

secretary of state and shall be available for public inspection at regular business hours.

Subd. 3. The secretary of state shall mail to the registered office of the corporation notice of the rejection or acceptance of the active status report within ten days of receipt of the report. If the secretary of state rejects the report, he shall specify the reasons for the rejection.

Notification of acceptance of the status report shall constitute certification of the corporation's right to the continued exclusive use of the corporate name.

Subd. 4. After June 30, 1982, if a domestic corporation has failed to file the report and pay the fee required by this section, the corporation loses its right to the exclusive use of its corporate name. The corporation may reacquire this right by filing the report and paying the fee required by this section, unless the name has been adopted by another corporation, or a person, an unincorporated association, or a foreign corporation has signified its intent to procure incorporation or to do business as a foreign corporation in this state under the name in accordance with section 301.05, subdivisions 3 or 4. A corporation which is unable to reacquire the exclusive use of its corporate name shall adopt a new corporate name which complies with the provisions of section 301.05.

Sec. 2. The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated to the secretary of state for the purpose of effectuating and notifying all corporations of the provisions of this act, to be available until June 30, 1979.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon final enactment.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 713-S.F.No.1614

An act relating to courts; board on judicial standards; providing for appointment of an executive secretary by the board; expanding the board's power to censure or remove judges; providing for appointment of all board members by the governor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 490.16, Subdivision 3; and Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 490.15, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 490.15, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

490.15 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION. Subdivision 1. The board on judicial standards is established and consists of one judge of the district court, one judge of a municipal court, one judge of county court, two lawyers who have practiced law in the state for ten years and four citizens who are not judges, retired judges or lawyers. The executive secretary is appointed by the governor. Commencing July 1, 1980, the board

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shall appoint the executive secretary. Members representing the district, municipal and county courts shall be appointed by their respective judicial organizations and the lawyer members shall be appointed by the board of governors of the Minnesota state bar association. The citizen All members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. No member shall serve more than two full four-year terms or their equivalent. Membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified him for appointment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 490.16, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. On recommendation of the board on judicial standards, the supreme court may retire a judge for disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties and is or is likely to become permanent, and censure or remove a judge for action or inaction occurring not more than four years prior to such action being reported to the board on judicial standards that may constitute persistent failure to perform his duties, incompetence in performing his duties, habitual intemperance or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

The board is specifically empowered to reopen any matter wherein any information or evidence was previously precluded by a statute of limitations or by a previously existing provision of time limitation.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. This act shall not affect the term of any current member of the board on judicial standards.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 714-S.F.No.1630

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to elections; providing certain safeguards against improper voter registration and casting of absentee ballots; revising forms and procedures for administering absentee ballot laws; prescribing certain powers and duties of and granting temporary rulemaking power to the secretary of state; eliminating civil service appointment of election judges in first class cities; prescribing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 201.121; 201.15; 201.27; 204A.14, Subdivision 2; 207.04; 207.06; 207.08; 207.09; 207.30, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Chapters 201, by adding a section; and 207, by adding a section; Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Sections 201.061, Subdivision 3; 201.071, Subdivision 4; 204A.13, Subdivisions 2 and 6; 204A.17, Subdivision 1; 204A.175; 207.02; 207.03; 207.05, Subdivision 1; 207.10; 207.11; and 207.31; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 204A.17, Subdivision 2; 207.101; 207.12; 207.13; and 207.30, Subdivision 1.

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

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