

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 480.01, is amended to read:

480.01 SUPREME COURT; JUSTICES; TERMS. The supreme court shall consist of one chief justice and ~~six~~ eight associate justices, who shall hold one term of court each year, at the seat of government, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, with such continuations or adjournments thereof during the year as may be necessary for the dispatch of the business coming before the court. When the chief justice of the court shall be absent from the state, or shall be, for any reason, incapacitated from acting as such, the associate justice present within the state and not incapacitated who shall have served the longest time, or when there are two or more associate justices of equal terms of service, then the associate justice, whom the chief justice shall designate as senior associate justice as such, shall have and exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the chief justice during his absence or incapacity and shall be, during such absence or incapacity, the presiding justice of the court.

Sec. 2. The governor shall appoint in the same manner provided by law for filling vacancies, qualified persons to fill the two offices of associate justice created by section 1. The appointees shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. The successors shall be elected for six year terms at the next general election occurring more than one year after appointment.

Sec. 3. The sum of \$28,000 is appropriated to the supreme court from the general fund in the state treasury for the purposes of sections 1 and 2. The moneys so appropriated shall not cancel and shall be available until expended.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 727—H.F.No.266

[Coded]

An act relating to education; providing for loans to medical and osteopathy students who agree to practice in rural communities; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **[147.30] MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHY STUDENTS; LOANS TO MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHY STUDENTS WHO AGREE TO PRACTICE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.** The state of Minnesota may provide loans in lieu of certain state funds for the cost of the education and living expenses during the time the recipient is enrolled in an accredited medical school in the state of Minnesota, or accredited school of osteopathy the graduates of which are eligible for licensure in Minnesota, if the recipient agrees in writing to practice medicine or osteopathy in a rural community in Minnesota designated as an area in need of medical doctors or osteopaths by the higher education coordinating commission. Each recipient shall execute a note to the state payable on demand for the amount of the loan with interest at eight percent per annum payable when the principal is paid. The principal and interest shall be forgiven after the recipient has practiced medicine or osteopathy for three years in an area in need of medical doctors or osteopaths as designated by the higher education coordinating commission. If the recipient fails to fulfill the obligation to practice, the outstanding principal and subsequent interest shall be payable according to terms approved by the higher education coordinating commission. Assistance may be granted in the amount that the commission determines sufficient for the purpose of this act, not to exceed \$6,000 per year. Loans shall be renewed on an annual basis contingent on the good standing of the student in the program. No student shall receive loans to exceed \$24,000. The commission may delay the time for beginning practice not more than four years after the recipient has qualified to practice if the recipient wishes to seek additional medical or osteopathic training.

Sec. 2. **[147.31] BONDS.** The higher education coordinating commission is authorized to issue revenue bonds in accordance with provisions on revenue bonds for student loans in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 136A for the purpose of securing funds necessary for loans for up to a maximum of 40 recipients the first year of the biennium and 20 additional medical recipients the second year of the biennium as authorized by this act.

Sec. 3. **[147.32] RESERVE FUND; APPROPRIATIONS.** Subdivision 1. The commission shall maintain a reserve fund for the purpose of repaying loans which are cancelled under the provisions of this act or which are not collectible as due. The reserve funds may be held and may be invested by the commission in accordance with provisions on investment of reserves for student loans in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 136A.

Subd. 2. If there are insufficient moneys in the reserve funds to repay loans made under this act which are cancelled or uncollectible as due, there is hereby appropriated to the commission from

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any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, such moneys as are required to meet the deficiencies. The amount of the appropriation made by these provisions shall be certified by the executive director of the higher education coordinating commission to the state auditor whenever the appropriation shall be necessary.

Sec. 4. The sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state treasury to the higher education coordinating commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 1973. The appropriation shall be used for a reserve fund for repayment of cancelled or uncollectible loans made in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. **[147.33] RECOMMENDATIONS; AREAS OF NEED; APPLICANTS.** The state board of medical examiners shall make recommendations to the commission with respect to areas of need and applicants for assistance.

Sec. 6. This act is effective the day following final enactment.
Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 728—H.F.No.358

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to teachers retirement association; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 136.80, Subdivision 1; 136.82, Subdivision 2; 354.05, Subdivision 25; 354.07, Subdivision 1; 354.09, Subdivision 3; 354.31; 354.32; 354.33, Subdivisions 1, 5, 7, and 8; 354.39; 354.41, Subdivision 3; 354.42, Subdivisions 2, 3 and 5; 354.44, Subdivisions 2, 6 and 7; 354.45, Subdivision 2; 354.46, Subdivision 1; 354.48, Subdivision 3; 354.50, by adding a subdivision; 354.55, Subdivisions 3 and 8, and by adding subdivisions; 354.62, Subdivisions 2 and 5; 354.63, Subdivision 2; and 11.25, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 354.09, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 136.80, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

136.80 RETIREMENT; TEACHERS; SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT. Subdivision 1. A supplemental retirement plan for personnel employed by the state college board and the state

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