

the method of appointment for these positions. If a person in the police, firemen's or other city civil service is appointed to be chief of either department he shall return to his prior or an equivalent position at the end of his service as chief, unless otherwise disqualified.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of the city of Mankato and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 149—S.F.No.916

An act relating to elections; precinct boundaries; including annexed area in adjacent precinct; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.06, Subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976; Section 204A.06, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.06, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

204A.06 ELECTIONS; PRECINCT BOUNDARIES; ANNEXED AREAS. Subdivision 1. **BOUNDARIES.** Each town, each statutory city that is separated from the town for election purposes, and each city ward, shall constitute at least one election precinct. The council of each municipality shall prescribe the boundaries of the precincts and the number of voters therein, and may rearrange the precincts from time to time, except that no changes in precinct boundaries may be made during the period beginning January 1 in any year ending in seven and ending January 1 in any year ending in two. If during the period beginning January 1 of a year ending in seven and ending January 1 of a year ending in two a municipality annexes an unincorporated area located in the same county as the municipality and adjacent to the corporate boundary, the annexed area may be included in the precinct immediately adjacent to it.

Subd. 1a. BOUNDARY CHANGE PROCEDURE. ~~All changes~~ Every change shall be adopted at least 90 days before the date of the next ensuing election, and 60 days ~~posted~~ notice thereof shall be posted in the office of the clerk ~~shall be given~~ before the change may take effect. The clerk shall notify each registered voter in the area affected by the change at least 30 days prior to the first election held after the change takes effect.

Subd. 1b. PRECINCT BOUNDARIES; DESCRIPTION, MAPS. The clerk shall file with the secretary of state and the state demographer in the state planning agency a map showing the correct boundaries of the precincts in the municipality and shall keep on file in his office for public inspection a copy of the map. At least 30 days before any ~~changes~~ change in a precinct boundaries ~~become or corporate boundary becomes~~ effective, the clerk shall place on file for public inspection a map setting forth the revised precinct boundaries and forward copies to the secretary of state and the state

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demographer. For every election held in the municipality the clerk shall furnish copies of the appropriate precinct map to the election judges for each polling place.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.06, Subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 150—S.F.No.919

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; prescribing the width of vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.80, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1, Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.80, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; VEHICLE WIDTH; OUTSIDE WIDTH.

The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed eight feet except that the outside width of a farm tractor, or a vehicle owned by a political subdivision and used exclusively for the purpose of handling sewage sludge from sewage treatment facilities to farm fields, shall not exceed 12 feet, and except as otherwise provided in this section.

A vehicle owned by a political subdivision and used exclusively for the purpose of transporting sewage sludge to farm fields shall not be operated outside a 15 mile radius of the supply facilities, nor shall it be operated between the hours of sunset and sunrise, or at any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions rendering persons and vehicles not clearly discernible on the highway at a distance of 500 feet.

The total outside width of a low bed trailer or equipment dolly, and the load thereon, used exclusively for transporting farm machinery and construction equipment shall not exceed nine feet in width except that any such low bed trailer or equipment dolly with a total outside width, including the load thereon, in excess of eight feet shall not be operated on any interstate highway without first having obtained a permit for such operation pursuant to section 169.86. The vehicle shall display 12 inch square red flags as markers at the front and rear of the left side of the vehicle.

The total outside width of a trackless trolley car or passenger motor bus, operated exclusively in any city, or contiguous cities in this state, shall not exceed nine feet; provided a passenger motor bus, not exceeding eight and one-half feet in width, may operate beyond the foregoing areas and within 20 miles of the boundaries of a city of the first class. A passenger motor bus, not exceeding eight and one-half feet in width, may

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