

the association on or before July 1, 1993. Ramsey county may, at its discretion, certify to the association in writing its commitment to pay the employer and additional employer contributions as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.01, subdivision 16, paragraph (c). Any amount under this subdivision that is not paid by Ramsey county must be paid by the person described in subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 12, 1993

Signed by the governor May 14, 1993, 9:57 p.m.

CHAPTER 208—H.F.No. 299

An act relating to elections; changing requirements and procedures for maintaining precinct boundary data; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 204B.14, subdivisions 5 and 6; and 204B.146.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 204B.14, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **PRECINCT BOUNDARIES; DESCRIPTION; MAPS.** Each municipal clerk shall prepare and file with the county auditor of each county in which the municipality is located, with the secretary of state and with the state planning commissioner maps showing the correct boundaries of each election precinct in the municipality. At least 30 days before any change in an election precinct or in a corporate boundary becomes effective, the municipal clerk shall prepare maps showing the new boundaries of the precincts and shall forward copies of these maps to the secretary of state, the appropriate county auditors and the state planning commissioner. When a precinct boundary has been changed, the municipal clerk shall immediately notify the secretary of state. Upon receipt of this notice or a notice of annexation from the Minnesota municipal board, the secretary of state shall provide the municipal clerk with a base map on which the clerk shall note the boundary change. The clerk shall return the corrected base map to the secretary of state within 30 days after the boundary change was made. The secretary of state shall update the precinct boundary data base, prepare a corrected precinct map, and provide the corrected precinct map to the county auditor and the municipal clerk shall retain copies of the precinct maps who shall make them available for public inspection. The county auditor shall prepare and file precinct boundary maps for precincts in unorganized territories, and the municipal clerk designated in the combination

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agreement shall prepare and file precinct boundary maps in the case of municipalities combined for election purposes under subdivision 8, in the same manner as provided for precincts in municipalities. For every election held in the municipality the election judges shall be furnished precinct maps as provided in section 201.061, subdivision 6. If a municipality changes the boundary of an election precinct, the county auditor shall notify each school district with territory affected by the boundary change at least 30 days before the effective date of the change.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 204B.14, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **PRECINCT BOUNDARIES TO FOLLOW PHYSICAL FEATURES.** The boundaries of election precincts shall follow visible, clearly recognizable physical features. If it is not possible to establish the boundary between any two adjacent precincts along such features, the boundary around the two precincts combined shall be established in the manner provided in the rules of the secretary of state to comply with the provisions of this subdivision. The maps required by subdivision 5 shall clearly indicate which boundaries do not follow visible, clearly recognizable physical features.

For the purposes of this subdivision, "visible, clearly recognizable physical feature" means a street, road, boulevard, parkway, river, stream, shoreline, drainage ditch, railway right-of-way, or any other line which is clearly visible from the ground. A street or other roadway which has been platted but not graded is not a visible, clearly recognizable physical feature for the purposes of this subdivision.

If the secretary of state determines that a precinct boundary does not comply with this subdivision, the secretary of state shall send a notice to the county auditor or municipal clerk specifying the action needed to correct the precinct boundary. If, after 60 days, the county or municipal governing body has not taken action to correct the precinct boundary, the secretary of state shall correct the precinct boundary and notify the county auditor or municipal clerk of the action taken.

If a visible, clearly recognizable physical feature is not available for use as a precinct boundary, an alternate boundary used by the United States Bureau of the Census may be authorized by the secretary of state.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 204B.146, is amended to read:

204B.146 DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Subdivision 1. REDISTRICTING. The secretary of state shall conduct conferences with the county auditors, municipal clerks, and school district clerks to instruct them on the procedures for redistricting of election districts and establishment of election precincts in the year ending in one.

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Subd. 2. PRECINCT AND ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. The secretary of state shall maintain a computer data base of precinct and election district boundaries. The secretary of state shall revise the information in the data base whenever a precinct or election district boundary is changed. The secretary of state shall prepare maps illustrating precinct and election district boundaries in either paper or electronic formats and make them available to the public at the cost of production.

The secretary of state may authorize municipalities and counties to provide updated precinct and election district boundary information in electronic formats.

The secretary of state shall provide periodic updates of precinct and election district boundaries to the legislative coordinating commission, the state demographer, and the land management information center.

Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION.

\$65,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state to implement sections 1 to 3. \$54,000 is for fiscal year 1994 and \$11,000 is for fiscal year 1995.

Presented to the governor May 12, 1993

Signed by the governor May 14, 1993, 10:02 p.m.

CHAPTER 209—H.F.No. 608

An act relating to agriculture; exempting certain nonprofit organizations from the requirement for a nursery stock dealer certificate; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18.

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

Section 1. [18.525] EXEMPT SALES.

An organization does not need to obtain a nursery stock dealer certificate before offering certified nursery stock for sale or distribution if the organization:

- (1) is a nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organization;
- (2) conducts sales or distributions of certified nursery stock on 14 or fewer days in a calendar year; and
- (3) uses the proceeds from its nursery stock sales or distributions for charitable, educational, or religious purposes.

The organization must notify the commissioner, prior to any sales or distri-

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