
CHAPTER 625-H.F.No.1857

An act relating to veterans; requiring counties to appoint a veterans service officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 197.60, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 197.60, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

197.60 **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS; APPOINTMENT; COMPENSATION.** Subdivision 1. The county board of any county except Clay county, or the county boards of any two or more counties acting pursuant to the provisions of section 197.602, may shall appoint a veterans service officer and may shall provide necessary clerical help, office space, equipment, and supplies for him, together with reimbursement for mileage and other traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties; and may appoint one or more assistant veterans service officers who shall have the qualifications prescribed in section 197.601; ~~subdivision 4.~~ The county board of Clay county may appoint a veterans service officer and assistant veterans service officers as provided in this subdivision. The assistant veterans service officer may exercise all the powers, and shall perform the duties, of the veterans service officer, subject to his direction and control, and shall be subject to all the provisions of sections 197.60 to 197.606 relating to a veterans service officer. Every county officer and agency shall cooperate with the veterans service officer and shall provide him with information necessary in connection with the performance of his duties.

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CHAPTER 626-H.F.No.1865

An act relating to retirement; fractional years of service for judges; refunds to surviving spouses of judges; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 490.121, Subdivision 4; and 490.124, Subdivisions 1 and 12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 490.121, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. "Year of service" means a whole year, ~~and not or~~ any fraction thereof, served as a judge at any time, or served as a referee in probate for all such referees in office prior to January 1, 1974.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 490.124, Subdivision 1, is amended to

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read:

490.124 MATURITY OF BENEFITS; RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' ANNUITIES. Subdivision 1. **BASIC RETIREMENT ANNUITY.** Except as qualified hereinafter from and after mandatory retirement date, normal retirement date, early retirement date, or two years from the disability retirement date, as the case may be, a retirement annuity shall be payable to a retiring judge from the judges' retirement fund in an amount equal to two and one-half percent of the judge's final average compensation multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of service rendered, provided that such annuity shall not exceed 60 percent of the judge's annual salary for the year immediately preceding his retirement.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 490.124, Subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **REFUND.** Any person who ceases to be a judge but who does not qualify for a retirement annuity or other benefit under ~~sections 490.121 to 490.132~~ section 490.121 shall be entitled to a refund ~~of~~ in an amount equal to all his contributions to the judges' retirement fund with plus interest computed on the basis of interest assumption under the provisions of section 356.21. No refund shall be payable upon the death of a judge prior to retirement if no benefits shall be payable under subdivision 9 to the first day of the month in which the refund is processed based on fiscal year balances at the rate of five percent per annum compounded annually. The surviving spouse, or if there is no surviving spouse, then the estate, of any person who has ceased to be a judge and has died prior to receiving a retirement annuity or other retirement benefits shall be entitled to receive a refund in an amount equal to all the contributions made by the person to the judges retirement fund plus interest computed to the date of death at the rate of five percent per annum compounded annually.

Sec. 4. This act is effective the day following final enactment. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 shall apply to all judges retiring on or after the effective date of this act.

Approved March 28, 1978.

CHAPTER 627-H.F.No.1866

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the firefighters' relief association of the city of Karlstad; computation of years of service for volunteer firefighters.

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

Section 1. **KARLSTAD, CITY OF; FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.** Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 69.06, or other law to the contrary, the Karlstad firefighters' relief association shall treat years of service by members of the Karlstad volunteer fire department as years of membership in the

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