

not have full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm on duty.

(h) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(1) a unit of state or local government that is authorized by law to grant full powers of arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing the general criminal laws of the state; and

(2) subject to the limitations in section 626.93, a law enforcement agency of a federally recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e).

(i) "Professional peace officer education" means a post-secondary degree program, or a nondegree program for persons who already have a college degree, that is offered by a college or university in Minnesota, designed for persons seeking licensure as a peace officer, and approved by the board.

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CHAPTER 292—H.F.No. 3421

An act relating to utilities; regulating an electric cooperative's election to be regulated; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.026, subdivisions 1 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.026, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ELECTION.** A cooperative electric association may elect to become subject to rate regulation by the commission pursuant to sections 216B.03 to 216B.23. The election shall be approved by a majority of members or stockholders voting by mail ballot initiated by petition of not less than five percent of the members or stockholders of the association, as determined by membership figures submitted by the association to the rural electric administration for the month in which the petition was submitted. For a cooperative electric association that is the product of a merger or consolidation of three or more associations between December 30, 1996, and January 1, 2001, the number of members or stockholders necessary to initiate the petition shall be no less than one percent of the members or stockholders of the association.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.026, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **ELECTION PROCEDURE; EFFECT.** If the department determines that the petition meets the five percent requirement of subdivision 1, a balloting of members on the question of regulation of electric rates by the commission shall be supervised by the department. The ballot to be used for the election shall be approved

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by the board of directors of the association and the department. In the event of a dispute on balloting procedures, the dispute shall be resolved through informal proceedings before the commission after notice to all parties. The association shall mail ballots to the association's members who shall return the ballots to the department. The department shall keep the ballots sealed until a date agreed upon by the department and the board of directors. On this date, representatives of the department and the association shall count the ballots. If a majority of the association's members or spouses who vote, elect to become subject to rate regulation by the commission, the election shall be effective 30 days after certified copies of the resolutions approving the election are filed with the commission. These provisions also apply to associations that wish to be deregulated. Any cooperative that is regulated by the commission, pursuant to sections 216B.03 to 216B.23 may follow the procedures set forth above. Any association subject to regulation of rates by the commission shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 216B.48, 216B.49, 216B.50, and 216B.51.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.026, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. MEMBER DUE PROCESS. Section 216B.027, granting rights to stockholders, applies to the exercise of stockholders' rights regardless of whether a referendum has been held as required by section 216B.027, subdivision 7. Notwithstanding section 216B.027, subdivision 6, a cooperative shall pay the costs of including stockholders' positions on issues as provided under section 216B.027, subdivision 6. This subdivision applies only to elections that require no less than one percent of members to initiate pursuant to subdivision 1.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 293—H.F.No. 3053

An act relating to motor vehicles; allowing collector-type vehicles to display a blue light as part of brake light; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 169.64, subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 169.64, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **BLUE LIGHT.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (e) to (d), blue lights are prohibited on all vehicles except road maintenance equipment and snow

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