

Sec. 66. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 10, subdivision 5, and section 30, subdivision 3, are effective the day following their final enactment. The remaining provisions of this act are effective on the effective date of the rule establishing the schedule of fines authorized by section 10, subdivision 6, or on January 1, 1977, whichever occurs first.

Approved April 6, 1976.

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CHAPTER 174—S.F.No.4

*An act relating to courts; general terms in ninth judicial district, eastern area; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 484.17.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 484.17, is amended to read:

**484.17 DISTRICT COURTS; NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; TERMS.** Subdivision 1. General terms of district court in the counties named in this section shall be held each year at the times herein specified.

EASTERN AREA

Subd. 2. Aitkin county: On the ~~second Tuesday in May~~ first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in February, and the first ~~Tuesday in December~~ Wednesday after the first Tuesday in September .

Subd. 3. Beltrami county: On the first Tuesday in February and the ~~second~~ first Tuesday in September.

Subd. 4. Cass county: On the first ~~Tuesday in May~~ Wednesday after the first Tuesday in February, and the first ~~Tuesday in December~~ Wednesday after the first Tuesday in September .

Subd. 5. Clearwater county: On the ~~third Tuesday in April~~ first Thursday after the first Tuesday in February, and the first ~~Tuesday in November~~ Thursday after the first Tuesday in September .

Subd. 6. Crow Wing county: On the first Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday in September.

Subd. 7. Hubbard county: On the ~~second Tuesday in March~~ first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in February, and the ~~second Tuesday in October~~ first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in September .

Subd. 8. Itasca county: On the ~~third~~ first Tuesday in February and

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the ~~second~~-first Tuesday in September.

Subd. 9. Koochiching county: On the ~~third~~-first Tuesday in ~~March~~-February and the first Tuesday in ~~October~~ September.

Subd. 10. Lake of the Woods county: On the ~~third~~ first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in February and the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in September.

#### WESTERN AREA

Subd. 11. Kittson county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday following the third Monday in February and the first Thursday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 12. Mahnommen county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday following the third Monday in February and the first Tuesday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 13. Marshall county: At 2:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday following the third Monday in February and the first Thursday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 14. Norman county: At 2:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday following the third Monday in February and the first Tuesday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 15. Pennington county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday following the third Monday in February and the first Wednesday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 16. Polk county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday following the third Monday in February and the first Thursday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 17. Red Lake county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday following the third Monday in February and the first Wednesday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 18. Roseau county: At 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday following the third Monday in February and the first Tuesday following the first Monday in September.

Subd. 19. Whenever the day specified for the beginning of any general term falls upon a legal holiday or general election day, the term shall begin on the day following.

Subd. 20. The counties named in subdivisions 2 to 10 constitute the *eastern area of the district and four of the judges of the district shall reside within that area.* The counties named in subdivisions 11 to 18 constitute the western area of the district and two of the judges of

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the district shall reside within that area. Unless the judges of the district shall by rule or order otherwise provide or the press of court work otherwise requires, the judges residing within an area shall usually be designated and assigned to preside at terms of court and be primarily responsible for the disposition of the court's business within that area.

Approved April 8, 1976.

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**CHAPTER 175—S.F.No.499**

*An act relating to insurance; authorizing an insurer to refuse to renew an automobile insurance policy under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 65B.17.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 65B.17, is amended to read:

**65B.17 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE; RENEWAL; NOTICE NOT TO RENEW.** No insurer shall fail to renew an automobile insurance policy unless it shall mail or deliver to the named insured, at the address shown in the policy, at least 60 days advance notice of its intention not to renew. Said notice shall contain the specific underwriting or other reason or reasons for such nonrenewal. When the failure to renew is based upon a termination of the agency contract, the notice shall so state. This section shall not apply:

- (a) If the insurer has manifested its willingness to renew; or
- (b) In case of nonpayment of the renewal premium;

Provided that, notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any other automobile insurance policy procured by the insured, with respect to any automobile designated in both policies. Renewal of a policy shall not constitute a waiver or estoppel with respect to grounds for cancellation which existed before the effective date of such renewal. No insurer shall fail to renew an automobile policy solely because of the age of the insured. No insurer shall refuse to renew an automobile insurance policy for reasons which are arbitrary or capricious. An insurer may refuse to renew an automobile insurance policy in case of nonpayment of dues to an association or organization, other than an insurance association or organization, where payment of dues is a prerequisite to obtaining or continuing such insurance; provided, however, that this provision for nonrenewal for failure to pay

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