

The court may summarily deny a second or successive petition for similar relief on behalf of the same petitioner and may summarily deny a petition when the issues raised therein have previously been decided by the Minnesota supreme court in the same case.

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CHAPTER 191—S.F.No.556

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin county municipal building commission; providing for tenure and benefits to certain employees; amending Laws 1903, Chapter 247, Section 2, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1903, Chapter 247, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1937, Chapter 251, Section 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **HENNEPIN COUNTY; CARE AND CONTROL OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE.** The commission hereby created shall have the entire care and control of all of said court house and city hall building. It shall have power to assign unassigned rooms and space in any part of said building with entire control of any room or rooms in said building, and of all halls and corridors and of all boiler and machinery rooms. The commission in its discretion may reassign and reallocate occupied rooms or space therein provided that space already occupied may not be reassigned except after a hearing before said commission on written notice to the occupant or person in charge of such space; and the vote of three members of said commission shall govern as its final action after such hearing; provided further that any interested party may appeal from an adverse ruling of said commission to the District Court, which Court shall summarily decide the matter after a hearing thereon in the same manner as a civil case, and the determination of said matter by said Court shall be final, provided that if the space in controversy is occupied or sought to be occupied by a District Court Judge or other District Court official, that said final determination be made by a Judge of the District Court from a district other than that comprising Hennepin County, which other judge shall be selected by the Governor upon request of the commission. When so determined and after service of the Court order on the occupant or person in charge of such space or room, he shall remove therefrom in accordance with the terms of the order, and his failure to do so shall be deemed contempt of court.

The commission shall also have the care and control of all engines, boilers, machinery, elevators and all mechanical and electrical appliances of every nature in said building. It shall cause all of the occupied portions of said building to be properly heated, lighted, cleaned and kept in repair for public use, with full authority to appoint any and all employes necessary to properly perform the duties hereby devolved upon such commission, with authority to fix the compensation of such employes and to remove any thereof at pleasure. Persons employed by the municipal building commission on or before

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August 1, 1977, or thereafter, and having at least six months service, shall have tenure based on length of service. Promotions shall be filled from the eligible lists established and maintained by the Minneapolis civil service commission. No employee after six months continuous employment shall be removed or discharged except upon a majority vote of the members of the municipal building commission for cause, upon written charges and after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted by the municipal building commission. The Minneapolis civil service rules relating to cause for removal shall govern. An employee removed for cause may appeal to district court, which decision shall be final.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere in any manner with the powers and duties of the court house and city hall commission engaged in completing and furnishing said building.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon approval by the governing bodies of the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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CHAPTER 192—S.F.No.557

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*An act relating to employees; participation in group life insurance plans; prohibiting certain mandatory participation requirements; providing remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 61A, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 61A, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[61A.091] LIFE INSURANCE; EMPLOYEE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLANS; MANDATORY PARTICIPATION PROHIBITED.** No employer who makes available or otherwise sponsors a group life insurance plan that provides life insurance benefits to more than five employees of that employer, whether through insurance policies, self-insurance, or any combination of these arrangements, may require an employee to participate in the life insurance plan as a condition of his employment, unless the employer pays the full cost of the plan. No employer may discharge any employee who pursuant to this section refuses to contribute to an employee group life insurance plan, nor shall the employer discriminate or otherwise retaliate against the employee who pursuant to this section refuses to contribute to an employee group life insurance plan. An employee may bring an action against an employer for recovery of any wages withheld in violation of this section. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedy provided by law. For the purposes of this section, "employer" means any natural person, company, corporation, partnership, association or firm which employs any employee. "Employee" is

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