

The ~~board~~ director shall appoint an acting clerk for election purposes, at least three election judges who shall be residents of the new municipality, and shall designate polling places within the new municipality.

The acting clerk shall prepare the official election ballot. Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by any person eligible to hold municipal office not more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before the date designated by the board in the order for the election.

The election shall be conducted in conformity with the charter and the laws for conducting municipal elections insofar as applicable. Any person eligible to vote at a township or municipal election within the area of the new municipality, is eligible to vote at such election.

Any excess in the expense of conducting the election over receipts from filing fees shall be a charge against the new municipality; any excess of receipts shall be deposited in the treasury of the new municipality.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment and apply to annexations ordered on or after that date.

Presented to the governor March 13, 2002

Signed by the governor March 14, 2002, 3:07 p.m.

CHAPTER 236—H.F.No. 1620

An act relating to annexation; strengthening the effect of an orderly annexation agreement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 414.0325, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 414.0325, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **VALIDITY, EFFECT OF ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT.** An orderly annexation agreement is a binding contract upon all parties to the agreement and is enforceable in the district court in the county in which the unincorporated property in question is located. The provisions of an orderly annexation agreement are not preempted by any provision of this chapter unless the agreement specifically provides so. If an orderly annexation agreement provides the exclusive procedures by which the unincorporated property identified in the agreement may be annexed to the municipality, the municipality shall not annex that property by any other procedure.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to annexations ordered on or after that date.

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CHAPTER 237—H.F.No. 2987

An act relating to Cook county; authorizing the county to convey the Mineral Center cemetery to the Grand Portage Reservation.

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

Section 1. COOK COUNTY; CEMETERY CONVEYANCE.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 306.02 and 306.243, subdivision 5, upon an agreement between the Cook county board and the Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council, Cook county may convey the land and property of the Mineral Center cemetery to the Grand Portage Reservation.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; NO LOCAL APPROVAL.

(a) Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

(b) Section 1 does not require local approval because it enables a local government unit to exercise authority not granted by general law as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.023, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

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CHAPTER 238—H.F.No. 3202

An act relating to the city of Delano; increasing its public utilities commission from three to five members.

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

Section 1. DELANO UTILITIES COMMISSION INCREASED TO FIVE MEMBERS.

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 412.331 and 412.341, subdivision 1:

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