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**CHAPTER 150—H.F.No.253**

*An act relating to Washington County; authorizing the commissioner of public safety under certain circumstances to appoint an agent to assist the clerk of the district court in Washington County in accepting applications for drivers licenses and permits; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 171.06, Subdivision 5.*

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

Section 1. **WASHINGTON COUNTY; APPOINTMENT OF DRIVERS LICENSE AGENT.** The commissioner of public safety may appoint an agent to assist the clerk of the district court in Washington County in accepting applications for instruction permits, drivers licenses, restricted licenses and duplicate licenses. The agent may retain the \$1 county fee to cover the expenses involved in receiving, accepting or forwarding the applications and fees. The agent may be appointed only if the clerk of the district court in Washington County refuses or fails to appoint an agent as provided by law after request therefor by the commissioner of public safety.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 171.06, Subdivision 5, is repealed.

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

Approved May 22, 1979.

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**CHAPTER 151—H.F.No.279**

*An act relating to the county of St. Louis; providing rights to suspended classified service employees; amending Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 22.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 22, is amended to read:

Sec. 22. **NOT TO BE DISCHARGED OR DEMOTED WITHOUT CAUSE.** No person in the classified service who shall have been permanently appointed or inducted into the classified service under provisions of this act shall be removed, suspended ~~for more than 30 days~~, demoted or discharged except for cause which will promote the efficiency of the service and not for political or religious reasons and only upon the written accusation of the appointing power or any citizen or taxpayer. A written statement of such accusation shall be served upon the accused, and a duplicate filed with the county civil service commission. Any person so removed, suspended ~~for more than 30 days~~, demoted or discharged, may within ten days from the time of his removal, suspension ~~for~~

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~~more than 30 days~~, demotion or discharge, file with the commission a written demand for an investigation, whereupon the commission shall conduct such investigation. The investigation shall be confined to the determination of the question of whether such removal, suspension ~~for more than 30 days~~, demotion or discharge was or was not made for political or religious reasons or was or was not made for just cause. After such investigation the commission may, if in its estimation the evidence is sufficient, affirm the removal, or if it shall find that the removal, suspension ~~for more than 30 days~~, or demotion was made for political or religious reasons, or was not made for just cause, shall order the immediate reinstatement or re-employment of such person in the office, place, position or employment from which such person was removed, suspended ~~for more than 30 days~~, demoted or discharged, which reinstatement shall, if the commission so provides in its discretion, be retro-active, and entitle such person to pay or compensation from time of such removal, suspension ~~for more than 30 days~~, demotion or discharge. The commission upon such investigation, in lieu of affirming the removal, suspension ~~for more than 30 days~~, demotion or discharge may place such employee on the re-employment list for service in the same or lower classification in a different branch of the service when a vacancy may occur.

All investigations made by the commission pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be by public hearing, after reasonable notice to the accused of the time and place of such hearing, at which hearing the accused shall be afforded an opportunity of appearing in person, and presenting his defense. If such judgment or order be concurred in by the commission or a majority thereof, the accused may appeal therefrom to the district court where the issue shall be heard de novo and determined in the same manner as a court case. The district court shall thereupon proceed to hear and determine such appeal in a summary manner, provided, however, that such hearing shall be confined to the determination of whether the judgment or order of removal, discharge, demotion or suspension ~~for more than 30 days~~, made by the commission, was or was not made in good faith for cause, and no appeal to such court shall be taken except upon such grounds or ground.

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

Approved May 22, 1979.

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#### CHAPTER 152—H.F.No.325

*An act relating to township mutual fire insurance companies; authorizing indemnification of certain expenses incurred by officers, employees, agents and other individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 67A.06.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 67A.06, is amended to read:

67A.06 **POWERS OF CORPORATION.** Every corporation formed under the  
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