

**CHAPTER 241—H.F.No. 2637**

*An act relating to towns; providing for temporary officeholders; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 367.03, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 367.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO SERVE. In addition to the events specified in section 351.02, a vacancy in a town office may be declared by the town board when an officer is unable to serve in the office or attend board meetings for a 90-day period because of illness, or because of absence from or refusal to attend board meetings for a 90-day period. If any of the preceding conditions occurs, the town board may, after the board by resolution has declared a vacancy to exist, make an appointment to fill the vacancy at a regular or special meeting for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the ill or absent member is again able to resume duties and attend board meetings, whichever is earlier. If the vacancy is in the office of supervisor, the vacancy must be filled by an appointment committee made up of the remaining supervisors and the town clerk. If the original member is again able to resume duties and attend board meetings, the board shall by resolution so determine and remove the appointed officeholder and restore the original member to office.

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**CHAPTER 242—H.F.No. 3344**

*An act relating to courts; authorizing a combined jurisdiction program in the second and fourth judicial districts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 484.*

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

Section 1. **[484.78] COMBINED JURISDICTION PROGRAM.**

Notwithstanding sections 260.031, subdivision 4, and 484.70, subdivisions 6 and 7, the second and fourth judicial districts may assign related family, probate, and juvenile court matters, other than delinquency proceedings, to a single judge or referee.

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**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective July 1, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 243—H.F.No. 3296**

*An act relating to state employment; shifting social security administrative duties from the department of employee relations to the public employees retirement association; classifying data on employee's dependents as private; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 13.43, subdivision 4; 355.01, subdivision 5.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 13.43, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **OTHER DATA.** All other personnel data is private data on individuals but may be released pursuant to a court order. Data pertaining to an employee's dependents are private data on individuals.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 355.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The term "state agency" "director" means the commissioner of employee relations executive director of the public employees retirement association.

**Sec. 3. INSTRUCTION TO REVISOR.**

The revisor of statutes shall change the term "state agency" to "director" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355. The revisor of statutes shall change the term "commissioner of employee relations" to "executive director of the public employees retirement association" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355. The revisor of statutes shall change the term "department of employee relations" to "public employees retirement association" in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 355.

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**CHAPTER 244—S.F.No. 1495**

*An act relating to agriculture; providing for a biodiesel fuel mandate; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 239.*

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