

(b) Additional trails shall be established to connect with the Bluffland trail system in Fillmore county and the trail from Riceville, Iowa.

(c) The trail shall be developed primarily for hiking and nonmotorized riding.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 85.015, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 18. PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER TRAIL, MOWER, DODGE, STEELE AND RICE COUNTIES. (a) The trail shall follow an abandoned railroad line originating in the city of Austin and extending northwesterly through Blooming Prairie and Owatonna to the city of Faribault.

(b) The trail shall be developed primarily for hiking and nonmotorized riding.

Presented to the governor April 5, 1994

Signed by the governor April 6, 1994, 11:30 a.m.

CHAPTER 392—H.F.No. 1845

An act relating to education; permitting school boards to begin the 1994-1995 school year before Labor Day.

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

Section 1. **EXEMPTION TO SCHOOL START RESTRICTION.**

For the 1994-1995 school year, a school board may begin the elementary or secondary school year on the Thursday or Friday prior to Labor Day.

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CHAPTER 393—S.F.No. 2274

An act relating to Freeborn county; permitting the appointment of the recorder and auditor/treasurer; authorizing the reorganization of county offices.

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

Section 1. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY OFFICIALS.**

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Upon adoption of a resolution by the Freeborn county board of commissioners, the offices of county recorder and county auditor/treasurer in the county shall not be elective but shall be filled by appointment by the county board as provided in this act, unless the office is abolished pursuant to a reorganization or consolidation under section 2.

Sec. 2. REORGANIZATION OF COUNTY OFFICES.

Upon adoption of a resolution by the Freeborn county board of commissioners and subject to sections 3 and 4, the duties of the elected officials required by statute whose offices are made appointive by this act and those of the county assessor shall be discharged by the board of commissioners of Freeborn county acting through a department head or heads appointed by the board for that purpose. Each appointed department head shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board may reorganize, consolidate, reallocate, or delegate the duties to promote efficiency in county government. It may make other administrative changes, including abolishing the offices of assessor, recorder, and auditor/treasurer. A reorganization, reallocation, or delegation or other administrative change or transfer shall not diminish, prohibit, or avoid the discharge of duties required by statute.

Sec. 3. REFERENDUM.

The county board, before action as permitted by section 2 and before any appointment as permitted by section 1 or 2, but after adopting a resolution permitted by section 1 or 2, shall publish the resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. The resolution may be implemented without the submission of the question to the voters of the county, unless within 21 days after the second publication of the resolution a petition requesting a referendum, signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county, is filed with the county auditor. If a petition is filed, the resolution may be implemented unless disapproved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on the question at a regular or special election.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act takes effect the day after the filing of a certificate of local approval by the Freeborn county board in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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