

(g) After the polls have closed and before the regular ballot boxes are opened, the judges shall open the absentees ballot box, remove the ballot from each "ballot envelope", initial it and deposit it in the regular ballot box.

(h) Ballots received by the clerk after the count has been begun by the judges are void.

(i) The board is authorized to provide necessary funds to the clerk for the execution of this chapter.

(j) In any district where permanent registration of voters is required no ballot may be accepted from any voter who is not validly registered.

(k) Any person who shall wilfully make or sign any false certificates specified herein; any person who shall wilfully make any false or untrue statement in any application for an absentee ballot; any person who shall wilfully exhibit to any other person any ballot marked by him; any person who shall in any way wilfully do any act contrary to the terms and provisions of this chapter with intent to cast an illegal vote in any district or to aid another in so doing shall be guilty of a felony.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment for school election absentee ballot applications submitted on and after that date and for school election absentee ballots mailed on and after that date.

Approved April 6, 1984

CHAPTER 377 — S.F.No. 1475

An act relating to communications; permitting a municipality to be represented by its designee on a joint cable communication commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 238.08, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 238.08, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Municipalities may by ordinance or resolution create a joint cable communications commission under section 471.59, to which each member municipality may delegate authority vested in the municipality by statute or charter to prepare, adopt, grant, administer, and enforce a cable communications franchise, and establish rates thereunder. The adoption, granting, administration and enforcement of a cable communications franchise, and the establishment of

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rates thereunder by a joint cable communications commission, pursuant to this subdivision is deemed to comply with procedural requirements of a statute or charter for the adoption, granting, administration and enforcement of a franchise, and establishment of rates. A member of the commission may, by ordinance adopted in the manner provided by section 412.191, subdivision 4, adopt by reference the joint cable communication franchise in the manner provided by section 471.62. The members and governing body of the joint commission shall consist of two representatives appointed by each municipality, at least one of whom shall be a member of the council of that municipality or its designee and the other a qualified voter residing within that municipality.

Approved April 9, 1984

CHAPTER 378 — S.F.No. 1453

An act relating to public welfare; making county of residence financially responsible for detoxification services provided to chemical dependency facility clients; amending Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 256E.08, subdivision 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1983 Supplement, section 256E.08, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **COUNTY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** (a) Except as described in paragraphs (b) and (c), the county responsible for payment for community social services is the county in which the recipient of services resides at the time of application if the applicant is not in a facility described in section 256B.02, subdivision 2, or has never resided in this state other than in such a facility. If the applicant is in a facility described in section 256B.02 and has previously resided in this state without being in such a facility, then the county of financial responsibility is the county in which he or she resided immediately before entering the facility. The county of financial responsibility does not change as a result of referral or approval of referral for services to another county by the county of financial responsibility. Minors are considered as residing in the county in which their parents or guardians reside. When a minor reaches the age of 18, the county of financial responsibility is the county in which the minor resides. If a person continues in residential care or treatment after reaching the age of 18, the county which initiated the treatment is the county of financial responsibility. When there is a dispute as to the county of financial responsibility, the county providing or arranging for services shall pay for them pending final determination of the county of residence. Disputes concerning the county of financial responsibility shall be settled in the manner prescribed in section

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