

~~by a sentence to the payment of a fine only. Appeals from a conviction of a petty misdemeanor or an ordinance violation punishable by a fine only shall be upon questions of law only.~~

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 488A.18, Subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **REMOVAL OF CAUSES TO SUPREME COURT.** All causes except petty misdemeanors and violation of municipal ordinances punishable by fine only may be removed from the municipal court to the supreme court of the state of Minnesota in the same manner, upon like proceedings and with like effect as from district court.

Sec. 9. This act is in effect the day following final enactment.

Approved May 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 422—S.F.No.122

An act relating to public records; accessibility for research; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 15.17, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 15.17, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **PUBLIC RECORDS; ACCESSIBILITY FOR RESEARCH.** Every custodian of public records shall keep them in such arrangement and condition as to make them easily accessible for convenient use. Photographic, photostatic, microphotographic, or microfilmed records shall be considered as accessible for convenient use regardless of the size of such records, ~~provided that a suitable means for public inspection of the records is provided by the agency maintaining the records.~~ Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, he shall permit all public records in his custody to be inspected, examined, abstracted, or copied at reasonable times and under his supervision and regulation by any person; and he shall, upon the demand of any person, furnish certified copies thereof on payment in advance of fees not to exceed the fees prescribed by law. Full convenience and comprehensive accessibility shall be allowed to researchers including historians, genealogists and other scholars to carry out extensive research and complete

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copying of all public records except as otherwise expressly provided by law.

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CHAPTER 423—S.F.No.507

An act relating to water pollution; pollution control agency; providing financial assistance to municipalities for the construction of waste disposal systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 116.16, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9; 116.17, Subdivision 5; 116.18, Subdivisions 1 and 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 116.15; 116.18, Subdivision 3, and cancelling an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 116.16, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **POLLUTION CONTROL; WASTE DISPOSAL; DEFINITIONS.** In this section and section 116.17:

(1) Agency means the Minnesota pollution control agency created by chapter 116;

(2) Municipality means any county, city, village, borough, and town, the metropolitan sewer board created by chapter 473C and the metropolitan council when acting under the provisions of that chapter or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, and any other governmental subdivision of the state responsible by law for the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution in any area of the state;

(3) Pollution control fund means the Minnesota state water pollution control fund created by subdivision 1;

(4) Bond account means the Minnesota state water pollution control bond account created in the state bond fund by section 116.17, subdivision 4;

(5) Terms defined in section 115.01 have the meanings therein given them;

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