

i. All physicians, dentists, registered nurses and medical laboratory technicians working under the direction of a licensed physician or dentist in any hospital or sanatorium operated by a commission or board of such county.

j. All county commissioners' clerks appointed by the county board after the passage of this act; but nothing in this act shall affect the civil service status of any person previously appointed and now holding such a position in the classified service of the county.

k. A legislative lobbyist/grant coordinator appointed by the county board to act as legislative liaison with the St. Louis County legislative delegation and pursue legislative concerns and grant opportunities for the county, and the clerk for that position.

The classified service shall include all other positions now existing and hereinafter created in the service of the county or any board or commission, agency, or offices of such county, including mine inspectors appointed by the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

This act takes effect the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, by the board of county commissioners of St. Louis County.

Approved April 18, 1984

CHAPTER 399 — H.F.No. 559

An act relating to courts; providing for interest rates on judgments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 549.09, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 549.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **WHEN OWED; RATE.** (a) When the judgment is for the recovery of money, including a judgment for the recovery of taxes, interest from the time of the verdict or report until judgment is finally entered shall be computed by the clerk as provided in this section clause (c) and added to the judgment. (b) Except as otherwise provided by contract or allowed by law, pre-verdict or pre-report interest on pecuniary damages shall be computed as provided in clause (c) from the time of the commencement of the action, except as provided herein. If either party serves a written offer of settlement, the other party may serve a written acceptance or a written counter-offer within 60 days.

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After that time interest on the judgment shall be calculated by the judge in the following manner. The prevailing party shall receive interest on any judgment from the time the action was commenced or as to special damages from the time when special damages were incurred, if later than commencement of the action, until the time of verdict or report only if the amount of its offer is closer to the judgment than the amount of the opposing party's offer. If the amount of the losing party's offer was closer to the judgment than the prevailing party's offer, the prevailing party shall receive interest only on the amount of the settlement offer or the judgment, whichever is less, and only from the time the action was commenced or as to special damages from when the special damages were incurred if later than commencement of the action until the time the settlement offer was made. Except as otherwise provided by contract or allowed by law, pre-verdict or pre-report interest shall not be awarded on the following:

(1) judgments, awards, or benefits in workers' compensation cases, but not including third-party actions;

(2) judgments, decrees, or orders in dissolution, annulment, or legal separation actions;

(3) punitive damages, fines, or other damages that are noncompensatory in nature;

(4) judgments not in excess of the amount specified in section 487.30; and

(5) that portion of any verdict or report which is founded upon interest, or costs, disbursements, attorney fees, or other similar items added by the court. (c) The interest shall be computed as simple interest per annum. The rate of interest shall be based on the secondary market yield of one year United States treasury bills, calculated on a bank discount basis as provided in this section.

On or before the 20th day of December of each year the state court administrator shall determine the rate from the secondary market yield on one year United States treasury bills for the most recent calendar month, reported on a monthly basis in the latest statistical release of the board of governors of the federal reserve system. This yield, rounded to the nearest one percent, shall be the annual interest rate during the succeeding calendar year; provided, however, that in no event shall the rate of interest be less than eight percent per annum. The state court administrator shall communicate the interest rate to the clerks of court for their use in computing the interest on verdicts.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective August 1, 1983, and interest shall begin to accrue as of that date on any pending claims or causes of action.

Approved April 19, 1984

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