CHAPTER 241—H.F.No. 2637

An act relating to towns; providing for temporary officeholders; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 367.03, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 367.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO SERVE.** In addition to the events specified in section 351.02, a vacancy in a town office may be declared by the town board when an officer is unable to serve in the office or attend board meetings for a 90-day period because of illness, or because of absence from or refusal to attend board meetings for a 90-day period. If any of the preceding conditions occurs, the town board may, after the board by resolution has declared a vacancy to exist, make an appointment to fill the vacancy at a regular or special meeting for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the ill or absent member is again able to resume duties and attend board meetings, whichever is earlier. If the vacancy is in the office of supervisor, the vacancy must be filled by an appointment committee made up of the remaining supervisors and the town clerk. If the original member is again able to resume duties and attend board meetings, the board shall by resolution so determine and remove the appointed officeholder and restore the original member to office.

Presented to the governor March 13, 2002

Signed by the governor March 14, 2002, 3:06 p.m.

CHAPTER 242—H.F.No. 3344

An act relating to courts; authorizing a combined jurisdiction program in the second and fourth judicial districts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 484.

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

Section 1. [484.78] **COMBINED JURISDICTION PROGRAM.**

Notwithstanding sections 260.031, subdivision 4, and 484.70, subdivisions 6 and 7, the second and fourth judicial districts may assign related family, probate, and juvenile court matters, other than delinquency proceedings, to a single judge or referee.

New language is indicated by <u>underline</u>, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.