
CHAPTER 239—S.F.No.2015

An act relating to snowmobiles; operation and regulation; contests; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 84.87, Subdivision 1a.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 84.87, Subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **SNOWMOBILES; ORGANIZED CONTESTS, USE OF HIGHWAYS.** Nothing in this section or chapter 169 shall prohibit the use of snowmobiles within the right of way of any state trunk or county state-aid highway or upon public lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of natural resources, in any ~~international~~ organized contest, subject to the consent of the official or board having jurisdiction over the highway or public lands or waters.

In permitting such contest, the official or board having jurisdiction may prescribe such restrictions or conditions as they may deem advisable.

Approved March 26, 1974.

CHAPTER 240—S.F.No.2136
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An act relating to counties; providing standards for redistricting of county boards, and the appointment of redistricting commissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 375, by adding a section; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 375.02.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 375, is amended by adding a section to read:

[375.025] COUNTIES; COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS; STANDARDS FOR REDISTRICTING. Subdivision 1. STANDARDS. The redistricting plan in use in a county shall be effective and continue to be used until a redistricting plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of this act. Each county shall be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as it has members of the county board. Commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines. Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as

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regular and compact in form as practicable, depending upon the geography of the county involved and shall be as nearly equal in population as possible, provided that no district shall vary in population more than 10 percent from the average for all districts in the county, unless the result forces a voting precinct to be split. In addition, a majority of the least populous districts shall contain not less than a majority of the population of the county. A county may be redistricted by the county board after each state or federal census. When it appears after a federal census that the districts of the county are not in accord with the standards set forth in this subdivision, the county shall be redistricted by the county board within 180 days of the date on which certified copies of the latest federal census are filed with the secretary of state in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 600.18. Before acting to redistrict a county, the county board or a redistricting commission, if one be appointed, shall cause at least three weeks published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for the county for the current year.

Subd. 2. VOTERS RIGHTS. Any qualified voter may apply to the district court of the county for a writ of mandamus (a) requiring the county to be redistricted if the county board has not redistricted the county within the time specified in subdivision 1, or (b) to revise any arbitrary action or abuse of discretion by the county board in redistricting the county; provided, any application for revision of a redistricting plan shall be filed with the district court within 30 days after the filing of the redistricting plan with the county auditor. The district court may direct the county board to show cause why it has not redistricted the county or why the redistricting plan prepared by it should not be revised, and on a hearing thereon may allow the county board additional time in which to redistrict the county or to correct errors in the redistricting plan. If it shall appear to the district court that the county board has not been sufficiently diligent in performing its redistricting duties, the court may appoint a redistricting commission to redistrict the county in accordance with the standards set forth in subdivision 1 and any other conditions the court shall deem advisable and appropriate. If a redistricting commission is appointed, the county board shall be without authority to redistrict the county.

Subd. 3. REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. The redistricting commission shall be composed of not less than five nor more than nine residents of the county. No officer or employee of county or local government except notaries public shall be eligible for membership on the commission. Members of the commission shall not be eligible for election to the county board until two years after the redistricting in which they participated becomes effective. Members of the commission shall serve without pay but may be reimbursed their necessary expenses in the conduct of the business of the commission. The county board shall provide for the necessary expenses of the commission.

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Subd. 4. REDISTRICTING PLAN; ELECTION FOLLOWING REDISTRICTING. A redistricting plan whether prepared by the county board or the redistricting commission shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. Notice that the plan is on file shall be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for the current year. A redistricting plan shall be effective on the 31st day after publication of the notice unless a later effective date is specified; provided, no redistricting plan shall be effective as to the next election of county commissioners unless the plan shall have been filed with the county auditor not less than 30 days before the first date candidates may file for the office of county commissioner. One commissioner shall be elected in each district who, at the time of the election, shall be a resident thereof and the person so elected shall be entitled to hold the office only while he remains a resident of the commissioner district. The county board or the redistricting commission as appropriate shall determine the number of members of the county board who shall be elected for two year terms and for four year terms in order to provide for staggered terms on the county board. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be elected for four years. When a county is redistricted, there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county at the next general election except that where the change made in the boundaries of a district is less than 10 percent of the average of all districts of the county, the commissioner in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full period for which he was elected.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 375.02, is repealed.

Sec. 3. This act is effective after January 1, 1975.

Approved March 26, 1974.

CHAPTER 241—S.F.No.2252

An act relating to manpower services; employment security information; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 268.12, Subdivision 12.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 268.12, Subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; ACCESS TO INFORMATION. Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, information obtained from any employing unit or individual pursuant to the administration of sections 268.03 to 268.24, and from any determination as to the benefit rights of any individual shall be held confidential and shall not be disclosed or be open to public inspection in any manner revealing the

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