

~~(5)~~ (6) pay of the highest grade full-time firefighter, St. Louis Park fire department relief association;

~~(6)~~ (7) maximum monthly pay of a patrol officer, St. Paul police relief association;

~~(7)~~ (8) prevailing base pay of rank held at retirement for benefit computation purposes and current salary for contribution purposes, South St. Paul police relief association; and

~~(8)~~ (9) prevailing pay for rank held for at least six months before retirement for benefit computation purposes and current salary for contribution purposes, Virginia police relief association.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective on the effective date of article 1, section 1.

Presented to the governor May 10, 1993

Signed by the governor May 11, 1993, 6:02 p.m.

CHAPTER 127—H.F.No. 648

An act relating to counties; permitting Itasca and Polk counties to consolidate the offices of auditor and treasurer.

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

Section 1. CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES.

Upon adoption of a resolution by the Itasca county board of commissioners, or the Polk county board of commissioners, the offices of auditor and treasurer in the county adopting the resolution shall be consolidated. The title of the consolidated office will be "auditor-treasurer." All the duties, functions, and responsibilities required by law to be performed by the county auditor and county treasurer shall be vested in and performed by the auditor-treasurer. The auditor-treasurer shall be elected like other county officers under Minnesota Statutes, section 382.01.

Sec. 2. SCHEDULE.

Persons elected at the November 1990 general election to the positions of auditor and treasurer shall serve in those capacities and perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities required by statute, until the completion of the term of office to which each was elected, or until a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs earlier. If a vacancy occurs, the other officer shall perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of both offices.

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Sec. 3. REFERENDUM.

The county board, after adopting a resolution permitted by section 1, shall publish the resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. The resolution may be implemented without the submission of the question to the voters of the county, unless within 30 days after the second publication of the resolution a petition requesting a referendum, signed by a number of voters of the county equal to at least ten percent of those who voted in the county in the last general election, is filed with the county auditor. If a petition is filed, the resolution may not be implemented until approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at a regular or special election.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act takes effect separately for each county the day after the filing of a certificate of local approval by the Itasca county board, or the Polk county board, in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Presented to the governor May 11, 1993

Signed by the governor May 13, 1993, 2:50 p.m.

CHAPTER 128—H.F.No. 43

An act relating to transportation; regulating the sign franchise program; allocating funding for town bridges replaced by culverts when replacement does not exceed \$20,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 160.80, subdivision 1; and 161.082, subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 160.80, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROGRAM.** (a) The commissioner of transportation may establish a sign franchise program for the purpose of providing on the right-of-way of interstate and controlled-access trunk highways specific information on gas, food, camping, and lodging, for the benefit of the motoring public.

(b) The sign franchise program must include urban interstate highways. The commissioner may implement policies that apply only to signs on interstate highways in urban areas, such as distance requirements from the interstate for eligible services, priority issues, and mixing of service logos.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 161.082, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

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