcohol or other drugs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 245.694, Subdivision 1; 197.603; 197.64, Subdivision 3; 198.01; 253A.03; 253A.04, Subdivisions 2 and 3; 253A.07, Subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 126.04; 144.81; 144.82; 144.831; 144.832; 144.833; 144.834; 145.696; 145.697; 145.699; 245.692; 245.693; 245.694; and 245.695.

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

Section 1. **[254A.01] PUBLIC HEALTH; ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE; PUBLIC POLICY.** It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state that the interests of society are best served by providing persons who are dependent upon alcohol or other drugs with a comprehensive range of rehabilitative and social services. Further, it is declared that treatment under these services shall be voluntary when possible; treatment shall not be denied on the basis of prior treatment; treatment shall be based on an individual treatment plan for each person undergoing treatment; treatment shall include a continuum of services available for a person leaving a program of treatment; treatment shall include all family members at the earliest possible phase of the treatment process.

Sec. 2. **[254A.02] DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

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