

after the special primary election. The person elected at the special election shall take office immediately after receipt of the certificate of election and upon filing the bond and oath of office and shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the county has been reapportioned since the commencement of the term of the vacant office, the election shall be based on the district as reapportioned.

Subd. 2. If the vacancy occurs less than 60 days before the general election preceding the end of the term, the vacancy shall be filled by the person elected at that election for the ensuing term who shall take office immediately after receiving the certificate of election and upon filing the bond and oath of office.

Subd. 3. In addition to the events specified in section 351.02, absence from the county for six consecutive months shall be deemed to create a vacancy.

Sec. 3. REPEAL. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 375.10, is repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall be effective on the day following final enactment and shall apply to appointments made on or after January 1, 1975.

As to vacancies for which an appointment was made on or after January 1, 1975, and before the effective date of this act, a special election shall be held pursuant to section 2, subdivision 1, not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the effective date of this act for the purpose of electing a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office.

Approved June 2, 1975.

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#### CHAPTER 281—S.F.No.912

*An act relating to counties; authorizing blanket performance bonds covering all county officers and employees in lieu of individually required bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 382.153.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 382.153, is amended to read:

**382.153 COUNTIES; BONDING OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. Subdivision 1.** In counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 250,000, when a corporate surety bond has been furnished by any county officer or employee pursuant to statute or resolu-

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tion of the county board, the premium therefor shall be paid by the county, provided that the county board may designate the surety.

The county board shall cause to be published in its official publication, a notice for bids for the furnishing of all such bonds and shall award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Subd. 2. In any county, in lieu of the individual bonds required to be furnished by county officers or by county employees, a schedule or position bond or undertaking may be given by county officers or by the employees of each county office or department, or a single corporate surety fidelity, schedule or position bond or undertaking covering all the officers and employees of any such county including officers and employees required by law to furnish an individual bond or undertaking may be furnished, in the respective amounts fixed by law, or by the person or board authorized by law to fix the same, conditioned substantially as provided in section 574.13, and upon a form to be prescribed by the commissioner of administration.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1975.

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#### CHAPTER 282—S.F.No.921

*An act relating to railroads; providing for toilet facilities in certain railroad company motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 219.562, Subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 219.562, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 219.562, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**219.562 RAILROADS; MOTOR VEHICLES DESIGNED FOR HIGHWAY USE; EQUIPMENT.** Subdivision 1. Any motor vehicle designed for highway use and used by any railroad company operating in this state for transporting employees, tools and supplies shall be equipped so as to provide:

- (a) Adequate heating in all kinds of inclement weather;
- (b) Adequate safe seating facilities so that each employee so transported may be seated;
- (c) A communication system between the cab and the rear compartment;

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