

## CHAPTER 708—S.F.No.1896

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to courts, Ramsey county; providing for creation and the operation and functioning of the Ramsey county municipal court; abolishing certain courts and merging certain courts with the Ramsey county municipal courts; transferring certain duties, functions, and jurisdictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 488A.18, Subdivisions 1, 7, 10, and by adding a subdivision; 488A.19, Subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; 488A.20, Subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6; 488A.21, Subdivision 2; 488A.22, Subdivisions 1 and 3; 488A.24, Subdivision 6; 488A.25, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 488A.27, Subdivisions 6, 11, 12 and by adding a subdivision; 488A.28, by adding a subdivision; 488A.29, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 488A.30, Subdivisions 1, 2, and 4; and 488A.33, Subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 488A.18, Subdivision 5; 488A.19, Subdivision 4; and 488A.23, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.18, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**488A.18 RAMSEY COUNTY; MUNICIPAL COURT; ESTABLISHMENT; JURISDICTION; POWERS; APPEALS.** Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT CONFIRMED.** ~~The establishment of the existing municipal court of the city of Saint Paul is confirmed and the court is continued~~ There is hereby created a municipal court of Ramsey county with the jurisdiction and powers hereinafter stated.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.18, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.** (a) The court has jurisdiction to hear, try and determine any charge of violation within Ramsey county of:

(1) A criminal law of this state constituting a misdemeanor and any offense of this state which constitutes a petty misdemeanor,

(2) Any ordinance, charter provision, rule or regulation of the city of Saint Paul any subdivision of government in the county of Ramsey, or

(3) Any ordinance, charter provision, rule or regulation of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission,

(4) Any ordinance, rule or regulation of the regents of the University of Minnesota.

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(b) The court has jurisdiction to conduct preliminary hearings and to exercise all judicial powers incident to preliminary hearing proceedings, on any charge of violation of any criminal law of this state committed within Ramsey county.

(c) Jurisdiction under ~~sub-paragraphs~~ clauses (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) and under paragraph (b) of this subdivision is exclusive for any violation committed within the ~~city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.18, Subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **PLACE OF HOLDING COURT.** ~~The city of Saint Paul shall provide suitable quarters for the court within the city hall and courthouse, and court shall be held at that place or at a place immediately adjacent thereto. The county of Ramsey shall provide suitable quarters for the holding of regular terms of court at all places where court sessions are conducted. Court sessions shall be conducted in the villages of New Brighton, Roseville, Maplewood and North Saint Paul, and in the cities of White Bear Lake and Saint Paul upon filing with the clerk of the court a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the city or village requesting that court be held therein. At the places of holding regular terms of court established pursuant to this subdivision, all functions of the court shall be discharged. Provided, however, that civil jury trials shall be tried at the place of holding court within the city of Saint Paul, unless the judges of the court shall decide by court rule that civil jury trials may be held elsewhere in the county.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **TRIAL OF CRIMINAL ACTIONS.** All charges of misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and ordinance violations shall be arraigned and tried in the municipality where the alleged violation occurred; however, if there is no court located in such municipality, then the arraignment and trial of such charges shall take place at the nearest place of holding court. Arraignments in criminal actions shall be held in the evening after 7:00 p.m. if so requested by the governing body of a city or village in which a court is situated as provided by this act by a resolution filed with the clerk of court.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.19, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

488A.19 **JUDGES.** Subdivision 1. **NUMBER OF JUDGES.** There are ~~six~~ eleven judges of the municipal court of the ~~city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey.~~

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.19, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **QUALIFICATIONS AND OATH.** Each judge shall be a person learned in the law who is admitted and qualified to practice in the supreme court of this state and is a resident of the city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey in this state. Before entering upon the duties of office, each judge shall take and subscribe an oath, in the form prescribed by law for judicial officers, and shall file that oath in the office of the ~~city clerk~~ county auditor. No judge shall practice as an attorney or counselor at law, except in cases in which he is a party in interest.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.19, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **TERM; VACANCIES; APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION.** (a) Each elected judge holds office for six years beginning the first Monday in ~~June~~ January next succeeding his election.

(b) Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of judge the governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy, to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified. The successor shall be elected for a six-year term at the next general ~~city~~ election occurring more than one year after such appointment.

(c) At the general ~~city~~ election immediately preceding the expiration of his term the qualified voters of the ~~city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey~~ shall elect the successor to any elected judge.

(d) Each judge holds a separate nonpartisan office.

(e) When one or more judges of the court are to be nominated or elected at a ~~city~~ an election, the notice of election shall state the name of each judge whose successor is to be nominated or elected. The official ballot shall contain the names of all candidates for each such office, state the number of judges to be elected and the number of candidates for whom an elector may vote, and designate each candidacy as "For the office of Judge of the Municipal Court of the ~~City of Saint Paul county~~ of Ramsey to which . . . . . was elected for

the regular term," or "For the office of Judge of the Municipal Court of the ~~City of Saint Paul county of Ramsey~~ to which . . . . . was appointed," as the case may be.

Name of Judge  
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purpose the name of the judge whose successor is to be elected. When any judge is a candidate to succeed himself, the word "incumbent" shall be printed after his name where it appears among the names of the candidates for the office. When voting machines are used and such statements cannot be inserted in full, the designation shall be "Successor to . . . . . (elected)", or "Successor to Name of Judge . . . . . (appointed)", as the case may be.

(f) Each person desiring to have his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for judge shall state in his affidavit of candidacy the office of the particular judge for which he is a candidate. The filing of this affidavit with the city-clerk county auditor and a compliance with all other requirements constitutes such person a candidate for that office, and for that office only. No person shall at any election be a candidate for more than one such office.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.20, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**488A.20 CLERK; DEPUTIES; ASSISTANT CLERKS.** Subdivision 1. **APPOINTMENT, TERM, REMOVAL, SUSPENSION.** (a) A majority of the judges shall appoint a clerk of the court.

(b) The court shall have employees, consisting of deputy clerks, assistant clerks and other necessary employees as are presently employed.

(c) Additional deputy clerks, assistant clerks and other necessary employees may be appointed by the clerk when the city-council county board consents to the creation of such new positions.

(d) The clerk and deputy clerks shall each be appointed for a term of six years from the date of appointment. At any time within six months from the date of initial appointment, each may be removed and his appointment terminated, with or without cause and without notice or hearing, by the appointing official or officials. At any time, each may be suspended by the appointing official or officials without pay for a period not to exceed 30 days with or without cause pending a hearing for removal and termination of appointment for cause before the appointing official or officials.

(e) The clerk and all other employees of the court shall be in the unclassified service of the city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.20, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **OATH, BOND.** (a) The clerk and deputy clerks shall each take and subscribe an oath to support the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Minnesota and to perform faithfully the duties of his office.

(b) The clerk and deputy clerks shall each give bond to the ~~city of Saint Paul~~ county of Ramsey in such sum and with such surety as the ~~city council~~ county board directs, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his official duties and for payment as required by law or order of the court of all moneys coming into his hands.

(c) Neither the clerk nor deputy clerks shall enter upon their official duties until their respective appointment, oath, and bond are filed with the ~~city clerk~~ county auditor.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.20, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **DISPOSITION OF FINES, FEES AND OTHER MONEYS; ACCOUNTS.** (a) Except as otherwise provided herein and except as otherwise provided by law, the clerk shall pay to the proper officer of the city of Saint Paul ~~daily~~ Ramsey county treasurer all moneys received by him required by law to be paid to the city ~~finances and penalties collected by him~~, all fees collected by him for services of himself, all sums forfeited to the court as hereinafter provided, and all other moneys received by the clerk. ~~Such sums shall be credited to the general fund of the city.~~

(b) ~~Each such payment shall be accompanied by a daily report in writing to the proper officer of the city of Saint Paul, showing the name of each defendant after date of the clerk's preceding report upon whom any fine has been imposed or confinement ordered, the date thereof, the nature of the offense, the amount of money received from each such person and the final disposition. Said report shall further show the aggregate amount of money and the sources thereof due the city received by the clerk since his last report. The clerk of court shall for each fine or penalty, provide the county treasurer with the name of the municipality or other subdivision of government where the offense was committed and the total amount of the fines or penalties collected for each such municipality or other subdivision of government.~~

(c) ~~The clerk shall promptly pay all other moneys to the other public officers entitled thereto by law and shall inform the proper officer of the city of Saint Paul of all moneys remaining in his hands pursuant to law or court order. The state of Minnesota and any governmental subdivision within the jurisdictional area of the municipal court herein established may present cases for hearing before said municipal court. In the event that the court takes jurisdiction of a prosecution for the violation of a statute or~~

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ordinance by a governmental subdivision other than a city or village in Ramsey county, all fines, penalties and forfeitures collected shall be paid over to the county treasurer except where a different disposition is provided by law.

(d) At the beginning of the first day of any month, the amount in the hands of the clerk which is owing to any municipality or county shall not exceed \$5,000.

(e) On or before the last day of each month, the county treasurer shall pay over to the treasurer of each municipality or subdivision of government in Ramsey county one half of all fines or penalties collected during the previous month from those imposed for offenses committed within such municipality or subdivision of government in violation of a statute, an ordinance, charter provision, rule or regulation of a city or village. All other fines and forfeitures and all fees and costs collected by the county municipal court shall be paid to the treasurer of Ramsey county who shall dispense the same as provided by law.

(f) Amounts represented by checks issued by the clerk or received by the clerk which have not cleared by the end of the month may be shown on the monthly account as having been paid or received, subject to adjustment on later monthly accounts.

(d) (g) The clerk may receive negotiable instruments in payment of fines, penalties, fees, or other obligations as conditional payments, and is not held accountable therefor but if collection in cash is made and then only to the extent of the net collection after deduction of the necessary expense of collection.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.20, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **BAIL.** (a) Any bail deposited with the clerk and not forfeited by court order shall be deemed abandoned and forfeited if the person entitled to refund does not file a written demand therefor within six months from the date of entitlement to refund.

(b) All sums collected by bail, bond or recognizance forfeited by court order or by abandonment shall be forthwith paid by the clerk to the ~~city of Saint Paul~~ Ramsey county treasurer.

(c) Any judge may order any bail, bond, or recognizance forfeited under this subdivision to be reinstated for cause and the clerk shall then refund accordingly. ~~The city of Saint Paul~~ Ramsey county treasurer shall reimburse the clerk if the clerk refunds the deposit upon such an order and obtains a receipt to be used as a voucher.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.20, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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Subd. 6. **SALARIES.** ~~(a) The clerk of court shall be paid an annual salary equal to that of the annual salary of the clerk of district court of Ramsey county but in no event more than \$17,000 a year. (a) The administrator and other employees of the court shall be paid annual salaries pursuant to a schedule adopted by a majority of judges of the court and approved by the Ramsey county board of commissioners.~~

~~(b) The salaries of the deputy clerks and assistant clerks and other necessary employees shall be set by the clerk and approved by the city council; however, The present salary of any employee of this court shall not be reduced by virtue of this act.~~

~~(e) (b) All salaries under this act shall be payable out of the city county treasury in biweekly installments.~~

~~(d) (c) After January 1, 1971, The salary of the clerk and other employees shall be set by the city council county board upon the recommendation of the civil service bureau commission.~~

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.21, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES.** The judges of this court shall be and are hereby authorized to expend a sum not to exceed ~~\$7,500~~ \$10,000 in any one year to secure such psychiatric, psychological and medical services as shall be deemed advisable by said judges in making disposition of such misdemeanants as shall come before the court. If the judges of this court so direct, the ~~city council~~ county board shall appropriate whatever sums are necessary to secure such services, not exceeding ~~\$7,500~~ \$10,000 in any one year.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.22, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

488A.22 **COURT REPORTERS.** Subdivision 1. **APPOINTMENT; OATH; TENURE.** Each judge shall have as his court reporter a competent person skilled in that profession appointed by the clerk of this court at the direction of said judge. Each reporter shall take and subscribe an oath to support the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Minnesota and to discharge and perform his duties as a court reporter faithfully and honestly. Each reporter shall file his oath with the ~~city clerk~~ county auditor before he enters upon the duties of his office. Each reporter is an officer of the court and holds his office during the pleasure of the judge directing his appointment and until the judge directs a court reporter to succeed him.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.22, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **SALARIES.** The ~~city council~~ county board shall fix and establish the salary of the municipal court reporters at an amount not exceeding the annual salary of court reporters in the district court of the second judicial district.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.24, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **COURT RULE ON SELECTION.** (a) If a court rule so providing is adopted by a majority of the judges of said district court and also by a majority of the judges of the municipal court, all petit jurors to serve in the municipal court of the ~~city of Saint Paul~~ county of Ramsey may be selected from the petit jurors summoned for jury service by the district court of Ramsey county.

(b) The rule may provide the manner in which jurors for the municipal court shall be selected from the jurors summoned by the district court and the period of time during which they shall serve in municipal court.

(c) The rule may be amended by a majority of the judges of the district court and a majority of the judges of the municipal court. It may be rescinded entirely at any time by a majority of the judges of either court.

(d) The rule may be made effective on any date and shall then supersede any jury list for municipal court theretofore in effect. If the rule be rescinded, the judges of the municipal court may reinstate any jury list drawn for that year by the judges of municipal court or prepare a new jury list.

(e) The petit jurors summoned for service in both courts shall have the same qualifications and shall be selected by the district court under the same procedure as is now provided by law for selecting jurors for service in the district court.

(f) Jurors shall report to and be excused, governed, instructed, and controlled by a judge of either the district court or the municipal court as provided in the court rule.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.25, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**488A.25 STATUTE, TRAFFIC AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAUS.** Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT CONFIRMED.** ~~The establishment of the existing traffic violations bureau of this court is hereby confirmed and said bureau is continued for the purposes of Laws 1961, Chapter 436. Statute,~~ traffic and ordinance violations bureaus shall be established within those municipalities in which court sessions are conducted. The purpose of the statute, traffic and ordinance violations bureau

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bureaus is to assist the court in handling the various criminal and civil matters that come before the court.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.25, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PERSONNEL; SUPERVISION.** The clerk of this court shall supervise the statute, traffic and ordinance violations bureau bureaus and shall assign a sufficient number of this court's employees to staff and operate the bureau bureaus.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.27, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **TRIALS BY JUDGE WITHOUT JURY.** A charge of a violation of any petty misdemeanor law of this state, municipal ordinance, charter provision, rule or regulation, other than a violation dealing with driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or narcotic drug, speeding that is a third or further offense occurring in one year, or careless or reckless driving where a personal injury is involved, shall be heard, tried and determined by a judge without a jury and the defendant shall have no right to a jury trial on such a charge, except as required by section ~~109.03~~ 169.03 or as otherwise required by law. In the event of such trial without jury, there shall be a right of appeal as provided in section 488.20, and provided further that where there has been a conviction in a trial without jury as provided above, the commissioner of highways shall not by reason thereof revoke or suspend the defendant's driver's license.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.27, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.** Except where the county attorney is specifically designated by law as the prosecutor for the particular violation charged, the corporation counsel of the city of Saint Paul attorney of the municipality in which the violation is alleged to have occurred shall have charge of the prosecution of all violations of statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, rules or regulations triable in this court and said corporation counsel or county attorney, as the case may be, shall prepare complaints for said violations.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.27, Subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **PEACE OFFICERS.** The city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall, at the request of the judges, provide a sufficient number of police officers and deputy sheriffs, respectively, to be in constant attendance at the sessions during the criminal and traffic proceedings of the court and at such other times and

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~~places as the court may direct. Said officers shall obey the mandates of the court and preserve order during said proceedings, irrespective of the authority or orders of any other official body. The police officers of the city of Saint Paul shall serve all criminal process or other papers issued by the court. The sheriff, with the approval of a majority of the judges, shall assign to the court a sufficient number of deputy sheriffs, who shall act as bailiffs of the court. A bailiff shall be in attendance at all sessions of the court involving traffic or criminal matters and at such other times and places as the court may direct. The county board may, with the approval of a majority of the judges, contract with any municipality upon such terms as may be agreed upon for the services of police officers of the municipality to act as bailiffs at all sessions of the court in the municipality. Said officers shall obey the mandates of the court and preserve order during said proceedings.~~

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. SERVICE OF PROCESS. All process in criminal matters and in matters where a charge is brought of violation of an ordinance shall be served by the police or peace officers of the municipality in which the violation is alleged to have occurred or by the sheriff of Ramsey county as the court designates.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.28, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. TRIALS. Forcible entry and unlawful detainer actions, which are contested, shall be given precedence over all other civil matters in trial settings.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.29, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

~~488A.29 ESTABLISHMENT; JURISDICTION; POWERS; COMPUTATION OF TIME. Subdivision 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COURT. The establishment of the existing conciliation court of the city of Saint Paul is confirmed and said court is continued. There is hereby established a conciliation court of the county of Ramsey with the jurisdiction and powers hereinafter stated.~~

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.29, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2. COURT OF RECORD; SEAL; SEPARATE COURT.** The conciliation court is a court of record with its own seal. It is separate from the municipal court of the city of Saint Paul county of Ramsey.

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Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.30, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**488A.30 JUDGES; CLERK; SALARIES; QUARTERS.** Subdivision 1. **JUDGES.** (a) The judges of the municipal court shall serve as judges of the conciliation court for such periods and in such rotation as the judges may determine. While so serving they shall act and be known as conciliation judges.

(b) The municipal judge who conducts the conciliation court hearing shall act upon any applications to vacate a judgment or an order for judgment whatever the grounds may be and shall sign the certificate upon a removed cause, but any other municipal judge may act upon such an application or sign such a certificate in the event that the judge who conducted the hearing has not previously denied the application and cannot act upon the application promptly or sign the certificate due to expiration of his term, death, disability, absence from the court house or any other cause.

(c) A majority of the judges of the municipal court may appoint an attorney to act as referee in conciliation court. A majority of the judges of the municipal court shall establish qualifications for the office, specify the duties and length of service of such referee, and fix the compensation not to exceed ~~\$35~~ \$50 per day or any part thereof. This compensation is payable out of the ~~city~~ county treasury at the same time and in the same manner as salaries of the judges of conciliation court.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.30, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CLERK, DUTIES.** The clerk of the municipal court shall serve as the clerk of the conciliation court. He shall delegate deputy clerks, assistant clerks and other necessary employees of the municipal court to assist him in performing his duties under this act. The clerk shall keep such records and accounts and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the judges. He shall account for and pay over to the ~~city of Saint Paul~~ county of Ramsey all fees received by him in the same fashion as required in his capacity as clerk of municipal court.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.30, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **QUARTERS FOR COURT, SUPPLIES.** The ~~city of Saint Paul~~ county of Ramsey shall provide suitable quarters for the court within the ~~city hall and court house, of Saint Paul, at such other places as are designated in section 3 and at such other places within the county as may be designated by a majority of the judges,~~ and court shall be held at ~~that place~~ such places. The clerk

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shall procure and furnish all necessary blanks, stationery, books, furniture, furnishings and other supplies for the use of the court and the officers thereof at the expense of the city county, with the consent of the ~~city council~~ county board and under the supervision and approval of a majority of the judges.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.33, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **DOCKETING AND ENFORCEMENT IN MUNICIPAL COURT.** When a judgment has become final under subdivision 2 of this section, the judgment creditor may obtain a transcript of the judgment from the clerk of conciliation court and file it with the clerk of the municipal court ~~of the city of Saint Paul~~ upon payment of the filing fees as prescribed for the municipal court. After filing of the transcript, the judgment becomes, and is enforceable as, a judgment of the municipal court. A transcript of a judgment payable in installments may not be so obtained and filed until 20 days after default in the payment of an installment. No writ of execution nor garnishment summons may be issued out of conciliation court.

Sec. 30. **[488A.281] PAYMENT OF COURT EXPENSES.** All salaries of the judges of the municipal court of the county of Ramsey, court reporters, the clerk, court administrator, deputy clerks and all other employees of said court, and all expenses of said court shall be paid from the treasury of Ramsey county. The board of county commissioners of Ramsey county is authorized to levy taxes annually against each dollar of taxable property within the county as may be necessary for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the court. Such tax is not subject to any limitation on taxing power contained in any other law or charter provision and is in addition to any other tax levied by such body.

Sec. 31. **[488A.282] COURTS ABOLISHED.** All courts in Ramsey county, except the supreme, district and probate courts, are abolished as of the effective date of this act, including municipal courts established but not organized under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 488.03. The municipal court of the city of Saint Paul is merged into the municipal court of the county of Ramsey as hereinafter provided, as of the effective date of this act.

Sec. 32. **[488A.283] EXTENSION OF TERMS.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the term of office of any judge, or special judge, or justice of the peace of any court to be abolished hereunder, which would otherwise expire between the passage of this act and the effective date of this act shall be extended through and include the day before the first Monday of January, 1975.

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**Sec. 33. [488A.284] TRANSFER OF CASES AND FUNDS; DISPOSITION OF APPEALS.** Subdivision 1. All cases pending in courts abolished by this act are hereby transferred as of the effective date of this act to the municipal court of Ramsey county for trial or other disposition according to law. Any case on appeal to any appellate court from any such abolished court shall be treated by the appellate court as though appealed thereto from the abolished court, except that all affirmances, reversals, mandates or remittiturs shall be addressed to the municipal court of Ramsey county.

Subd. 2. All judges and justices of the peace and all court clerks of such abolished courts shall continue in office after the effective date of this act solely for the purpose of transmitting to the clerk of the municipal court of Ramsey county all pleadings, dockets and other records in pending cases in such abolished courts and for the purpose of paying over to the clerk of said court all moneys in the possession of such judges, justices of the peace and clerks by law payable to the state or any subdivision with proper detail to enable the clerk of the municipal court of Ramsey county to properly account to the proper officials for such moneys.

Subd. 3. All transmissions of pleadings, dockets and other records and the paying over of moneys referred to in this section shall be completed by the judges, justices of the peace and clerks of the abolished courts within 60 days after the first Monday of January, 1975.

**Sec. 34. [488A.285] Subdivision 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and except as may otherwise be provided in this act, all employees of the municipal courts in the villages of New Brighton, Roseville, Maplewood and North Saint Paul and in the cities of White Bear Lake and Saint Paul on the effective date of sections 1 to 37 shall become the employees of the municipal court of Ramsey county.

Subd. 2. Any person employed by the municipal courts in the villages of New Brighton, Roseville, Maplewood and North Saint Paul and in the cities of White Bear Lake and Saint Paul on the effective date of sections 1 to 37 shall be entitled to and be given credit for all benefits heretofore accrued to him as an employee of such municipal court and shall continue membership in the public employees retirement association without losing any rights or benefits as a member of such retirement association.

**Sec. 35. [488A.286] INITIAL JUDGES OF THE COURT.** The judges of the municipal courts in the villages of New Brighton, Roseville, Maplewood and North Saint Paul and in the cities of White Bear Lake and Saint Paul as of January 1, 1975, shall continue as judges of the municipal court of the county of Ramsey.

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In the event a vacancy exists in the office of judge in any such municipalities or that any such judges are unable or unwilling on said date to serve as a judge of the municipal court of Ramsey county, the governor shall appoint, in the manner provided by law, a qualified person to fill such vacancy or replace such judges. The original term of office of each of such judges as a judge of the municipal court of the county of Ramsey shall expire on the day before the first Monday in January of odd numbered years in or following which the term of each of such judges of municipal courts of the aforementioned municipalities would otherwise have expired.

Sec. 36. **INSTRUCTIONS TO REVISOR OF STATUTES.** In the next and subsequent editions of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes is directed to make the following changes in the text of Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 488A.18 to 488A.34; wherever the terms "clerk" or "clerk of court" appear, replace such terms or their equivalents with the terms "administrator", "court administrator", or "administrator of the court".

Sec. 37. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 488A.18, Subdivision 5; 488A.19, Subdivision 4; and 488A.23, Subdivision 2, are repealed.

Sec. 38. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act takes effect January 1, 1975.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 709—S.F.No.1742

[Coded]

*An act relating to the credentialing of allied health manpower under the state board of health; appropriating money.*

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

Section 1. [145.861] **ALLIED HEALTH MANPOWER; CREDENTIALING; LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intention of the legislature to promote the establishment of such allied health manpower as may be useful in the health care delivery system and to coordinate the development of credentialing policy with the existing licensing boards. To this end the state board of health is encouraged to establish reasonable procedures for the identification and credentialing of categories of allied health manpower as such

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