

statement to such newspapers in plate form from seven-and-one-half-point type on eight-point slugs. The maximum rate for such publication shall be ~~\$1.20 per folio~~ 16 cents per standard line net for the two publications. If any newspaper shall refuse the publication of the amendments, this refusal and failure of the publication shall have no effect on the validity of the amendments. The secretary of state shall also forward to each county auditor copies of such statement, in poster form, in quantities sufficient to supply each election district of his county with two copies thereof. The auditor shall cause two copies to be conspicuously posted at or near each polling place on election day. *Wilful or negligent failure by any official named to perform any duty imposed upon him by this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 331.08, is amended to read:

331.08 FEES FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES. The fee for publication of a legal notice in any legal newspaper in this state shall be ~~19.3-24~~ cents per standard line for the first insertion and ~~13-16~~ cents per standard line for each subsequent insertion of a notice. The fees for the publication of the delinquent tax list shall be the same as now provided by section 279.07; provided that in all cases where a notice for publication contains tabular matter in whole or in part, or what is termed "price and one half" or "double price" composition, an additional fee of ~~6.5-8~~ cents per standard line shall be paid for all such price and one half and double price composition matter for the first insertion of a notice; and in the publication of official ballots for elections in the counties and the state the same shall be measured as though the entire space occupied is that of solid brevier or eight-point type, and no additional fee shall be allowed on account of tabular matter.

Approved February 5, 1974.

CHAPTER 39—H.F.No.1895

An act relating to waters, watercraft safety; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to regulate the size of motors; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 361.26, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 361.26, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **WATERCRAFT; MOTOR SIZE.** (a) Upon request of a county, city, village, borough, or town, the commissioner may, if he determines it to be in the public interest, establish regulations relating to

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the use of watercraft on waters of this state which border upon or are within, in whole or in part, the territorial boundaries of the governmental unit.

(b) Such regulations shall be established in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 15.0411 to 15.0422, but shall not be submitted to the attorney general nor filed with the secretary of state until first approved by resolutions of the county boards of a majority of the counties affected by the proposed regulations.

(c) Such regulations may restrict any or all of the following: (1) the type and size of watercraft and size of motor which may use the waters affected by the regulation, (2) the areas of water which may be used by watercraft, (3) speed of watercraft, (4) times permitted for use of watercraft, or (5) minimum distance between watercraft. When establishing regulations the commissioner shall consider the physical characteristics of the waters affected, their historical uses, shoreland uses and classification, and any other features unique to the waters affected by the regulations.

(d) The commissioner shall inform the users of the waters of the regulations affecting them at least two weeks before the effective date of the regulations by distributing copies of the regulations and by posting of the public accesses of the waters. However, the failure of the commissioner to comply with this paragraph shall not affect the validity of the regulations or any conviction for violation of the regulations.

(e) The cost of publishing regulations and of marking and posting waters pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid by the counties affected by the regulations, as apportioned by the commissioner.

(f) Regulations or ordinances relating to the use of waters of this state enacted by a local governmental unit before January 1, 1972 shall continue in effect until repealed by the local governmental unit or superseded by a regulation of the commissioner promulgated pursuant to this subdivision.

Approved February 5, 1974.

CHAPTER 40—H.F.No.2197
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An act relating to the department of public service; authorizing the public service commission to investigate inadequate telephone service; providing for hearings thereon; authorizing the commission to make reasonable orders in connection therewith; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 237, by adding a section.

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

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