

CHAPTER 186—S.F.No. 2309

An act relating to local government; lengthening probationary period for newly hired peace officers in certain statutory cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 44.01, by adding a subdivision; 44.10, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 44.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8a. **Peace officer.** "Peace officer" means an employee of a city with a merit system established under section 44.02 who is licensed by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, is charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state, and has the full power of arrest.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 44.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Employees in classified service.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and subdivision 2, every person holding a position in the classified service of a municipality on the effective date of the merit system ordinance and every person subsequently appointed to such a position shall serve a probationary period of six months.

(b) The probationary period for a peace officer is 12 months.

(c) During ~~this~~ the probationary period described in this subdivision, the person may be dismissed summarily without compliance with section 44.08, but the dismissal shall be in writing and reported to the board.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment and apply to all peace officers hired under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 44, on or after that date.

Presented to the governor March 8, 2010

Signed by the governor March 9, 2010, 11:17 a.m.