

adding a section to read:

[205.84] WARDS IN CERTAIN CITIES. Subdivision 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. In any statutory city electing councilmen by wards, wards shall be as equal in population as practicable and each ward shall be composed of compact, contiguous territory. Each councilman shall be a resident of the ward for which he is elected, but a change in ward boundaries does not disqualify a councilman from serving for the remainder of his term.

Subd. 2. REDEFINING WARD BOUNDARIES. The council may by ordinance redefine ward boundaries after any regular municipal election. Within six months after the official certification of each federal decennial or special census, the council shall either confirm the existing ward boundaries as conforming to the standards of subdivision 1 or redefine ward boundaries to conform to those standards. If the council fails to take either action within the time required, no further compensation shall be paid to the mayor or councilmen until the wards of the city are either reconfirmed or redefined as required by this section. An ordinance establishing new ward boundaries shall apply to the first election held at least six months after adoption of the ordinance. No redivision of the city into wards shall be made until the council has held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance after one week's published notice.

Sec. 18. REPEALER. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 205.041 is repealed.

Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1974.

CHAPTER 338—S.F.No.2995
[Coded in Part]

An act relating to municipal industrial development; financing of telephone facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 474.02, Subdivision 1; and Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 474.02, Subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision; and 474.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 474.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

474.02 MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; TELEPHONE FACILITIES; DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. The term "project"

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as used in sections 474.01 to 474.13, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, means any properties, real or personal, used or useful in connection with a revenue producing enterprise, or any combination of two or more such enterprises engaged or to be engaged in generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity, assembling, fabricating, manufacturing, mixing, processing, storing, warehousing, or distributing any products of agriculture, forestry, mining, or manufacture, or in research and development activity in this field. The term "project" shall also include any properties, real or personal, used or useful in the abatement or control of noise, air or water pollution, or in the disposal of solid wastes, in connection with a revenue producing enterprise, or any combination of two or more such enterprises engaged or to be engaged in any business or industry. The term "project" shall also mean any properties, real or personal, used or useful in connection with the business of telephonic communications, conducted or to be conducted by a telephone company, including, without limitation, toll lines, poles, cables, switching and other electronic equipment and administrative, data processing, garage and research and development facilities.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 474.02, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The term "municipality" as used herein, means any city ~~of any class, village, or borough, however organized,~~ and any town described in section 368.01. In all cases in which a project involves telephonic communications conducted by or to be conducted by a telephone company, "municipality" also means any county.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 474.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. The term "telephone company" means any person, firm, association, including a cooperative association formed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 308, or corporation, excluding municipal telephone companies, operating for hire any telephone line, exchange or system, wholly or partly within this state.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 474.13, is amended to read:

474.13 POWERS ADDITIONAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAWS AND RULES. The powers conferred by sections 474.01 to 474.13 shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law or charter. Insofar as the provisions of any other law or charter are inconsistent herewith, the provisions hereof shall be controlling as to projects instituted under sections 474.01 to 474.13. In all cases in which a project involves telephonic communications conducted by or to be conducted by a telephone company, all laws of the state, and rules and regulations of the department of public service, that apply to property owned by a telephone com-

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pany including without limitation laws and regulations relating to taxation and valuation of telephone company property, shall similarly apply to any real and personal property acquired, in whole or in part, by the issuance of bonds as authorized herein and, in these cases, in the issuance of any bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 474, Sections 474.01 to 474.13 shall control, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 452, or any other general or special law relating to municipal or town telephone companies.

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall be effective on April 1, 1974.

Approved March 28, 1974.

CHAPTER 339—S.F.No.3016
[Coded in Part]

An act relating to taxation; providing for and confirming recreational levies in certain cities and towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 471, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 471, is amended by adding a section to read:

[471.1921] CITIES AND TOWNS; PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION; TAX LEVY. Whenever any city or town in which the assessed valuation consists in part of iron ore or lands containing taconite or semi-taconite operates a program of public recreation and playgrounds or other recreational facilities and expends funds for the operation of the program pursuant to sections 471.15 to 471.19, in addition to funds otherwise provided therefor, the governing body of the city or town may levy a tax in excess of any charter or statutory limitation, except the limitation imposed in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.50 to 275.59, for the support of this program of public recreation and playgrounds as follows:

(a) In cities the council or governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding two thirds of a mill and not exceeding \$3 per capita and not exceeding \$15,000.

(b) In towns the governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding two thirds of a mill and not exceeding \$10,000.

Sec. 2. Taxes levied in 1973 for the purposes set forth in section 1 are validated and confirmed.

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