

(3) Veteran of the armed forces of the United States as defined in section 197.447. In case of a vacancy, the governor may appoint a commissioner, who shall immediately take office and shall carry on all of the duties of the office until the next session of the legislature, when his appointment shall be submitted to the senate for approval. On January 4, 1971, the term of the incumbent commissioner shall expire.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 197.601, is amended to read:

**197.601 QUALIFICATIONS OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.** No person shall be appointed a veterans service officer under sections 197.60 to 197.606 unless he has the following qualifications:

- (1) Residence in the state of Minnesota ~~for at least five years prior to his appointment;~~
- (2) Citizenship in the United States;
- (3) Veteran as defined in section 197.447;
- (4) Education and training for the duties of veterans service officer;
- (5) Knowledge of the law and the regulations and rulings of the United States Veterans Administration applicable to cases before it and the administration thereof.

Approved April 20, 1977.

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#### CHAPTER 30—H.F.No.291

*An act relating to education; school districts; joint powers; authorizing joint boards to acquire certain property for data processing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 123.73.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 123.73, is amended to read:

**123.73 EDUCATION; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; DATA PROCESSING BY JOINT BOARD, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.** Any joint board formed pursuant to section 471.59 by two or more school districts, however organized, for the purpose in whole or in part of establishing or providing data processing services may acquire, transfer and hold title to real and personal property to the extent and in the manner as is authorized by law for independent school districts. The joint board may acquire by lease-purchase or installment purchase or in any manner approved pursuant to section 16.93 or other state law any necessary computer hardware or software. For purposes of acquiring, transferring and holding title to real and personal property, such joint board shall be considered a separate governmental entity, and the obligations incurred in acquiring any such property

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shall not be included in the net debt of any school district.

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

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**CHAPTER 31—H.F.No.558**

*An act relating to snowmobiles; providing for operation on certain highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 84.87, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 84.87, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **SNOWMOBILES; COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS; REGULATIONS BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.** Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, a county board may by resolution permit the operation of snowmobiles upon the roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of any county highway or county state aid highway if safe operation in the ditch or outside bank or slope thereof is impossible, in which case the county board shall cause appropriate notice thereof to be given.

Any county, city, or any town acting by its town board, may regulate the operation of snowmobiles on public lands, waters, and property under their jurisdiction and on streets and highways within their boundaries by resolution or ordinance of the governing body and by giving appropriate notice, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 84.81 to 84.88 inclusive and rules and regulations, promulgated thereunder. However, no such governmental unit may adopt an ordinance which (1) imposes a fee for the use of public land or water under the jurisdiction of either the commissioner of natural resources or any other agency of the state, or for the use of any access thereto owned by the state, or a county or city; or (2) require a snowmobile operator to possess a motor vehicle driver's license while operating a snowmobile.

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**CHAPTER 32—H.F.No.21**

*An act relating to elections; providing that certificates of election to the legislature be sent to the legislature and returned to the member; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 204A.54, Subdivision 1.*

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

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