

fund, in the state treasury, the sum of \$3,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this act. This appropriation is effective upon enactment and shall be available until October 1, 1974.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 675—S.F.No.1182

[Coded]

An act relating to county government, providing for county license bureaus.

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

Section 1. [373.32] **COUNTIES; LICENSE BUREAU AUTHORIZED.** For the purpose of promoting efficiency in county government and to afford better service to the general public any county in the state is authorized to establish a county license bureau. The license bureau may be located in the county seat or at such other location or locations as the county board may designate.

Sec. 2. [373.33] **STATE LICENSES MAY BE ISSUED.** Notwithstanding any other law or regulation designating or authorizing a specific county official to issue any license or permit or to process or assist in preparing an application for any license or permit issued by the state, the county license bureau is authorized to issue, process or assist in preparing an application for any license or permit issued by the state or a state official including but not limited to game and fish, trapping, wild rice harvest, motor vehicle, mobile home, trailer, snowmobile, water craft or drivers license or as many of the licenses as is designated by the county board but this authority shall not include the issuance of marriage licenses. The county board may delegate the responsibility for the issuance of any county license or permit to the county licensing bureau.

Sec. 3. [373.34] **IMPLEMENTATION, NOTICE.** Subdivision 1. Sections 1 to 6 shall not be operative in any county until the board of county commissioners shall pass a resolution declaring its intent to proceed under the provisions of these sections and to establish a county license bureau. The resolution establishing a county license bureau shall take effect at such date as the county board shall designate but not less than 30 days after the date of the adoption of the resolution.

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Subd. 2. No resolution establishing a county license bureau shall be valid unless a notice of intention to adopt a resolution to establish a county licensing bureau has been mailed by the clerk of the county board to each state department having the responsibility for the issuance of a state license not less than 20 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the adoption of a resolution establishing a license bureau is to be considered. A similar notice shall be delivered by the clerk of the county board to the deputy registrar of motor vehicles for the county and to each county officer having the authority to issue, process or assist in the preparation of an application for the issuance of any license not less than ten days prior to the date of the meeting at which the establishment of a license bureau is to be considered.

Sec. 4. [373.35] **DIRECTOR OF BUREAU.** Subdivision 1. The county board shall appoint a director of the county license bureau upon the terms and conditions it deems advisable and may appoint any county officer or employee as the director. The county board shall set the compensation of the director and may provide for the expenses of the office including the premium of any bond required to be furnished by the director. The director shall exercise all powers granted to and perform all duties imposed on the county officer who previously had the authority to issue or process the application for any license referred to in section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.33, Subdivision 2, the director may be appointed the deputy registrar of motor vehicles in the county and if appointed a deputy registrar he shall have the same authority as a county auditor to appoint one or more deputy registrars as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 168.33, Subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. The director shall be responsible for all funds in his custody as the director of the license bureau and shall deposit the funds in the county treasury, a state depository or forward the funds to the appropriate state official at the times and in the manner provided by law or regulation or as designated by the county board not inconsistent with applicable statutes and regulations. The director of the license bureau or an employee in the bureau shall not be permitted to retain any portion of the fee charged by law or any surcharge upon the license or application, his sole compensation shall be the salary provided by the county board.

Sec. 5. [373.36] **BOND REQUIRED.** Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the director and each employee having the charge of handling any money, license, license plate or application for license shall give bond to the state in the sum of at least the amount fixed by the commissioner of public safety required of deputy registrars of motor vehicles conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties.

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Sec. 6. [373.37] **TERMINATION OF BUREAU.** A county license bureau may be terminated in the same manner as provided in section 3 of this act to establish a license bureau. Any duties and responsibilities assigned to the director of the license bureau upon termination of the bureau shall be vested in the officer or person which has the responsibility for the function as provided by law at the time of the termination.

Sec. 7. [373.38] **BUSINESS HOURS.** All such offices shall maintain hours to best serve the public need, and shall be open to the public for a minimum period of three hours one evening after 5:00 p.m. or on Saturday of each week.

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CHAPTER 676—S.F.No.1246

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to elections; providing for the registration of voters; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 200.02, Subdivisions 22 and 25; 201.11; 201.12; 201.13; 201.14; 201.15; 201.18; 201.26; 201.27; 201.33; 203.27, Subdivision 2; 204.076; 204.08, Subdivision 1; 204.17, Subdivision 3; 207.02; 207.03; 207.08; and 207.19, Subdivision 1; Chapter 201, by adding sections; and Chapter 204, by adding a section; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 201.02 to 201.10; 201.16; 201.17; 201.19; 201.20; 201.21; 201.22; 201.23; 201.24; 201.25; 201.261; 201.28; 201.29; 201.30; 201.31; 201.32; 204.07; 204.075; 204.077; and 204.08, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 200.02, Subdivision 22, is amended to read:

Subd. 22. **ELECTIONS; REGISTRATION OF VOTERS; COMMISSIONER.** The word "commissioner" means any person acting as a commissioner of registration pursuant to the provisions of chapter 201 the secretary of state of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 200.02, Subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. **ELIGIBLE VOTER.** Every person of the age of 21 years or more who has been a citizen of the United States for a

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