

CHAPTER 498—S.F.No. 1717

An act relating to natural resources; adding certain land to Jay Cooke State Park in Carlton county.

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

Section 1. ADDITIONS TO A CERTAIN STATE PARK.

[85.012] [Subd. 30.] JAY COOKE STATE PARK, CARLTON COUNTY. The following area is added to Jay Cooke State Park: That part of Government Lots four (4) and five (5) and that part of the unplatted part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (SE 1/4 of SW 1/4), Section five (5) south of the southerly line of State Highway 210, formerly known as State Aid Highway 1, and also the Carlton Thomson Road, in Township 48 North, Range 16 West.

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CHAPTER 499—S.F.No. 1834

An act relating to utilities; prohibiting water utilities from imposing additional standby charges on owners of structures containing fire protection systems; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 444.

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

Section 1. [444.25] WATER AVAILABILITY; STANDBY CHARGES.

Subdivision 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this section the following terms have the meanings given them.

(a) "Water availability or standby charge" means an additional charge or fee imposed by a water utility on the owners of structures because the structures are equipped with fire protection systems such as stand pipes, hydrants, or automatic fire protection sprinkler systems.

(b) "Water utility" means the owner or operator of a public or private waterworks, whether authorized under chapter 110A for a rural water user district, section 368.01 for a town, section 412.321 for a statutory city, chapter 444 for a city generally, chapter 456 for a city of the first class, chapter 471A when the waterworks has been transferred to private ownership or operation, or other law relating to authorization of waterworks.

Subd. 2. CHARGES LIMITED. No water utility may impose a water availability or standby fee or charge on an owner of a structure containing a fire protection system that is in addition to the fee or charge for water actually used and beyond the actual cost to the utility of providing installation, inspection, and maintenance for the system. Nothing in this section prohibits a water utility from recovering the cost of supplying water to an area when the cost is spread proportionately among all the structures in the benefitted area.

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Subd. 3. APPEAL. An owner of a structure containing a fire protection system may appeal to the water utility any amount charged that is in violation of this section.

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CHAPTER 500—S.F.No. 2264

An act relating to local government; allowing the city of Falcon Heights to consolidate election precincts; placing restrictions on Ramsey county officials and employees; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383A.

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

Section 1. FALCON HEIGHTS; ELECTION PRECINCTS.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.14, subdivision 3, the city of Falcon Heights may establish new election precincts in 1988 by consolidating its four existing election precincts into two new election precincts. The precinct boundaries must be reestablished by May 10, 1988.

Sec. 2. [383A.201] OFFICIALS NOT TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS.

No Ramsey county official or the official's deputy, clerk, or employee and no commissioner for tax-forfeited lands or the commissioner's assistants, may have a personal financial interest (1) in a contract, work, labor, or business to which the county is a party or in which it is or may be interested, (2) or in the furnishing of an article to, or the purchase or sale of any real or personal property by the county, or of which the consideration, price, or expense is payable from the county treasury. A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day after the governing body of the city of Falcon Heights complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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