

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[144.071] Health; merit system for local employees.** *The board may establish a merit system for employees of county or municipal health departments or public health nursing services or health districts, and may promulgate rules and regulations governing the administration and operation thereof. In the establishment and administration of the merit system authorized by this section, the board may utilize facilities and personnel of any state department or agency with the consent of such department or agency. The board may also, by rule or regulation, cooperate with the federal government in any manner necessary to qualify for federal aid.*

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CHAPTER 1074—H. F. No. 2384

*An act relating to redevelopment projects and the tax status thereof and the financing of redevelopment costs with tax increments and bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 462.585.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 462.585, is amended to read:

**462.585 Redevelopment project; tax status; agreements respecting tax increments and equivalents; pledge for bonds.** *Subdivision 1. General. In connection with any project of an authority located wholly or partly within the area in which the corporate limits of any municipality is authorized to act, the municipality or other state public body, such body may agree with the authority with respect to the payment by the authority of such sums in lieu of taxes for any year or period of years in accordance with the provisions of section 462.575, but for no longer period than the period of tax exemption provided for under sections 462.415 to 462.711 that section. In any case where property owned by the authority in a redevelopment project area is leased or otherwise made available by the authority to a private individual, firm, or corporation which previously owned the same or other property within the area, not for development in connection with the project but for temporary*

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*use pending relocation of such former owner's residence or business, the authority may agree to payment of sums in lieu of taxes for any year or period of such temporary use, not exceeding the amount of the annual rentals or other payments it receives for such use, but during such use the property and the authority shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments as provided in section 462.575, and the provisions of section 272.01, subdivision 2 and of section 273.19 shall not apply to such property or to such use thereof. In connection with any redevelopment project, an authority may make further agreements respecting taxes as provided below.*

*Subd. 2. **Original taxable value.** Upon or after approval of a redevelopment project of any housing and redevelopment authority under section 462.521, the auditor of the county in which it is situated shall upon request of the authority certify the assessed valuation of all taxable real property within the project area as then most recently determined, which is referred to in this section as the "original taxable value", and shall certify to the authority in each year thereafter the amount by which the original taxable value has increased or decreased, and the proportion which any such increase bears to the total assessed valuation of the real property for that year or the proportion which any such decrease bears to the original taxable value.*

*Subd. 3. **Tax increments.** In each subsequent year the county auditor shall include no more than the original taxable value of such real property in the assessed valuation upon which he computes the mill rates of all taxes levied by the state, the county, the municipality or town, the school district and every other taxing district in which the project area is situated; but he shall extend all mill rates so determined against the entire assessed valuation of such real property for that year. In each year for which the assessed valuation exceeds the original taxable value, the county treasurer shall remit to the authority, instead of the taxing districts, that proportion of all taxes paid that year on the real property in the project area which such excess valuation bears to the total assessed valuation. The amount so remitted each year is referred to in this section as the "tax increment" for that year. Tax increments received with respect to any redevelopment project shall be segregated by the authority receiving them in a special account on its official books and records until the public redevelopment cost of the project, including interest on all money borrowed therefor, has been fully paid, and the municipality or other public body in which the project is situated has been fully reimbursed from the tax increments or revenues of the project for any principal and interest on general obligation bonds which it has issued for the project and has paid from taxes levied on other property within its corporate limits. Such payment shall be reported to the county auditor, who*

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*shall thereafter include the entire assessed valuation of the project area in the assessed valuations upon which tax mill rates are computed and extended and taxes are remitted to all taxing districts.*

*Subd. 4. Tax increment financing. The authority may pledge and appropriate any part or all of the tax increments received for any redevelopment project, and any part or all of the revenues received from lands in the project area while owned by the authority, for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonds issued in aid of the project pursuant to section 462.551, section 462.581, or chapter 474, by the authority or by the governing body of the municipality or other state public body within whose corporate limits the project area is situated. Any such pledge for the payment of bonds issued by the governing body shall be made by written agreement executed on behalf of the authority and the governing body and filed with the county auditor. The estimated collections of the tax increments and any other revenues so pledged may be deducted from the taxes otherwise required to be levied before the issuance of the bonds under section 475.61, subdivision 1, or the collections thereof may be certified annually to reduce or cancel the initial tax levies in accordance with section 475.61, subdivision 3. When such an agreement is made and filed, the bonds may be issued by the governing body in the same manner and subject only to the same conditions as those provided in chapter 475 for bonds financing improvement costs reimbursable from special assessments.*

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CHAPTER 1075—H. F. No. 2406

[Coded]

*An act relating to state parks; extending the boundaries of Minneopa state park; authorizing the acquisition of lands by gift.*

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

Section 1. **[85.1875] Minneopa state park; addition.** Subdivision 1. The boundary of Minneopa state park, is extended to include the following described land in Blue Earth county:

A tract or parcel of land situated in the SE/4 of the SW/4, Government Lot 6 and Government Lot 7, all in Section 16, Township 108 North, Range 27 West described as follows:

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