

Sec. 19. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1981 Supplement, Section 256E.07, Subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 11, 12, and 15 to 19 are effective the day following final enactment. Sections 1 to 10, and sections 13 and 14 are effective July 1, 1982.

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CHAPTER 608 — H.F.No. 1719

An act relating to courts; authorizing the chief judge of the judicial district to fill vacancies in the office of judicial officer in St. Louis, Steele, and Carlton counties; prescribing powers for certain judges; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 487.04; and Minnesota Statutes 1981 Supplement, Section 487.08, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 487.04, is amended to read:

487.04 DISQUALIFICATIONS OF LAY JUDGE.

A county court judge who is not learned in the law shall not act in hearings, try or dispose of any case or proceeding involving jurisdiction in addition to that exercised by him at the time of the effective date of Laws 1971, Chapter 951. Those matters shall be heard by a judge or judicial officer learned in the law from within the county court district or from any other county, who upon request of the county court agrees to serve or who is assigned to hear the cases or proceedings by the chief justice of the supreme court, or, with the consent of the parties and the district court, such proceedings may be transferred by the county court to the district court. Provided that, a lay judge may be assigned to hear marriage dissolution actions in which the custody of children is not at issue.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1981 Supplement, Section 487.08, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **EXCEPTION.** Persons holding the office of judicial officer full time or part time on January 1, 1981, in St. Louis county, Steele county and Carlton county may continue to serve at the pleasure of the chief judge of the district under the terms and conditions of their appointment. The chief judge of the district may fill vacancies arising in the office of judicial officer, which office was in existence on January 1, 1981.

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