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Subd. 3. If the amendment is adopted, article I, section 6, will read as follows:

Sec. 6. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the county or district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which county or district shall have been previously ascertained by law. In all prosecutions of crimes defined by law as felonies, the accused has the right to a jury of 12 members. In all other criminal prosecutions, the legislature may provide for the number of jurors, provided that a jury have at least six members. The accused shall enjoy the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have the assistance of counsel in his defense.

Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 1988 general election. The question submitted shall be:

“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow the use of juries of less than 12 members in civil and nonfelony cases?”

Yes
No”

Election procedures shall be as provided by law.

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CHAPTER 717—S.F.No. 2452

An act relating to public safety; providing that bomb disposal workers are state employees when disposing of bombs outside the jurisdiction of their municipal employer, for purposes of tort claims and workers' compensation; establishing a presumption of causation for workers compensation purposes in the case of firefighters exposed to certain hazards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 176.011, subdivision 15; and Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 3.732, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 176.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1987 Supplement, section 3.732, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this section and section 3.736 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

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(1) "State" includes each of the departments, boards, agencies, commissions, courts, and officers in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state of Minnesota and includes but is not limited to the Minnesota housing finance agency, the Minnesota higher education coordinating board, the Minnesota higher education facilities authority, the armory building commission, the Minnesota zoological board, the state agricultural society, the University of Minnesota, state universities, community colleges, state hospitals, and state penal institutions. It does not include a city, town, county, school district, or other local governmental body corporate and politic.

(2) "Employee of the state" means all present or former officers, members, directors, or employees of the state, members of the Minnesota national guard, members of a bomb disposal unit approved by the commissioner of public safety and employed by a municipality defined in section 466.01 when engaged in the disposal or neutralization of bombs outside the jurisdiction of the municipality but within the state, or persons acting on behalf of the state in an official capacity, temporarily or permanently, with or without compensation, but does not include either an independent contractor or members of the Minnesota national guard while engaged in training or duty under United States Code, title 10, or United States Code, title 32, section 316, 502, 503, 504, or 505, as amended through December 31, 1983.

(3) "Scope of office or employment" means that the employee was acting on behalf of the state in the performance of duties or tasks lawfully assigned by competent authority.

Sec. 2. [176.192] BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT EMPLOYEES.

For purposes of this chapter, a member of a bomb disposal unit approved by the commissioner of public safety and employed by a municipality defined in section 466.01, is considered a state employee when disposing of or neutralizing bombs or other similar hazardous explosives for another municipality or otherwise outside the jurisdiction of the employer-municipality but within the state.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 176.011, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE.** (a) "Occupational disease" means a disease arising out of and in the course of employment peculiar to the occupation in which the employee is engaged and due to causes in excess of the hazards ordinary of employment and shall include undulant fever. Ordinary diseases of life to which the general public is equally exposed outside of employment are not compensable, except where the diseases follow as an incident of an occupational disease, or where the exposure peculiar to the occupation makes the disease an occupational disease hazard. A disease arises out of the employment only if there be a direct causal connection between the conditions under which the work is performed and if the occupational disease follows as a natural incident of the work as a result of the exposure occasioned by the nature of the employment. An employer is not liable for compensation for any occupational

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disease which cannot be traced to the employment as a direct and proximate cause and is not recognized as a hazard characteristic of and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment or which results from a hazard to which the worker would have been equally exposed outside of the employment.

(b) If immediately preceding the date of disablement or death, an employee was employed on active duty with an organized fire or police department of any municipality, as a member of the Minnesota state patrol, conservation officer service, state crime bureau, as a forest officer by the department of natural resources, or sheriff or full time deputy sheriff of any county, and the disease is that of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, and at the time of employment such employee was given a thorough physical examination by a licensed doctor of medicine, and a written report thereof has been made and filed with such organized fire or police department, with the Minnesota state patrol, conservation officer service, state crime bureau, department of natural resources, or sheriff's department of any county, which examination and report negated any evidence of myocarditis, coronary sclerosis, pneumonia or its sequel, the disease is presumptively an occupational disease and shall be presumed to have been due to the nature of employment.

(c) A firefighter on active duty with an organized fire department who is unable to perform duties in the department by reason of a disabling cancer of a type caused by exposure to heat, radiation, or a known or suspected carcinogen, as defined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, and the carcinogen is reasonably linked to the disabling cancer, is presumed to have an occupational disease under paragraph (a). If a firefighter who enters the service after August 1, 1988, is examined by a physician prior to being hired and the examination discloses the existence of a cancer of a type described in this paragraph, the firefighter is not entitled to the presumption unless a subsequent medical determination is made that the firefighter no longer has the cancer.

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CHAPTER 718—H.F.No. 2245

An act relating to education; establishing general education revenue; modifying aspects of educational programs for American Indian people; providing for certain levying authority and limitations; modifying certain levies, aid, and grant programs; establishing learning year program sites; providing for revenue for school facilities; authorizing bonding; approving capital loans; offering free admission to secondary school to eligible persons at least 21 years of age; creating education district revenue; providing for the sale of permanent school fund lands; requiring certain changes in the state high school league; creating a task force on education organization; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 92.06, subdivision 4; 92.14, by adding a subdivision; 92.67, subdivision 5; 120.06, by adding a subdivision; 120.075, subdivision 1a, 3, and by adding a subdivision; 120.0751, subdivision

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