in accordance with the provisions of section 3.082 shall be so continued or restored without loss of seniority, shall be entitled to participate in insurance or other benefits offered by the employer pursuant to its established rules and practices, and shall not be discharged from such position for a period of three years after his continuation or restoration except in the reverse order of his seniority with the employer within the field of the legislator's training and experience without good cause after such continuation or restoration.

Subd. 2. No employer or employee organization may at any time discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee or member who is or was a member of the legislature in retribution for statements made or beliefs held by the employee or member in his capacity as a member of the legislature. For purposes of this subdivision "employee organization" means any union or organization of employees which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or of dealing with employers concerning grievances or term or conditions of employment.

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

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 651-H.F.No.2049

An act relating to local units of government; removing certain restrictions on contracts affecting the financial interests of public officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 471.89, Subdivisions 2 and 3; and Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 471.88, Subdivision 5.

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

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 471.88, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. A contract for which competitive bids are not required by law and where the amount does not exceed \$5000 when the commodity or service contracted for is not otherwise available in the affected governmental unit;
 - Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 471.89, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY. Except in an emergency making such procedure impracticable, the governing body of the governmental unit shall authorize the contract in advance of its performance by adopting a resolution setting out the essential facts and determining that the contract price is as low as or lower than the price at which the commodity or services could be obtained elsewhere; and that the commodity or service eannot be otherwise obtained in the affected governmental unit. In case of an emergency when the contract cannot be authorized in advance, payment of the claims shall be authorized by a like resolution in which the facts of the emergency are also

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stated.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 471.89, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. CLAIMS, AFFIDAVITS FILED. Before such a claim is paid, the interested officer shall file with the clerk of the governing body an affidavit stating:
 - (a) The name of the officer and the office held by him;
 - (b) An itemization of the commodity or services furnished;
 - (c) The contract price;
 - (d) The reasonable value;
 - (e) The interest of the officer in the contract; and
- (f) That to the best of his knowledge and belief the contract price is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the commodity or services could be obtained from other sources: and
- (g) That to the best of his knowledge and belief the commodity or service cannot be otherwise obtained in the affected governmental unit.
 - Sec. 4. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 652-H.F.No.2050

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An act relating to the city of Minneapolis; providing for positions in the unclassified service of the city of Minneapolis; amending Laws 1969, Chapter 937, Section 1, Subdivision 1, as amended and by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Laws 1969, Chapter 937, Section 1, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1973, Chapter 132, Section 1 and Laws 1974, Chapter 105, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section . 1. MINNEAPOLIS, CITY OF; PERSONNEL. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Minneapolis city charter, veterans preference act, or civil service rule, law, or regulation to the contrary, the positions referred to in subdivisions 2 to $6 \frac{7}{2}$ of this section shall be in the unclassified service of the city of Minneapolis, and any person presently holding or who shall hereafter be appointed to any of such positions shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority indicated in the

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