

tracts may not exceed five years in length, including all extensions. The political subdivision shall request proposals for coverage at least once every 60 months. Employees may be added to an existing group pursuant to a joint powers agreement under section 471.59.

Subd. 5. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. The aggregate value of benefits provided by a group insurance contract for employees covered by a collective agreement shall not be reduced, unless the public employer and exclusive representative of the employees of an appropriate bargaining unit, certified under section 179A.12, agree to a reduction in benefits.

Subd. 6. FILING OF CONTRACT. Every political subdivision contracting for and providing group insurance coverage as provided in this section shall file with the clerk or other comparable officer of the subdivision a copy of the group insurance contract, and make the copy available for public inspection.

Subd. 7. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION. Political subdivisions currently providing group insurance coverage and benefits through a contract awarded by a competitive bid process under section 471.616 are exempt from the requirements of this section for the period during which the existing contract remains in force. Upon expiration of the existing contract, a political subdivision must adhere to the request for proposal process outlined in this section.

Sec. 3. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 471.616, is repealed.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following enactment.

Presented to the governor May 5, 1989

Signed by the governor May 9, 1989, 6:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 91—H.F.No. 426

An act relating to the city of Mankato; authorizing location of certain polling places more than 3,000 feet outside precinct boundaries.

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

Section 1. POLLING PLACES.

The governing body of the city of Mankato may designate a polling place or polling places for precincts 1, 2, and 3 located more than the allowable distance outside the precinct boundaries under Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.16,

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subdivision 1, if there is no suitable place available within the allowable distance. The new polling place or polling places for precincts 1, 2, and 3 may not be located more than four miles from the existing precinct boundaries.

Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL. *

Section 1 is effective upon approval by the governing body of the city of Mankato and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective until December 31, 1991.

Presented to the governor May 5, 1989

Signed by the governor May 9, 1989, 11:55 a.m.

CHAPTER 92—H.F.No. 529

An act relating to local government; permitting counties, cities, and towns to contribute to certain hospitals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 376.09; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 465.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 376.09, is amended to read:

376.09 AID TO HOSPITALS IN COUNTIES HAVING NO COUNTY HOSPITAL.

In any county in which there is no county hospital, the county board may appropriate and pay money from the general fund of the county, for the construction and, maintenance, and operation of a private, nonprofit, or public hospital in the county for the treatment of sick, diseased, and injured persons. Admission preference shall always be given to patients who are, in whole or in part, public charges, and are sent to the hospital by the county board.

Sec. 2. [465.037] GIFTS TO HOSPITALS.

A home rule charter or statutory city or town may make grants for the use of a private, nonprofit or public hospital that serves the city or town when authorized by the council in the case of a city and the town board in the case of a town upon the affirmative vote of the town electors at the annual or a special town meeting.

Presented to the governor May 5, 1989

Signed by the governor May 9, 1989, 12:14 p.m.

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