

CHAPTER 383A

RAMSEY COUNTY

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383A.288 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. Eligibility for competitive open examinations. (a) Competitive open examinations shall, upon public notice, be open to all applicants who meet reasonable job related requirements fixed by the personnel department.

(b) Employees in the classified service with permanent tenure who pass an open competitive examination shall have added to their final examination score one point for each year of permanent tenure up to a maximum of ten points. This credit shall not be used for examinations for supervisory positions. During the term of any joint powers agreement between the city of Saint Paul and Ramsey county joining the city of Saint Paul public health department and the Ramsey county public health department into the Saint Paul–Ramsey county department of public health under the direction of Ramsey county, classified employees of the city of Saint Paul public health department, who pass an open competitive examination will have added to their final examination score one point for each year of permanent tenure in the classified service of the city of Saint Paul, up to a maximum of ten points, in open competitive examinations to fill vacancies in county positions only in the combined Saint Paul–Ramsey county department of public health.

Subd. 4. Eligibility for competitive promotional examinations. Competitive promotional examinations shall be open only to permanent and probationary employees of the classified service. The personnel department may limit competition to employees of one or more departments, or to employees meeting specified employment requirements. During the term of any joint powers agreement between the city of Saint Paul and Ramsey county joining the city of Saint Paul public health department and the Ramsey county public health department into the Saint Paul–Ramsey county department of public health under the direction of Ramsey county, classified employees of the city of Saint Paul public health department and classified employees of Ramsey county public health department must be considered as employees of the classified service of a single Ramsey county department for the purpose of this subdivision.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 63 s 1,2

383A.291 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 1a. Under county rules. Upon request of the appointing authority, the personnel director shall certify eligibles in accordance with rules adopted under section 383A.284, subdivision 1.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 40 s 1

NOTE: Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4, are repealed by Laws 1997, chapter 40, section 2, and is effective the day after the chief clerical officer of Ramsey county complies with section 645.021, subdivision 3. Laws 1997, chapter 40, section 3.

383A.43 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 6. **Minutes; reports.** The committee shall keep minutes of its meetings which are open to the public. At least 30 days before each biennial legislative session, the committee shall make a written report summarizing its activities, investigations, surveys and findings of facts to the public.

[For text of subs 7 to 9, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 7 art 2 s 53

383A.75 JOINT PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The committee is authorized to and shall meet from time to time to make appropriate recommendations for the efficient and effective use of property tax dollars raised by the jurisdictions for programs, buildings, and operations. In addition, the committee shall:

(1) identify trends and factors likely to be driving budget outcomes over the next five years with recommendations for how the jurisdictions should manage those trends and factors to increase efficiency and effectiveness;

(2) agree, by October 1 of each year, on the appropriate level of overall property tax levy for the three jurisdictions and publicly report such to the governing bodies of each jurisdiction for ratification or modification by resolution;

(3) plan for the joint truth-in-taxation hearings under section 275.065, subdivision 8; and

(4) identify, by December 31 of each year, areas of the budget to be targeted in the coming year for joint review to improve services or achieve efficiencies.

In carrying out its duties, the committee shall consult with public employees of each jurisdiction and with other stakeholders of the city, county, and school district, as appropriate.

[For text of subs 4 and 5, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 231 art 4 s 11

383A.80 RAMSEY COUNTY DEED AND MORTGAGE TAX.

Subdivision 1. **Authority to impose; rate.** (a) The governing body of Ramsey county may impose a mortgage registry and deed tax.

(b) The rate of the mortgage registry tax equals one cent for each \$100 or fraction of the principal.

(c) The rate of the deed tax equals five cents for each \$500 or fraction of the amount.

Subd. 2. **General law provisions apply.** The taxes under this section apply to the same base and must be imposed, collected, administered, and enforced in the same manner as provided under chapter 287 for the state mortgage registry and deed taxes. All the provisions of chapter 287 apply to these taxes, except the rate is as specified in subdivision 1, the term "Ramsey county" must be substituted for "the state," and the revenue must be deposited as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Deposit of revenues.** All revenues from the tax are for the use of the Ramsey county board of commissioners and must be deposited in the county's environmental response fund under section 383A.81.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The authority to impose the tax under this section expires January 1, 2003.

History: 1997 c 231 art 16 s 13; 1997 c 251 s 10

383A.81 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE FUND.

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** An environmental response fund is created for the purposes specified in this section. The taxes imposed by section 383A.80 must be deposited in the

fund. The board of county commissioners shall administer the fund either as a county board, a housing and redevelopment authority, or a regional rail authority.

Subd. 2. Uses of fund. The fund created in subdivision 1 must be used for the following purposes:

(1) acquisition through purchase or condemnation of lands or property which are polluted or contaminated with hazardous substances;

(2) paying the costs associated with indemnifying or holding harmless the entity taking title to lands or property from any liability arising out of the ownership, remediation, or use of the land or property;

(3) paying for the costs of remediating the acquired land or property;

(4) paying the costs associated with remediating lands or property which are polluted or contaminated with hazardous substances; or

(5) paying for the costs associated with improving the property for economic development, recreational, housing, transportation or rail traffic.

Subd. 3. Matching funds. In expending funds under this section, the county shall seek matching funds from contamination clean up funds administered by the commissioner of the department of trade and economic development, the metropolitan council, the federal government, the private sector, and any other source.

Subd. 4. Bonds. The county may pledge the proceeds from the taxes imposed by section 383A.80 to bonds issued under this chapter and chapters 398A, 462, 469, and 475.

Subd. 5. Priorities. The first priority for the use of the environmental response fund created in this section is to clean up the site located in the city of St. Paul known as the Dale Street Shops and Maxson Steel site or other sites at or near rail lines that are blighted and the clean up of which will lead to living wage jobs, and to improve the land for economic development.

Subd. 6. Land sales. Land or property acquired under this section may be resold at fair market value. Proceeds from the sale of the land must be deposited in the environmental response fund.

Subd. 7. DOT assistance. The commissioner of transportation shall collaborate with the county and any affected municipality by providing technical assistance and support in cleaning up a contaminated site related to a trunk highway or railroad improvement.

History: 1997 c 231 art 16 s 14; 1997 c 251 s 11,12