

Subd. 3. If the registrar fails to mail to the registered owner of a motor vehicle a notification of renewal for the motor vehicle at least 30 days before the expiration of the vehicle's registration, and all past due taxes and fees have been paid, the registrar must provide at no charge a written statement to that effect to the registered owner at the owner's request. The registrar must retain in his or her files a record sufficient to demonstrate whether any owner of a registered motor vehicle has been notified by mail of the renewal of the registration.

**Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved May 6, 1985

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**CHAPTER 65 — H.F.No. 468**

*An act relating to state departments and agencies; clarifying the duties of the state demographer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 275.14; 368.01, subdivision 1a; and 368.015.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 275.14, is amended to read:

**275.14 CENSUS.**

For the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16, the last federal census of population taken prior to the calendar year in which any such levy may be made shall govern and shall be conclusive in determining hereunder the population of any city or school districts. Provided, if by the 1970 Federal Census, any school district shall have less population than that upon which the 1970 tax levy of said district was based, and shall not have had a subsequent special census, as authorized hereby, the population for subsequent years for the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16, may at the option of the district be computed as follows: For the year 1971, the same population as for 1970; for the year 1972, the population used in computing the 1970 levy, decreased by one-fourth of the loss in population shown by the 1970 census; for each of the next two subsequent years, an additional one-fourth of the population loss shown by the 1970 census shall be deducted; thereafter, the said 1970 federal census shall control until a subsequent federal or state census is taken the population of a city shall be that established by the last federal census, by a special census taken by the United States bureau of the census, by an estimate made by the metropolitan council, or by the state demographer made according to section 116K.04, subdivision 4, whichever has the latest stated date of count or estimate, before July 2 of the

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current levy year. The population of a school district must be determined by the most recent federal census.

If by the 1970 federal census, any city shall have less population than that upon which the 1970 tax levy of said city was based, and shall not have had a subsequent special census, as authorized hereby, the population for subsequent years for the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16, shall be computed as follows: For the year 1971, the same population as for 1970; for the year 1972, the population used in computing the 1970 levy, decreased by one-fourth of the loss in population shown by the 1970 census; for each of the next two subsequent years an additional one-fourth of the population loss shown by the 1970 census shall be deducted; thereafter the said 1970 federal census shall control until a subsequent federal census is taken. Provided, that In any year in which no federal census is taken pursuant to law in any such city or school district affected by sections 275.11 to 275.16 a population estimate may be made and submitted to the state demographer for approval as hereinafter provided. The council of a city or the school board of a school district, in case it desires a population estimate, shall pass a resolution by ~~August~~ September 1 containing a current estimate of the population of the city or school district and shall submit the resolution to the state demographer. The resolution shall describe the criteria on which the estimate is based and shall be in a form and accompanied by the data prescribed by the state demographer. The state demographer shall determine whether or not the criteria and process described in the resolution provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate and shall inform the city or school district of that determination within 30 days of receipt of the resolution. If the state demographer determines that the criteria and process described in the resolution do not provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate, the resolution shall be of no effect. If the state demographer determines that the criteria and process do provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate, the estimate shall be treated as the population of the city or school district for the purposes of sections 275.11 to 275.16 until the population of the city or school district has been established by the next federal census or until a more current population estimate is prepared and approved as provided herein, whichever occurs first. The state demographer shall establish guidelines for acceptable population estimation criteria and processes. The state demographer shall issue advisory opinions upon request in writing to cities or school districts as to proposed criteria and processes prior to their implementation in an estimation. The advisory opinion shall be final and binding upon the demographer unless the demographer can show cause why it should not be final and binding.

In the event that a census tract employed in taking a federal or local census overlaps two or more school districts, the county auditor shall, on the basis of the best information available, allocate the population of said census tract to the school districts involved.

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The term "council," as used in sections 275.11 to 275.16, means any board or body, whether composed of one or more branches, authorized to make ordinances for the government of a city within this state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 368.01, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **CERTAIN OTHER TOWNS.** Any town with a population of 1,000 or more according to the most recent federal decennial census or special census or population estimate as provided in section 368.015 that does not otherwise qualify pursuant to subdivision 1 to exercise the powers enumerated in this section, shall have and possess the enumerated powers upon an affirmative vote of the electors of the town at the annual town meeting. The population must be established by the most recent federal decennial census, special census as provided in section 368.015, or population estimate by the state demographer made according to section 116K.04, subdivision 4, whichever has the latest stated date of count or estimate.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 368.015, is amended to read:

**368.015 TOWNS; CENSUS.**

A town board may by resolution, in any year, request the ~~state demographer~~ United States bureau of the census to take a special census of the town or ~~make an estimate of the population of the town~~ for the purpose of being eligible to exercise the powers contained in section 368.01 as provided in section 368.01, subdivision 1a. A cost for the special census or ~~estimate~~ shall be borne by the town.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 1985.

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**CHAPTER 66 — H.F.No. 507**

*An act relating to Hennepin county; setting the form in which county board members' salaries must be stated; amending Laws 1982, chapter 577, section 14.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1982, chapter 577, section 14, is amended to read:

**Sec. 14. COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION.**

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