

called by a majority of the board and the clerk shall give at least ten days' notice of them to each of the commissioners.

Presented to the governor May 6, 2005

Signed by the governor May 9, 2005, 10:55 p.m.

CHAPTER 43—S.F.No. 467

An act relating to Washington County; providing conditions for the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake; providing a property tax exemption for certain recreational property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 272.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 272.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 81. CERTAIN RECREATIONAL PROPERTY FOR DISABLED VETERANS. Real and personal property is exempt if it is located in a county in the metropolitan area with a population of less than 500,000 according to the 2000 federal census, and owned or leased and operated by a nonprofit organization, and primarily used to provide recreational opportunities for disabled veterans and their families.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxes levied in 2005, payable in 2006, and thereafter.

Sec. 2. WASHINGTON COUNTY; DISABLED VETERANS REST CAMP.

Subdivision 1. DEFINITION. For the purposes of this section, the "camp" means the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake.

Subd. 2. LIMITATION ON CONDEMNATION. Washington County may not, by eminent domain pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 117, or other law, acquire property included in the camp.

Subd. 3. ZONING CONTROLS. The camp is a legal conforming use for purposes of zoning controls. Improvements to the property shall be allowed under the terms of a planned unit development permit.

Subd. 4. REGIONAL RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE SYSTEM EXCLUSION. The camp is excluded from the regional recreational open space system, established under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Subd. 5. INGRESS AND EGRESS CONTROLS. Washington County may not take any action to encumber or restrict ingress or egress to the camp below levels permissible on January 1, 2005.

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Subd. 6. **CAMP REQUIREMENTS.** The camp must continue to develop and promote camp features and amenities for veterans who are disabled or have limited physical capabilities. The camp, by terms of separate agreements, must offer Washington County the right of first refusal to purchase the rest camp property if a sale is ever contemplated and provide an easement across the main Veterans Rest Camp Road in order to provide a connection of the north and south areas of the park. The camp shall modify its operating policies and procedures to include provisions for the regular rotation of the use of campsites, cabins, and parking spots for travel trailers, limiting the time that any one veteran can use the cabin and campsites, especially when there is a waiting list of veterans with service-connected disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section takes effect the day after the governing body of Washington County complies with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Subdivision 4 relates to the system maintained in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Presented to the governor May 6, 2005

Signed by the governor May 10, 2005, 11:45 a.m.

CHAPTER 44—S.F.No. 3

An act relating to employment; increasing the minimum wage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 177.24, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 177.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **AMOUNT.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the terms defined in this paragraph have the meanings given them.

(1) "Large employer" means an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than ~~\$500,000~~ \$625,000 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level that are separately stated) and covered by the Minnesota Fair Labor Standards Act, sections 177.21 to 177.35.

(2) "Small employer" means an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made or business done is less than ~~\$500,000~~ \$625,000 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level that are separately stated) and covered by the Minnesota Fair Labor Standards Act, sections 177.21 to 177.35.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in sections 177.21 to 177.35, every large employer must pay each employee wages at a rate of at least \$5.15 an hour beginning

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