Subd. 5. The negotiating team is authorized to and may enter into ~~tentative~~ agreements ~~to.~~ The provisions of said agreements which establish wages and economic fringe benefits shall be submitted to the legislature to be accepted, rejected or modified.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 179.75, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. Minnesota Statutes ~~1969~~ 1971, Sections 185.07 to ~~185.18~~ 185.19, shall ~~not be held to~~ apply to ~~any~~ all public ~~employee~~ employees, including those specifically excepted from the definition of public employee in section 179.63, subdivision 7, except as sections 185.07 to 185.19 may be inconsistent with section 179.68.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 179.69, Subdivision 7; 179.72, Subdivisions 11 and 13; 179.73, Subdivisions 3, 4, and 5; and 179.75, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9; and 179.77, are repealed.

Sec. 38. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall take effect the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 636—H.F.No.633

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to towns; authorizing all towns to make local improvements and to assess the cost thereof against benefited property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 429.011, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 429.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. MUNICIPALITIES; LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS. "Municipality" also includes any town not having the powers granted herein pursuant to any other law in the case of construction, reconstruction or improvement of a town road including curbs and gutters and storm sewers and in the case of those improvements designated in section 429.021, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (10); provided that any improvement or assessments authorized by this subdivision may be

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made only upon the affirmative vote of the election of the town at the annual town meeting or at a special town meeting held pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 365.52 to 365.58.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 637—H.F.No.954

An act relating to elections; providing for the reception and counting of absentee ballots; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 207.11, is amended to read:

207.11 ELECTIONS; ABSENTEE VOTING; JUDGES TO RE-CEIVE AND COUNT BALLOTS. The judges in the several precincts at any election shall receive all ballots delivered to them on election day by officers or employees of the United States post office department in due course of the business of that department or by the clerk of the municipality, and as herein provided, and deposit the same in the appropriate ballot box provided that they are satisfied that the person is a voter in such precinct and entitled to vote therein at such election; provided, further, that the conditions precedent hereinafter set forth, exist. Ballots so deposited shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner and shall be given the same force and effect as the votes of other duly qualified voters who vote in person.

Upon a "Return Envelope" being delivered to the judges they shall open the same in such a manner as not to cut or mutilate the contents or deface or damage the certificate or the signatures thereto on the outside thereof. They shall compare the signature of the voter on the outside of the "Return Envelope" with the signature on the "Application for Ballots" delivered to them as provided herein. If the judges or a majority of them, shall be satisfied that the signature of the voter subscribed to the "Voter's Certificate" is the genuine signature of the person who made the "Application for Ballots," and if the signature of the voter has been properly authenticated as prescribed in the "Directions to

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