

a water storage tank and appurtenant facilities owned, controlled, or operated by the municipality, if the contract contains:

(1) a provision that the municipality is not required to make total payments in a single year that exceed the water utility charges received by the municipality for that year;

(2) a provision requiring that the work performed be done under the review of a professional engineer licensed in the state of Minnesota attesting that the work will be performed in compliance with all applicable codes and engineering standards; and

(3) a provision that if, at the commencement of the contract, the water tank or appurtenant facilities requires engineering, repair, or service in order to bring the water tank or facilities into compliance with federal, state, or local requirements, the party contracting with the municipality is responsible for providing the engineering, repair, or service. The costs to bring the water tank or facilities into compliance must be itemized separately and charged to the municipality in payments spread over a period of not less than three years from the commencement of the contract.

Sec. 2. **AH-GWAH-CHING.**

The commissioner of human services or administration, whichever is appropriate, may enter into an agreement with the city of Walker providing for the city to take over the maintenance and operation of the water tower owned by the state of Minnesota and located at Ah-Gwah-Ching in Cass county.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 30, 2002

Signed by the governor May 1, 2002, 2:40 p.m.

CHAPTER 359—S.F.No. 2568

An act relating to Hennepin county; removing certain limitations on the county board's ability to lease real property; removing limitations on the county board's authority to construct off-street parking facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 383B.159; 383B.20, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 383B.20, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 383B.159, is amended to read:

383B.159 **REAL PROPERTY LEASES.**

The county board of commissioners of Hennepin county may contract for the leasing of real property from individuals, private or public corporations, or other governmental agencies for a period of no longer than five years duration.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 383B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ACQUISITION.** ~~The county of Hennepin, subject to the limitation imposed by subdivision 4, may use and develop any property heretofore acquired or hereafter acquired by gift, lease, purchase or condemnation proceedings, which condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with chapter 117, any real property within said county of Hennepin, or any interest therein, deemed by the board of county commissioners to be needed for the purposes of providing off-street parking facilities in conjunction with any of the public buildings which are under the control of the board of county commissioners for county purposes. If the off-street parking facilities are not acquired or bettered in conjunction with or primarily to serve any of the public buildings which are under the control of the board of county commissioners for county purposes, the off-street parking project must be approved by the city council of the city in which the facilities are to be located. The term "off-street parking facilities" as used in this section includes lots, lanes, garages, ramps or other structures and accessories.~~

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 383B.20, subdivision 4, is repealed.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day after August 1, 2002, that is the day after the governing body of Hennepin county and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Presented to the governor May 2, 2002

Signed by the governor May 3, 2002, 9:45 a.m.

CHAPTER 360—S.F.No. 3200

An act relating to natural resources; regulating insurance coverages and liability limitations for certain environmental learning centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 84.0875.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 84.0875, is amended to read:

84.0875 **ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTERS.**

The commissioner may acquire and better, or make grants to counties, home rule charter or statutory cities, or school districts to acquire and better, residential environmental learning centers where students may learn how to use, preserve, and renew the natural resources of this state. A facility and reasonable access to it must be owned by the state or a political subdivision but may be leased to or managed by a

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