Subd. 4. TOWNS; TORT LIABILITY; INSURANCE. This section is in effect on January 1, 1964, but all of its provisions shall expire on July 1, 1974 -, except that as to towns not exercising municipal powers pursuant to section 368.01, the provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 1975, Prior to that date, the affected towns may take action individually, or jointly, or collectively through the Minnesota Association of Township Officers, to procure insurance against the liability imposed by this chapter to the extent of the limits of section 466.04.

The town board of an affected town may call a special town meeting at any time prior to October 1, 1974, for the purpose of voting a tax to pay the cost of procuring the insurance required by this section. The special meeting may be called by filing with the town clerk a written statement setting forth the reasons and necessity for the meeting. The provisions of law applicable to the conduct of special town meetings generally shall apply to a special town meeting held pursuant to the authority granted in this section.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 473—H.F.No.987 [Not Coded]

An act creating a housing and redevelopment authority in Scott county; applying the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act to Scott county.

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

Section 1. SCOTT COUNTY; HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. There is hereby created in Scott county a public body corporate and politic, to be known as the Scott county housing and redevelopment authority, having all of the powers and duties of a housing and redevelopment act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.411 to 462.711, and acts amendatory thereof; which act applies to the county of Scott. For the purposes of applying the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act to Scott county, the county has all the powers and duties of a municipality, the county board has all of the powers and duties of a governing body, the chairman of the county board has all of the powers and duties of a mayor, and the area of operation includes the area within the territorial boundaries of the county.

Sec. 2. APPLICATION. Subdivision 1. This act shall not limit or restrict any existing housing and redevelopment authority or prevent a municipality from creating an authority. The county shall not exercise

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jurisdiction in any municipality where a municipal housing and redevelopment authority is established.

- Subd. 2. A municipal housing and redevelopment authority may request the Scott county housing and redevelopment authority to handle the housing duties of the authority and, in such an event, the Scott county housing and redevelopment authority shall act and have exclusive jurisdiction for housing in the municipality pursuant to the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.411 to 462.711, and acts amendatory thereof. A transfer of duties relating to housing shall not transfer any duties relating to redevelopment.
- Sec. 3. MUNICIPAL APPROVAL. If any housing or redevelopment project is undertaken in Scott county pursuant to this authorization, and such project is within the boundaries of any incorporated village, city or township, the location of such project shall be approved by the governing body of such village, city or township.
- Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act takes effect when approved by a majority of the board of county commissioners of Scott county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 474—H.F.No.1047 [Coded]

An act relating to standards of weight and measure; providing for the gradual implementation and instruction concerning the metric system of weights and measures.

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

- Section 1. [239.001] WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; METRIC IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS; CITATION. Sections 1 to 3 may be cited as the "metric implementation and standards act".
- Sec. 2. [239.002] PURPOSE AND POLICY. In recognition of the facts that (1) only about one dozen countries in the world have not yet adopted or begun to implement the metric system of weights and measures; (2) the United States is one, and the only major industrialized nation, of that remaining number; (3) the secretary of commerce of the United States, pursuant to a two-year study under the Metric Study Act of 1968, has recommended that the United States now begin a deliberate change to the metric system; (4) economists and other students of international trade recognize the pressing necessity of such a change if this country is to maintain and improve her rightful place in

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