

## CHAPTER 482

## REVISOR OF STATUTES

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**482.01 CREATION.** There is hereby created the office of revisor of statutes. [1939 c 442 s 1] (251-11)

**482.02 APPOINTMENT, SALARY.** The supreme court shall appoint to the office of revisor of statutes a person qualified to perform the duties imposed upon the office at an annual salary which it shall fix unless otherwise provided for by law, and he shall be reimbursed for any necessary traveling expenses, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the supreme court.

[1939 c 442 s 2; 1947 c 617 s 7; 1949 c 739 s 16; 1959 c 579 s 1] (251-12)

**482.03 ASSISTANTS; OFFICE ROOMS, FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES.** Subdivision 1. Subject to the approval of the supreme court, the revisor of statutes shall employ, and may fix the compensation of, such legal, technical, research, clerical, and stenographic assistants as may be necessary to expeditiously and efficiently discharge the duties imposed upon the office and shall procure necessary office furniture and supplies. The commissioner of administration shall furnish the revisor of statutes with suitable and adequate office rooms easily accessible to members of the legislature.

Subd. 2. With the approval of the supreme court and when full-time personnel is not available to carry out his duties, the revisor of statutes may contract for legal, technical, research, clerical, or stenographic services. Any contractor under this subdivision shall be subject to the prohibitions and limitations applicable to the revisor of statutes except as otherwise provided in section 482.12.

[1939 c 442 s 3; 1947 c 617 s 8; 1959 c 579 s 2] (251-13)

**482.04, 482.05** [Repealed, 1943 c 545 s 5]

**482.07 PRINTING, PUBLICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF SESSION LAWS.** Subdivision 1. As soon as practicable after the adjournment of each session of the legislature the laws and joint resolutions passed thereat shall be published by the commissioner of administration with suitable headnotes and an alphabetical index confined to the subject matter of the volume. The revisor of statutes shall prepare and deliver to the commissioner of administration the printer's copy therefor. For each special law for which the certificate of local approval required by section 645.021 has been filed with the secretary of state before the printer's copy is prepared, the published volume shall give the date of filing. Commencing in 1961, the published volume containing the special laws shall include a table giving the approval date for all special laws adopted during the biennium ending on the previous December 31.

Subd. 2. When a bill is passed by the legislature the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house of representatives shall furnish the revisor of statutes with two copies of the enrolled bill, any expense connected therewith to be paid from the appropriations made for the expense of sessions of the legislature.

Subd. 3. Each volume of session laws shall contain a table showing the sections of the Minnesota Statutes and the session laws affected by the acts passed at that session of the legislature. When any law amends a statute contained in a compilation of the general statutes but fails to refer to the section of the Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall note at the head of the law, as printed, the number of the section of the Minnesota Statutes in which the amended law is contained.

Subd. 4. The commissioner of administration shall determine the number of copies of the session laws to be printed and the terms of distribution and disposal thereof.

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Subd. 5. The University of Minnesota is hereby assigned 100 copies of each volume of session laws for the use of its law library.

Subd. 6. When the legislature authorizes the publication of the session laws in the newspapers and makes an appropriation therefor, the commissioner of administration shall apportion the money appropriated equitably among the newspapers making the publication in such manner and within such time as he shall direct or approve.

[1945 c 65 s 2; 1947 c 617 s 9; 1959 c 368 s 3]

**482.08** [Obsolete, 1957 c 466 s 1]

**482.09 DUTIES.** In addition to the duties now imposed upon him, the revisor of statutes, to the extent that personnel and availability of appropriations permit, shall:

(1) Maintain and conduct within his office a bill drafting department and, upon request, draft or aid in drafting bills, resolutions, and memorials, and amendments thereto, for any member of the legislature, the governor, or any department or agency of the state. Any drafts thereof may contain headnotes, if not prohibited by the rules of the legislature or either house thereof, and headnotes shall be subject to the provisions of section 648.36;

(2) Accumulate data regarding the practical operation and effect of statutes of this and other states;

(3) Maintain a card index of bills and resolutions introduced at sessions of the legislature;

(4) Prepare, and have available for use, indexes of all the laws of this state;

(5) Keep and file copies of all bills, resolutions, memorials, amendments, committee reports, journals, and documents prepared by him;

(6) Upon request of any committee or commission created by the legislature or appointed by the governor to make a study of or to revise the laws pertaining to any subject, prepare and advise in the preparation of any bill;

(7) Prepare and issue styles and forms for drafting bills and other legislative measures for the use of members of the legislature, state officers, and persons interested in the drafting of bills for introduction; and

(8) Render such other services as the legislature, or either branch thereof, may request;

(9) Report to each regular biennial session of the legislature concerning any statutory changes recommended or discussed or statutory deficiencies noted in any opinion of the supreme court of Minnesota filed during the two-year period immediately preceding September 30 of the year preceding the year in which the session is held, together with such comment as may be necessary to outline clearly the legislative problem reported.

[1947 c 617 s 1; 1957 c 65 s 1; 1959 c 579 s 3]

**482.10 EMPLOYMENT OF BILL DRAFTERS.** The revisor of statutes may employ such draftsmen and other necessary help as he deems necessary to perform the duties imposed upon him by Laws 1947, Chapter 617, the cost thereof to be paid as authorized by the commissioner of administration.

[1947 c 617 s 2]

**482.11 REQUEST FOR BILL DRAFTING SERVICE.** A request for the drafting of a bill, resolution, or memorial, or an amendment thereto, shall contain a general statement respecting the policy thereof and the purpose designed to be accomplished, and shall be signed by the person who submits it. Each bill, resolution, or memorial, or amendment thereto, shall be drafted so as to conform to the instructions so given.

[1947 c 617 s 3]

**482.12 PROHIBITIONS; LIMITATIONS.** Subdivision 1. Neither the revisor of statutes nor any employee of his office shall reveal to any person not an employee of the office the contents or nature of any request or statement for the drafting of a bill, resolution, memorial, or amendment thereto, except with the consent of the person making the request or statement.

Subd. 2. Neither the revisor of statutes nor any employee of his office shall urge or oppose any legislation.

Subd. 3. Neither the revisor of statutes nor any employee of his office shall give any member of the legislature advice concerning the legal, economic, or social effect of any bill or proposed bill, except upon the request of the member.

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Subd. 4. Neither the revisor of statutes nor any employee of his office shall engage in the general practice of law. This subdivision shall not be applicable to an attorney at law assisting the revisor of statutes as either a part-time employee or as an independent contractor. Such a person, however, with reference to any work submitted to him by the revisor of statutes shall be subject to the prohibitions and limitations applicable to the employees of the revisor of statutes as contained in subdivisions 1, 2, and 3.

[1947 c 617 s 4; 1959 c 579 s 4]

**482.13 BUSINESS HOURS.** The office of the revisor of statutes shall be kept open during the time provided by law for other state offices; and when the legislature is in session the office shall be kept open at such hours as are most convenient to the members of the legislature.

[1947 c 617 s 5]

**482.14 LIBRARY FACILITIES.** Subject to their rules, the facilities of all libraries maintained by the state shall be available for the use of the revisor of statutes.

[1947 c 617 s 6]

**482.15 INDEX OF SESSION LAWS.** As soon as practicable after the adjournment of each session of the legislature, the revisor of statutes shall prepare an index of the session laws for publication in the newspapers and deliver to the commissioner of administration printer's copy therefor.

[1949 c 305 s 1]

**482.16-482.17 [Unnecessary]**

NOTE: Instructions to the revisor of statutes concerning the compilation of specific parts of Minnesota Statutes appear in the following: Laws 1953, Chapters 593 and 603; Laws 1955, Chapter 261; Laws 1957, Chapters 196, 287, 576; Laws 1959, Chapters 263, 267, 305, 381, 576, 650; Laws 1961, Chapters 113, 137, 369, 68, 183, 246, 247, 250, 253, 254, 255, 256, 368, 431, 451, 498, 619, 635, 659, 682, 684, 708, 709; Extra Session Laws 1961, Chapters 57, 69.