

CHAPTER 482

REVISOR OF STATUTES

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482.01 CREATION.

✓ There is hereby created the office of revisor of statutes.

History: 1939 c 442 s 1 (251-11)

482.02 [Repealed, 1973 c 598 s 5]

482.021 APPOINTMENT, SALARY.

✓ The legislative coordinating commission 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. The revisor of statutes shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and shall be reimbursed for any necessary traveling expenses.

History: 1975 c 252 s 6; 1975 c 271 s 6

482.03 [Repealed, 1973 c 598 s 5]

482.031 ASSISTANTS; FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES.

✓ Subdivision 1. Subject to the approval of the legislative coordinating commission, the revisor of statutes shall employ and may fix the compensation of legal, technical, research, clerical, and stenographic assistants as necessary to expeditiously and efficiently discharge the duties imposed upon the office and shall procure necessary office furniture and supplies.

Subd. 2. With the approval of the legislative coordinating commission and when full-time personnel are 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.

History: 1975 c 252 s 7; 1975 c 271 s 6

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 revisor of statutes with suitable headnotes and an alphabetical index confined to the subject matter of the volume. The revisor of statutes shall prepare the appropriate 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 revisor of statutes shall determine the number of copies of the session laws to be printed and the terms of distribution and disposal thereof. The documents section of the department of administration shall make the distribution and disposition of the session laws as requested by the revisor of statutes.

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. MS 1967 [Repealed, 1969 c 957 s 10]

Subd. 6. If the legislature meets in regular session in more than one year of a biennium, the revisor of statutes may publish separately the laws and joint resolutions for each year of the biennium. The publication authorized by this subdivision shall be identified by the year of the session and shall otherwise comply with the provisions of this section.

Subd. 7. The provisions of sections 648.31 and 648.41 relating to contracts for printing Minnesota Statutes also apply to the publications authorized by this section.

Subd. 8. During such time as session laws and resolutions are not available in printed and bound form pursuant to subdivision 1, the revisor of statutes shall upon request furnish one copy of any law or resolution without cost to any member of the legislature, such legislative staff members as may be designated by the legislative coordinating commission, a constitutional officer or justice of the supreme court.

History: 1945 c 65 s 2; 1947 c 617 s 9; 1959 c 368 s 3; 1969 c 957 s 1,2; 1973 c 633 s 1,2; 1975 c 81 s 7; 1975 c 271 s 6

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 an index of bills and resolutions drafted for the legislature;

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

(5) Keep and file copies of bills, resolutions, memorials, amendments, committee reports, journals, and documents prepared by him as shall be necessary for the operation of the revisor's office;

(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 a bill drafting manual containing 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;

(8) Assist in all of the functions relating to the enrollment and engrossment of bills and related documents; senate bills and related documents to be under the supervision of the secretary of the senate and house bills and related documents to be under the supervision of the chief clerk of the house of representatives;

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

(10) Report to the legislature by November 15 of each even numbered year 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.

History: 1947 c 617 s 1; 1957 c 65 s 1; 1959 c 579 s 3; 1974 c 406 s 73; 1977 c 292 s 1; 1979 c 56 s 1

482.10 [Repealed, 1973 c 598 s 5]

482.101 EMPLOYMENT OF BILL DRAFTSMEN.

With the approval of the legislative coordinating commission, the revisor of statutes may employ draftsmen and other necessary help as he deems necessary to perform the duties imposed upon him, the cost thereof to be paid as authorized by the legislative coordinating commission.

History: 1975 c 252 s 8; 1975 c 271 s 6

482.11 REQUEST FOR BILL DRAFTING SERVICE.

A request for the drafting of a bill, resolution, or memorial, or an amendment thereto, may be submitted by any of those persons indicated in section 482.09, clause (1) and shall contain a general statement respecting the policy thereof and the purpose designed to be accomplished. Each bill, resolution, or memorial, or amendment thereto, shall be drafted so as to conform to the instructions so given.

History: 1947 c 617 s 3; 1979 c 56 s 2

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. The contents of the request or statement is not public and is not subject to subpoena, search warrant, deposition, writ of mandamus, interrogatory, or other disclosure.

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.

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.

History: 1947 c 617 s 4; 1959 c 579 s 4; 1977 c 292 s 2

482.13 [Repealed, 1973 c 598 s 5]

482.131 BUSINESS HOURS.

The office of the revisor of statutes shall be kept open during the time provided by law for other state offices. When the legislature is in session the office shall be kept open at the hours most convenient to the members of the legislature.

History: 1975 c 252 s 9

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.

History: 1947 c 617 s 6

482.15 [Repealed, 1969 c 957 s 10]

482.16 [Unnecessary]

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; Laws 1963, Chapters 49, 223, 224, 225, 233, 235, 266, 292, 294, 295, 297, 298, 339, 340, 341, 344, 345, 496, 499, 503, 507, 508, 513, 528, 557, 616, 702, 743, 751, 779, 873, 884; Laws 1965, Chapters 207, 285, 333, 698, 776, 863, 876, 888, 901; Laws 1967, Chapters 6, 16, 19, 148, 299, 302, 334, 398, 421, 568, 574, 615, 787, 905; Extra Session Laws 1967, Chapters 1, 12, 48; Laws 1969, Chapters 9, 11, 276, 399, 524, 567, 637, 708, 957, 1104, 1129, 1139, 1154; Laws 1971, Chapters 25, 65, 81, 492, 769, 858; Laws 1973, Chapters 34, 123, 249, 254, 349, 492, 507, 542, 577, 582, 592, 654, 708, 711, 720, 773; Laws 1974, Chapters 123, 151, 265, 287, 386, 408, 422, 428, 435; Laws 1975, Chapters 103, 162, 203, 214, 271, 321, 339, 349, 359; Laws 1976, Chapters 2, 5, 62, 134, 149, 166, 181, 222, 324; Laws 1977, Chapters 67, 80, 305, 307, 376, 411, 429, 430, 452; Laws 1978, Chapters 472, 597, 660, 674, 709, 714, 723, 772; Laws 1979, Chapters 102, 144, 259, 301, 334; Extra Session Laws 1979, Chapters 1, 3; Laws 1980, Chapters 442, 516, 533, 607, 609, 614, 615, 617; Laws 1981, Chapters 29, 37, 60, 168, 178, 208, 209, 210, 224, 253, 298, 311, 356, 357, 358, 360, 365; Laws 1981, First Special Session Chapter 1; Laws 1982, Chapters 424, 501, 523, 545, 581, 617

482.18 [Repealed, 1980 c 617 s 45]