

which shall be filed in the office of the proper authority having charge of the conduct of elections in such municipality, stating the serial number of each machine, whether or not all registering counters have been set at zero (000), the number registered on the protective counter and the number on the metal seal with which the machine is sealed.

Subd. 2. Where electronic voting systems are used, within five days prior to the election day, the election officer in charge shall have the automatic tabulating equipment tested to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at least two days prior thereto by publication once in official newspapers. The test shall be observed by at least two judges, who shall not be of the same political party, and shall be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, the press and the public. The test shall be conducted by processing a preaudited group of ballots so punched or marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure, and shall include for each office one or more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the automatic tabulating equipment is approved. The test shall be repeated immediately before the start of the official count of the ballots, in the same manner as set forth above. After the completion of the count, the programs used and ballots shall be sealed, retained, and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following final enactment, except it shall not apply to any election for which filings have closed by that date.

Approved April 18, 1979.

CHAPTER 30—S.F.No.530

An act relating to historic sites; authorizing the Minnesota Historical Society to exchange certain state owned nonhistoric land for certain privately owned historic land.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary prohibiting exchange of public land for private land, certain state owned land described as follows:

All that part of Government Lot 2 of Section 8, Township 112 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M. in Redwood County, Minnesota described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south line of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 350 feet easterly of the Southwest Corner of said Government Lot 2; thence along the south line of said Government Lot 2 on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees, 58 minutes East for 422.40 feet; thence North 6 degrees, 58 minutes East for 115 feet, thence South 78 degrees, 18 minutes, 34 seconds West for 451.09 feet to the point of beginning

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containing .553 acre, more or less; may be exchanged for privately owned land described as follows:

All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 112 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M. in Redwood County, Minnesota described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 8; thence along the north line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 8 and on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees, 58 minutes East for 270.90 feet; thence South 10 degrees, 40 minutes, 37 seconds West for 158.80 feet to the northerly right-of-way of County Road 2; thence North 62 degrees, 18 minutes, 09 seconds West along the northerly right-of-way line of County Road 2 for 272.73 feet to the North Quarter line of said Section 8; thence North 29.13 feet to the point of beginning containing .565 acre, more or less.

The commissioner of administration on behalf of the Minnesota Historical Society in the name of the state, with the unanimous approval of the land exchange board, may convey and exchange the above described lands without monetary consideration, by deed in such form as the attorney general approves.

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

Approved April 18, 1979.

CHAPTER 31—H.F.No.52

An act relating to physically handicapped persons; providing parking privileges for the physically handicapped; authorizing parking privileges for operators of vehicles used in transporting the physically handicapped; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 169.345, Subdivisions 3 and 4; and 169.346, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 169.345, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. IDENTIFYING CERTIFICATE. (a) The motor vehicles division in the department of public safety shall issue without charge a special identifying certificate or insignia for a marked motor vehicle to any physically handicapped applicant upon submission by the applicant of a certificate by a qualified physician to the division that he is a physically handicapped person within the meaning of subdivision 2. (b) Upon submission of satisfactory evidence that a motor vehicle is used for the purpose of transporting physically handicapped persons within the meaning of subdivision 2, the division may issue without charge a special identifying certificate or insignia for the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle, when displaying the certificate or insignia, has the

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