

travels to pick up election supplies or to deliver election returns to the county auditor shall receive, in addition to other compensation authorized by this section, a sum not less than the prevailing Minnesota minimum wage for each hour spent performing these duties, plus mileage in the same amount as allowed for state employees pursuant to section 471.665, subdivision 1; and

(e) To special peace officers, an amount for each hour of service rendered by direction of the judges, to be fixed as in the case of judges of election.

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

Approved May 3, 1979.

CHAPTER 62—S.F.No.493

An act relating to elections; providing for the tabulation and announcement of votes cast on electronic voting systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 206.185, Subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 206.185, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. When the ballot cards arrive at a counting center where votes are counted by a multiple use computer, they shall be given to the counting center election judges. If the election judges at the precinct have determined that any group of ballot cards are not defective by reason of improper write-in votes, that group of ballot cards may be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment before inspection by the counting center election judges. The results of any preliminary tabulation may be made available to the public, provided that the tabulation is clearly identified as unofficial.

For purposes of this subdivision, a multiple use computer is a type of automatic tabulating equipment which can perform functions other than counting votes.

After any preliminary tabulation has been made, the ballot cards shall be returned to the counting center election judges, who shall then examine them for physical defects and prepare replacements, if necessary, as provided in subdivision 4.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 206.185, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The return printed by the automatic tabulating equipment, to which has been added the return A final tabulation of ballots shall be obtained from the automatic tabulating equipment after all defective cards have been replaced. The final tabulation, together with the returns of write-in and absentee votes and the precinct summary

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statements prepared in accordance with section 204A.46, shall constitute the official return of each precinct. Upon completion of the count the returns shall be open to the public. The automatic tabulating equipment shall be programmed to provide a complete recapitulation of all ballots processed and may be programmed to provide other information in addition to that otherwise required in the official return of each precinct as the officials charged with the conduct of elections may determine advisable in the interest of providing election statistics for use in evaluating the performance of the electronic voting system or other aspects of the election.

Sec. 3. This act is effective July 1, 1979.

Approved May 3, 1979.

CHAPTER 63—S.F.No.728

An act relating to crimes; controlling telephone communications with certain offenders; allowing police to prevent unauthorized communications; providing penalties.

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

Section 1. ~~609.774~~ **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS; KIDNAPPINGS.** Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this section, "supervising peace officer" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 626, who has probable cause to believe that a person is being unlawfully confined, and who has lawful jurisdiction in the geographical area where the violation is believed to be occurring.

Subd. 2. **AUTHORITY.** A supervising peace officer may order a telephone company to cut, reroute, or divert telephone lines for the purpose of controlling communications.

Subd. 3. **DESIGNATION.** Each telephone company shall designate an employee to serve as a security official and to provide assistance as required by the supervising peace officer to carry out the purposes of this section.

Subd. 4. **UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED.** Whoever initiates telephone communications with a violator with knowledge of an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 and without prior police authorization, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **DEFENSE.** Good faith reliance by telephone employees on an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 shall constitute a complete defense to any legal action brought for an interruption of telephone communications occurring by reason of this section.

Approved May 3, 1979.

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