

CHAPTER 19—H.F.No. 1093

An act relating to elections; authorizing the electors of a metropolitan town to move the town election from March to November; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 205.075, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 205.075, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **ALTERNATE DATE; METROPOLITAN TOWNS.** The governing body of A town located in the metropolitan area as defined by section 473.121 may, by resolution or ordinance, designate the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either the even-numbered or the odd-numbered year as the date of the town general election. Town supervisors elected at a November town general election shall serve four-year terms.

The ordinance or resolution changing the date of the town general election must include a plan to shorten or lengthen the terms of office to provide an orderly transition to the November election schedule.

The ordinance or resolution changing the date of the town general election may be proposed by the town board or by a resolution of the electors adopted at the annual town meeting and is effective upon an affirmative vote of the voters of the town electors at the next town general election.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment and applies retroactively to resolutions adopted by the electors of a town on or after March 1, 1997.

Presented to the governor April 3, 1997

Signed by the governor April 4, 1997, 11:05 a.m.

CHAPTER 20—H.F.No. 219

An act relating to employment; requiring leaves of absence without pay for employees rendering services as members of the civil air patrol; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

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

Section 1. **[181.946] LEAVE FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL SERVICE.**

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this section, "employee" and "employer" have the meanings given them in section 181.945.

Subd. 2. **UNPAID LEAVE REQUIRED.** Unless the leave would unduly disrupt the operations of the employer, an employer shall grant a leave of absence without pay to

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an employee for time spent rendering service as a member of the civil air patrol on the request and under the authority of the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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Signed by the governor April 4, 1997, 11:10 a.m.

CHAPTER 21—S.F.No. 504

An act relating to local government; permitting the city of Nashwauk to own and operate a gas utility.

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

Section 1. NASHWAUK GAS UTILITY.

The city of Nashwauk may construct and own one gas distribution line connecting an area recently acquired by the city, and not currently served by a natural gas utility, with a natural gas pipeline serving the region. Solely for the purpose of operating this gas line, and distributing gas to customers located in the recently acquired area, the city may establish a municipal gas utility without the election required under Minnesota Statutes, section 412.321, subdivision 2.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day after compliance by the city of Nashwauk with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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Signed by the governor April 8, 1997, 10:20 a.m.

CHAPTER 22—S.F.No. 624

An act relating to professional firms; modernizing and standardizing the law regulating professional business organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 13.99, subdivision 92e; 144A.43, subdivision 4; 322B.12, subdivision 1; 322B.92; 323.44, by adding a subdivision; and 323.49, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 303; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 319B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 319A.01; 319A.02; 319A.03; 319A.04; 319A.05; 319A.06; 319A.07; 319A.08;

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