

Subd. 2. **EXPANDED CERTIFICATION.** The personnel director shall expand the certification beyond the first five eligibles to contain ~~a member~~ two members of each of not more than three underrepresented protected groups, in highest ranking order, on determining that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) the vacancy to be filled occurs in a job classification which is underrepresented by one or more protected groups, based on affirmative action goals;

(b) the first five eligibles do not contain the name of a member of a protected group which is underrepresented for the job classification; and

(c) the protected group eligibles to be certified have achieved a minimum passing score on the competitive examination, if one has been given.

When several vacancies are to be filled from the same certification, the personnel director shall certify one additional member of each of not more than three underrepresented protected groups.

## Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

This act takes effect the day after the Ramsey county board complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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Signed by the governor May 6, 1991, 3:26 p.m.

## CHAPTER 51—H.F.No. 983

*An act relating to Ramsey county; changing Ramsey county special laws to make them consistent with the county home rule charter; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 383A.06, subdivision 2; 383A.16, subdivision 4; 383A.20, subdivision 10; 383A.32, subdivision 1; and 383A.50, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 383A.04; 383A.06, subdivision 3; 383A.07, subdivisions 6, 15, and 20; 383A.16, subdivision 5; 383A.20, subdivisions 1, 6 to 9, and 11; 383A.23, subdivision 1; 383A.24; 383A.25; 383A.45; 383A.46; 383A.48; 383A.49; and 383A.50, subdivisions 1 and 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 383A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **BORROWING.** (a) **AUTHORITY.** Ramsey county is granted authority to borrow funds and pledge the credit of the county for repayment of the funds for the support of the poor; the governing body of Ramsey county may issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to pay therefor when authorized

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to do so as provided in this subdivision or the charter. ~~If the board of commissioners of Ramsey county decides to issue bonds for the relief of the poor, the board shall first submit the question of the issuance of the bonds to a referendum of the voters of the county at a special election called for that purpose, or at a general election. No bonds of this type may be issued unless a majority voting on the question at the election vote in favor thereof.~~

(b) **BONDS.** All bonds issued pursuant to this subdivision are to be sold in the manner prescribed by chapter 475, and mature serially, the first installment of which becoming due in not more than three years and the last of which becoming due and payable in not more than ten years from the date of issue. These bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate of not to exceed six percent, payable semiannually, and the governing body of Ramsey county shall provide for the payment thereof in the manner prescribed by chapter 475, and the governing body of Ramsey county shall negotiate and sell the bonds, from time to time, in the amounts that the board of county commissioners sees fit.

While any of these bonds are outstanding and unpaid, there shall be annually levied and collected a tax upon all real and personal property in Ramsey county, sufficient to pay the principal and interest of these bonds as they respectively become due and payable.

(c) **EMERGENCY BORROWING.** The provisions of this subdivision requiring the submission of the question of issuing bonds for the relief of the poor to a vote of the people does not supersede any law of the state, or charter provision, permitting, in cases of emergency, the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of funds for the relief of the poor without obtaining such a vote.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 383A.16, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. ~~(a)~~ In Ramsey county, the governing body of a city, village or town therein may authorize the county to construct and maintain any or all of its highways without advertising for bids.

~~(b) The construction that is referred to in paragraph (a) is only to be performed as part of a maintenance job, and, the cost of the construction shall not exceed \$2,500 for a project.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 383A.20, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE.** (a) **GENERALLY.** Ramsey county may provide for the payment of an automobile allowance to a county officer or employee, except a county commissioner, who officially uses a personal automobile in the performance of public duties. The authorization shall include any limitations as to amount and persons qualified for the automobile allowance, the formula to be used for the allowance, and other limitations or safeguards that the county considers to be expedient in the public interest. A county commissioner may receive actual and necessary expenses as provided in the charter.

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(b) **DEFINITION.** Automobile allowance is defined as the payment of compensation or reimbursement made by the county, through the use of a formula decided upon by the county, to an officer or employee for the use of a personal automobile in the performance of public duty.

(c) **LIMITATIONS.** Ramsey county shall have full authority and control, free from other limitations except as provided in this subdivision, to provide the method of payment, the formula for payment and the amount of the automobile allowance to be paid. This subdivision, insofar as the county of Ramsey is concerned, is paramount to any other statute of the state of Minnesota now existing.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 383A.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **JOINT CITY-COUNTY PURCHASING.** (a) **JOINT PROGRAM.** Notwithstanding a charter provision, city ordinance, or prior law to the contrary pertaining to buying by the city of Saint Paul or the county of Ramsey, and to promote competitive bidding, effect economies in volume buying, and provide better service, the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall establish a joint buying program.

(b) **SAINT PAUL PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO BE USED.** The county of Ramsey shall buy, or contract for, the supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services required by each department or agency of the county government through the facilities of the city of Saint Paul purchasing department and, for this service, shall pay to the city the cost incurred in providing the service. The cost is determined through an analysis and evaluation of all purchases processed through December 31, 1959, and thereafter through each succeeding year. The manner and method of computing this cost is the joint responsibility of the county and the city.

(c) **SAINT PAUL CITY CHARTER PROVISIONS RESERVED.** All of the charter provisions of the city of Saint Paul pertaining to the procedures, rules, and regulations in the field of buying goods, wares, and merchandise are in their entirety reserved in full.

(d) **STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE.** A permanent committee on standardization of purchases for the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey is established, to be composed, on an equal basis, of representatives of the city of Saint Paul, the county of Ramsey, and other governmental units permitted to buy through the city purchasing department. The city council shall choose the members of the committee on standardization for the city, and the board of county commissioners, for the county. The committee shall agree on single specifications for each item commonly used in each of the governmental units to combine their purchasing power.

(e) **CENTRAL STOCK ROOM.** As soon as practical after the establishment of the central purchasing program, the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall establish a central office supply stock room. The permanent committee

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on standardization of purchases shall provide for inventory control procedures and the method and manner of distribution of supplies and materials from the central stock room. Each of the governmental units participating in the central buying program shall contribute the amount that is jointly agreed upon into a revolving fund established for the operation of the central stock room, and shall pay, from time to time, into the revolving fund the money required to cover overhead, in addition to the cost of materials and supplies obtained therefrom. The city of Saint Paul and its purchasing department shall administer and account for the revolving fund.

(f) **WAREHOUSE.** The city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall provide adequate warehouse and storage space for each item that is practical to store and the buying of which, in quantities greater than current needs, will secure a distinct financial advantage to these governmental subdivisions.

(g) **COUNTY PURCHASING.** If the county elects to have its own purchasing officer as provided in the charter, this subdivision shall not apply to the county.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 383A.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE; GROSS MISDEMEANOR.** A county commissioner who knowingly authorizes or makes a payment or incurs an obligation in violation of the provisions of ~~sections 383A.45 to 383A.50~~ this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 383A.04; 383A.06, subdivision 3; 383A.07, subdivisions 6, 15, and 20; 383A.16, subdivision 5; 383A.20, subdivisions 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11; 383A.23, subdivision 1; 383A.24; 383A.25; 383A.45; 383A.46; 383A.48; 383A.49; and 383A.50, subdivisions 1 and 3, are repealed.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 6 shall not be effective until the Ramsey county board complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3. The effective date of sections 1 to 6 shall be the day after compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, or November 6, 1992, whichever is later.

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