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**CHAPTER 576—S.F.No.3059**

*An act relating to the counties of Hennepin, Ramsey and Dakota; providing for boards of seven members; providing for redistricting commissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 375.01; repealing Special Laws 1871, Chapter 73, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Special Laws 1891, Chapter 438, as amended; and Laws 1963, Chapter 789.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 375.01, is amended to read:

**375.01 HENNEPIN, RAMSEY AND DAKOTA COUNTIES; BOARDS; REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS; MEMBERS, NUMBER OF.** Each county shall have a board of five commissioners who shall be known as the county board and whose terms of office shall be four years and until their successors qualify; but, in St. Louis, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties ~~having an area of over 6,000 square miles and a population exceeding 75,000~~, the board shall consist of seven members.

**Sec. 2. RAMSEY COUNTY.** Subdivision 1. Within 15 days of the effective date of this section the board of Ramsey county commissioners shall redistrict commission district boundaries to establish seven districts for the county in accordance with the standards prescribed in subdivision 3. The plan establishing the district boundaries shall be filed with the Ramsey County Auditor and the chief judge of the District Court for Ramsey County, and published as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. In event the county commissioners do not file a redistricting plan with the county board upon the expiration of 15 days from the effective date of this section the district court shall appoint a redistricting commission on a bipartisan or nonpartisan basis to establish the districts for the county in accordance with the standards prescribed in subdivision 3. The 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 determination of the district boundaries pursuant to this section. 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. The commission shall complete its work within 45 days after its appointment.

Subd. 3. At least three of the districts shall be composed entirely  
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of area within the city of St. Paul and two of the districts shall be composed entirely of area outside the city of St. Paul. Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form and shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable. Except where necessary to comply with the standards set forth in this subdivision, the districts shall be bounded by city, town, ward, or precinct lines. The plan establishing the district boundaries shall be filed in the office of the county auditor, and after filing the plan the commission shall cause notice that the plan is on file to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioner's proceedings for the current year. The plan shall become effective upon the filing of the plan with the county auditor, and shall be effective as to the election of county commissioners in 1974.

Subd. 4. **REPEALER.** Special Laws 1871, Chapter 73, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and Special Laws 1891, Chapter 438, as amended by Laws 1971, Chapter 386 are repealed effective November 1, 1974.

Subd. 5. Except as provided in subdivision 4, the provisions of section 1 applying to Ramsey county and this section shall be effective upon final enactment.

Sec. 3. **HENNEPIN COUNTY.** Subdivision 1. **REDISTRICTING.** The board of county commissioners of Hennepin county shall redistrict commissioner districts boundaries to provide seven districts as provided in section 1, and set the term of office therefor, except as herein-after provided.

Subd. 2. **COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.** Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The plan shall provide that except for county commissioners elected in 1974 who shall serve for a four year term, five county commissioners shall be elected in 1976. Two of the commissioners elected in 1976 shall be elected for a two-year and three for a four-year term. Commencing in 1978 each commissioner; shall be elected for a four-year term. The plan establishing the district boundaries shall be filed with the Hennepin county auditor and the secretary of state and the chief clerk of the house of representatives by July 15, 1975. After filing the plan shall be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for that year. The plan shall become effective as to the election of county commissioners in 1976.

Subd. 3. **REPEALER.** Laws 1963, Chapter 789 are repealed effective November 1, 1976.

Subd. 4. Except as provided in subdivision 3, the provisions of section 1 applying to Hennepin county and this section shall become effective upon final enactment and shall apply to the election of county commissioners in 1976.

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Sec. 4. **DAKOTA COUNTY.** Subdivision 1. The board of county commissioners of Dakota County shall redistrict commissioner districts to provide seven districts.

Subd. 2. The redistricting shall be done pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1974, Chapter 240, except that commissioners from the new districts shall be first elected in 1976.

Subd. 3. This section is effective upon its approval by the board of county commissioners of Dakota county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, and shall apply to the election of county commissioners in 1976.

Sec. 5. Commencing with the 1980 federal census redistricting of the counties as provided in sections 2, 3, and 4 shall be in accordance with Laws 1974, Chapter 240.

Approved April 12, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 577—S.F.No.3281**  
[Coded]

*An act relating to education; requiring each school district to make reports concerning the consumption of energy.*

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

**Section 1. [120.77] EDUCATION; SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; ENERGY CONSUMPTION REPORTS; FUEL CONSERVATION.** The legislature finds that it is necessary to promote fuel conservation among the school districts of the state.

**Sec. 2. [120.78] FUEL CONSERVATION REPORTS.** Subdivision 1. On or before July 1, 1974 and July 1 of each year thereafter each school district shall submit to the commissioner of education, in such manner and upon such forms as he shall furnish, a comprehensive report of the energy consumed by the district during the previous school year. The report shall include: (1) the amount and type of fuel consumed to heat each building and other structure maintained by the district; (2) the amount of fuel used to transport students to and from school and between schools; and (3) such other information as the commissioner may require related to the consumption of energy.

Subd. 2. Based upon the information contained in the report required by subdivision 1 the school district, shall on or before July 1, 1974, also submit to the commissioner of education a detailed plan to reduce energy consumption in the district during the school year 1974-1975. The school district shall invite citizen participation in the devel-

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