

ecuted by the Hennepin County attorney in the Hennepin County municipal court. A violation by a county official or candidate shall be prosecuted by the attorney general in the district court of Ramsey County.

Sec. 18. LOCAL ORDINANCES AND CHARTERS SUPERSEDED. Except as provided in this section, sections 1 to 17 supersede the provisions of any ordinance or resolution of a jurisdiction governed by sections 1 to 18 or any existing special law or home rule charter provision requiring disclosure of information related to the financing of election campaigns or requiring disclosure of economic interests by candidates and elected officials of that jurisdiction. The governing body of Hennepin County, and the governing body of any home rule charter city or statutory city located wholly in Hennepin County may adopt or continue in force ordinances or resolutions that:

(a) Impose limits on the amount that any individual or association may contribute to any candidate for elected office in that jurisdiction;

(b) Require disclosure of economic interests in addition to those required to be disclosed under section 13; or

(c) Require other public officials of that jurisdiction to make such disclosure. Any home rule charter city that adopts a charter provision modifying or superseding any provision of sections 1 to 17 shall file a copy of the charter provision with the ethical practices board within 60 days of its adoption.

Sec. 19. APPLICATION. Sections 1 to 18 apply to the county of Hennepin.

Sec. 20. REPEALER. Laws 1977, Chapter 131, is repealed.

Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following its final enactment but shall apply only to elections as defined in section 2 for which the filing period opens on or after July 1, 1980.

Approved March 18, 1980

CHAPTER 363—S.F.No. 1215

An act relating to public safety; prohibiting scuba or skin diving during certain hours and under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 361.085.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 361.085, is amended to read:

361.085 SCUBA DIVING; FLAGS REQUIRED. Subdivision 1. All persons who swim in any waters of the state, except in legally designated swimming areas, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 361.08, while wearing or carrying any apparatus, except a snorkel not attached to any artificial container of oxygen,

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permitting him to breathe while under water, shall display a diver's flag above the surface of the water and:

(a) No more than four divers shall dive under one flag.

(b) Every person who places a diver's flag shall remain within 50 feet of the flag, measured on the surface of the water.

(c) No person shall place a diver's flag where it will obstruct navigation.

(d) If a group of divers is operating in a contained area, the perimeter shall be marked and shall be outside of the normal area of navigation. The markings shall consist of the official diver's flag and shall be placed on the perimeter of the diving area at intervals not exceeding 150 feet.

(e) A diver's flag shall measure at least 15 inches horizontally and 12 inches vertically, and both sides shall have a red-colored background bisected diagonally by a three inch wide white stripe having its upper end adjacent to the flagstaff.

(f) A diver's flag shall be displayed in a vertical plane extended from a rigid flagstaff equipped to maintain the upper edge of the flag at least 30 inches above the water surface.

(g) A diver's flag may be reflectorized or fluorescent provided the entire surface is uniformly reflectorized or fluorescent.

(h) A diver's flag may be anchored or secured to the bottom when a safety hazard would result from towing the flag.

(i) If at the discretion of the diver it would be safer and more visible, the flag may be displayed on a watercraft. When the flag is displayed on the watercraft, the craft must be at anchor or, if not at anchor, attended by a diver or a person appointed by the diver to tend the craft. Only watercraft displaying an official diver's flag are authorized in the diving area.

Subd. 2. No person shall scuba or skin dive in any waters of this state at any time from one hour after sunset to sunrise on the day following unless the diver has in his possession a diver's light visible when above water from a distance of at least 150 feet, except that no diver's light shall be required in any emergency, salvage, repair, or construction operation. Scuba or skin diving while in possession of a spear is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

Sec. 2. This act is effective June 15, 1980.

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