

section 298.24, the greater of (a) the amount shown by such estimate, or (b) the amount due under said section as finally determined by the commissioner of taxation pursuant to law. If, as a result of the payment of the amount of such estimate, the taxpayer has paid in any calendar year an amount of tax in excess of the amount due in such year under section 298.24, after application of credits for any excess payments made in previous years, all as determined by the commissioner of taxation, the taxpayer shall be given credit for such excess amount against any taxes which, under said section, may become due from the taxpayer in subsequent years. In any calendar year in which a general property tax levy subject to sections 275.11 or 275.12 has been made; if the taxes distributable to any such city, village or school district are greater than the amount estimated to be paid to any such city, village or school district in such year, the excess of such distribution shall be held in a special fund by the city, village or school district and shall not be expended until the succeeding calendar year, and shall be included in computing the permissible levies under sections 275.11 or 275.12 of such city, village or school district payable in such year. If the amounts distributable to any such city, village or school district, after final determination by the commissioner of taxation under section 298.28 are less than the amounts indicated by such estimates, such city, village or school district may issue certificates of indebtedness in the amount of the shortage, and may include in its next tax levy, in excess of the limitations of sections 275.11 or 275.12 an amount sufficient to pay such certificates of indebtedness and interest thereon, or, if no certificates were issued, an amount equal to such shortage.

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CHAPTER 678—S. F. No. 1676

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An act relating to other than standard time in Rice County and villages or cities therein.

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

Section 1. **Time, other than standard.** The county board of Rice county may and the governing body of any village or city therein may by resolution adopt a time other than standard time.

Sec. 2. Section 1 shall be effective county wide but only if adopted by majority vote of the Rice county board. If not adopted by said board, section 1 shall be effective only in any city or village in Rice county ratifying the same by majority vote of the city or village council.

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CHAPTER 679—H. F. No. 438

An act relating to automobile accident reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 169.09, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Reports confidential.** All required accident reports and supplemental reports shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and shall be for the confidential use of the department for accident prevention purposes, except that the department or any law enforcement department of any municipality or county in this state shall, upon written request of any person involved in an accident or upon written request of the representative of his estate, disclose to such person, the representative of his estate, or legal counsel *any information contained therein except the parties' version of the accident as set out in the written report filed by such parties.* No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the department shall furnish upon the demand of any person who has, or claims to have, made such a report, or, upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the department solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such report be made to the department. Disclosing any information contained in any accident report, except as provided herein, is unlawful and a misdemeanor.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any person who has made a report pursuant to this chapter from testifying in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, as to facts within his knowledge. It is intended by this subdivision to render privileged the reports required but it is not intended to prohibit proof of the facts to which such reports relate. Legally qualified newspaper publications shall upon