
CHAPTER 87—S.F.No.1034

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An act relating to transportation; appropriating money for the operation of Amtrak rail service between the Twin Cities and Duluth; appropriating money for a study of railroad rights-of-way.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AMTRAK RAIL SERVICE.** Subdivision 1. In order to continue Amtrak rail service between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Duluth until June 30, 1977, the following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation:

(1) To cover past deficits of Amtrak operations under the 1975-1976 and 1976-1977 contracts \$69,051

(2) For the operation of Amtrak between February 1, 1977 and June 30, 1977 \$255,000.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.28, or any other law to the contrary, the money appropriated by subdivision 1 shall not cancel, but shall be available for the purposes specified until expended.

Subd. 3. The sum of \$15,000 is hereby appropriated to the state planning agency to study the potential and importance of state railroad rights-of-way as possible corridors for power transmission, pipelines and other public uses. The study shall be completed in time for consideration by the 1978 legislature.

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

Approved May 12, 1977.

CHAPTER 88—S.F.No.1208

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to elections; providing that polling places be accessible to the elderly and physically handicapped; providing assistance to voters unable to enter the polling place; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 204A.09, by adding a subdivision; and 204A.34, Subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.11, Subdivision 4.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. ELECTIONS; POLLING PLACES; ACCESS BY ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED. Each polling place shall be accessible to and usable by elderly persons and by physically handicapped persons by complying with the following standards of accessibility:

(a) Doors, entrances, and exits used to gain access to or egress from the polling place shall have a minimum width of 31 inches.

(b) Any curb adjacent to the main entrance to a polling place shall have curb cuts or temporary ramps.

(c) Any stairs necessarily used to enter the polling place shall have a temporary handrail and ramp.

(d) In the polling place, no barrier shall impede the path of the physically handicapped to the voting booth.

A governing body shall select as polling places only those sites which meet the standards of accessibility prescribed in this subdivision, except that the governing body may select a site not meeting the standards if no available site within the precinct can be made accessible.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.34, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. DISABLED VOTER, ASSISTANCE. Any person who is unable to enter a polling place may register and vote without leaving his vehicle. Two judges, who are not members of the same political party, shall likewise assist a voter who is at the entry of the polling place but who is unable to enter because of physical disability; provided, however, that for the purpose of this section, intoxication is not physical disability; and the polling place to register and to complete a voter's certificate, and shall provide him with the necessary ballots. The voter may request additional assistance in marking his ballots as provided in subdivision 1. A person who is intoxicated may not vote.

Sec. 3. REPEALER. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.11, Subdivision 4, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 89—S.F.No.895

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An act relating to metropolitan government; providing for sports facilities; establishing
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