

Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 33 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 297—S.F.No. 397

An act relating to elections; setting times for changing election precincts and redistricting certain election districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 204B.14, subdivision 3; and 375.025, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204B.

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

Section 1. [204B.135] REDISTRICTING OF ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Subdivision 1. CITIES WITH WARDS. A city that elects its council members by wards may not redistrict those wards in a year ending in one or before the legislature has been redistricted in a year ending in two. The wards must be redistricted within 45 days after the legislature has been redistricted or by May 10 in the year ending in two, whichever is first.

Subd. 2. OTHER ELECTION DISTRICTS. For purposes of this subdivision, "local government election district" means a county district, park and recreation district, school district, or soil and water conservation district. Local government election districts, other than city wards covered by subdivision 1, may not be redistricted until precinct boundaries are re-established under section 204B.14, subdivision 3, paragraph (c) or by May 10 in a year ending in two, whichever comes first. Election districts covered by this subdivision must be redistricted within 65 days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted or by June 1 in the year ending in two, whichever comes first.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 204B.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. BOUNDARY CHANGES; PROHIBITIONS; EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding other law or charter provisions to the contrary, during the period from January 1 in any year ending in seven to January 1 in any the time when the legislature has been redistricted in a year ending in two, no changes may be made in the boundaries of any election precinct except as provided in this subdivision.

(a) If a city annexes an unincorporated area located in the same county as the city and adjacent to the corporate boundary, the annexed area may be included in an election precinct immediately adjacent to it.

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(b) A municipality or county may establish new election precincts lying entirely within the boundaries of any existing precinct and shall assign names to the new precincts which include the name of the former precinct.

During a year ending in one, the council of each home rule charter city which elects its council members by wards and which has a city election in the year ending in one or which has a general city election before March 15 in a year ending in two may change precinct boundaries for the purpose of reapportioning wards. As soon as possible after legislative apportionment, and prior to the next election, cities shall rearrange the

(c) Precinct boundaries must be reestablished within 45 days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted, or by May 10 in a year ending in two, whichever comes first.

Precincts must be arranged so that no precinct lies in more than one legislative district.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 375.025, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **STANDARDS.** The redistricting plan in use in a county shall be used until a new plan is adopted in accordance with this section. Each county shall be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as it has members of the county board. Commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines. Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form as practicable, depending upon the geography of the county involved and shall be as nearly equal in population as possible. No district shall vary in population more than ten percent from the average for all districts in the county, unless the result forces a voting precinct to be split. A majority of the least populous districts shall contain not less than a majority of the population of the county. A county may be redistricted by the county board after each federal census. When it appears after a federal census that the districts of the county are not in accord with the standards set forth in this subdivision, the county shall be redistricted by the county board ~~within 180 days of the date on which certified copies of the latest federal census are filed with the secretary of state in accordance with section 600.18~~ the times set in section 1, subdivision 2. Before acting to redistrict, the county board, or a redistricting commission if one is appointed, shall publish three weeks notice of its purpose, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, in the newspaper having the contract to publish the commissioners' proceedings for the county for the current year.

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