

## CHAPTER 521—H. F. No. 1442

*An act relating to reservation of minerals under public waters.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.06, is amended to read as follows:

**93.06. Reservation of minerals under navigable lakes.** All iron ores and other minerals on, in or under lands within this state which lie beneath the waters of *navigable* lakes and rivers belong to the state, together with the right to enter upon such lands and explore for and mine and remove such iron ore and other minerals and that the state now has and since its organization has had the right to sell, lease, or otherwise use or dispose of such mineral lands and such iron ores and other minerals in the same manner as any other mineral lands, ores, or minerals belonging to the state, and that the title of the state to such iron ore or other minerals, together with the right to explore for, mine, or remove the same, shall not be affected by the subsequent drying up of such lakes or rivers.

Approved April 23, 1947.

## CHAPTER 522—H. F. No. 1497

*An act relating to police civil service commissions and the appointment of a chief of police in any city of the second class located in two or more counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 419.07.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 419.07, be amended to read as follows:

**419.07. Officers discharged only after hearing.** No officer or employee after six months' continuous employment shall be removed or discharged except for cause upon written charges and after an opportunity to be heard in his own defense as in this chapter hereinafter provided. Such charges shall be investigated by or before such civil service commission. The finding and decision of such commission shall be forthwith certified to the chief or other appointed or superior

officer, and will be forthwith enforced by such officer. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the power of any officer to suspend a subordinate for a reasonable period not exceeding 60 days for the purpose of discipline, or pending investigation of charges when he deems such suspension advisable. *The commission, in any city of the second class situate in two or more counties, may, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, incorporate in the civil service rules a rule fixing the term of the office of chief of the department at six years from the date of his appointment and thereafter the office of chief shall be open to competitive examination for all members of the department qualified to take such examinations. In the event of a new appointment being made to the office of chief as a result of competitive examination, the retiring chief shall be assigned a grade and class in the department as may be determined by the commission. Provided that the limitation of the term of chief as herein provided for shall not affect any person permanently holding the office of chief at the time of the passage of this act.*

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1947.

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#### CHAPTER 523—H. F. No. 1503

*An act relating to acknowledgments of any persons in the armed forces of the United States and the wives of such persons, and validating acknowledgments heretofore made; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 358.27.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 358.27, is amended to read as follows:

358.27. **Soldiers and sailors abroad.** *Subdivision 1. Acknowledgment of person in armed forces; wife.* Any person enlisted, commissioned, or employed in the armed forces of the United States *and the wife of any such person*, in addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by sections 358.24 and 358.26, may acknowledge the same wherever located before any officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of second lieutenant or higher in the army