

## Government Miscellany

## CHAPTER 10

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**10.01 SPACE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES; ADDITIONAL DUTIES.**

The governor, secretary of state, auditor, and attorney general shall keep their offices in rooms provided for them, respectively, in the area known as the Capitol, or as the Capitol complex, or as the Capitol area; and, in addition to the duties heretofore prescribed, shall severally render such other services and be subject to such further obligations as are required of or imposed upon them by law.

**History:** (117) *RL s 63; 1967 c 624 s 1; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50*

**10.02** [Repealed, 1984 c 628 art 2 s 4]

**10.03** [Repealed, 1984 c 628 art 2 s 4]

**10.04** [Repealed, 1961 c 561 s 17]

**10.05** [Repealed, 1996 c 310 s 1]

**10.06** [Repealed, 1961 c 561 s 17]

**10.07** [Repealed, 1961 c 561 s 17]

**10.08** [Repealed, 1961 c 561 s 17]

**10.09 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR, TERMS.**

Except as otherwise provided, the terms of all officers appointed by the governor shall begin upon the date when such officers qualify and assume their official duties, shall continue for the prescribed period thereafter, and until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

**History:** (53-48) *1925 c 426 art 20 s 1; 1969 c 9 s 4; 1973 c 35 s 2*

**10.10** [Repealed, 1961 c 561 s 17]

**10.11** Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 3 s 65]

Subd. 2. [Renumbered 8.30]

**10.12** [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 3 s 65]

**10.13** [Repealed, 1984 c 654 art 2 s 155]

**10.14** [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 3 s 65]

**10.15** [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 3 s 65]

**10.16** [Repealed, 1976 c 231 s 34]

10.17 [Renumbered 16A.138]

10.18 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.19 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.20 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.21 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.22 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.23 [Repealed, 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376]

10.24 [Renumbered 7.24]

10.25 [Renumbered 7.25]

10.26 [Renumbered 7.26]

10.27 [Renumbered 7.27]

10.275 [Renumbered 16A.673]

10.28 [Expired]

10.29 [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

### 10.30 EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION REVOLVING FUND REIMBURSEMENT.

In all cases where any state department owes the employees compensation revolving fund, created by sections 176.591 to 176.611, for claims paid its employees, and no direct appropriation is made therefor, such department shall reimburse the revolving fund from the money appropriated for operation of the department.

**History:** (125-13) 1935 c 391 s 39; 1937 c 457 s 38; 1977 c 455 s 69; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 1

10.31 [Renumbered 16A.139]

10.32 [Renumbered 15.0596]

10.33 [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

10.34 [Repealed, 1969 c 9 s 94; 1969 c 399 s 51]

10.35 [Repealed, 1969 c 9 s 94]

10.36 [Repealed, 1969 c 9 s 94]

### 10.37 HOLDING TWO APPOINTIVE OFFICES.

Any appointive state office which the law provides shall be filled by the governor may be held by a person already holding a state office and such person may hold both such offices and perform the functions and duties thereof; but such person shall receive only the salary by law provided for the office first held.

**History:** (128-1) 1925 c 353 s 1; 1986 c 444

10.38 [Repealed, 1996 c 310 s 1]

10.39 [Renumbered 16A.133]

10.41 [Repealed, 1973 c 680 s 2]

### 10.43 TELEPHONE USE; APPROVAL.

Each representative, senator, constitutional officer, judge, and head of a state department or agency shall sign the person's monthly long-distance telephone bills paid by the state as evidence of the person's approval of each bill.

**History:** 1993 c 370 s 4

**10.44 HOUSE, SENATE, COURT, ELECTED OFFICE BUDGETS; HOW TREATED.**

The budgets of the house of representatives, senate, constitutional officers, district courts, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court must be submitted to and considered by the appropriate committees of the legislature in the same manner as the budgets of executive agencies.

*History: 1993 c 370 s 5*

**10.45 BUDGETS; INFORMATION.**

The budgets of the house of representatives, the senate, each constitutional officer, the district courts, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court shall be public information and shall be divided into expense categories. The categories shall include, among others, travel and telephone expenses.

*History: 1993 c 370 s 6*

**10.46 TELEPHONE RECORDS PUBLIC.**

Long-distance telephone bills paid for by the state or a political subdivision, including those of representatives, senators, judges, constitutional officers, heads of departments and agencies, local officials, and employees thereof, are public data.

*History: 1993 c 370 s 7*

**10.47 TELEPHONE SERVICE; OVERSIGHT.**

Each member, officer, or employee in the legislative, judicial, and executive branches shall report any evidence of misuse of long-distance telephone service to the chief officer of the legislative body, judicial branch, executive office, or executive agency, and to the legislative auditor when appropriate. The legislative auditor shall investigate and report on evidence of misuse of long-distance telephone service of legislators, judges, constitutional officers, heads of executive departments and agencies, and state employees and, where appropriate, refer the evidence to other authorities.

*History: 1993 c 370 s 8*

**10.48 [Renumbered 3.098]****STATE OBSERVANCES****10.50 ETHNIC AMERICAN DAY.**

The first Sunday in June is designated Ethnic American Day, in recognition of the diverse population of Minnesota, from the Native Americans who were this land's first inhabitants to other peoples from all parts of the world who also have contributed their cultures, traditions, and values to their fellow citizens. The governor may take any action necessary to promote and encourage the observance of Ethnic American Day. The public schools may offer instruction and programs to foster and preserve ethnic cultures, traditions, and values.

*History: 1990 c 405 s 1*

**10.51 HUNTING HERITAGE WEEK.**

The week beginning the third Monday in September is an official week of observance to commemorate the state's valued heritage of hunting game animals. During this week, all residents of the state are urged to:

- (1) reflect on hunting as an expression of our culture and heritage;
- (2) acknowledge that it is our community of sportsmen, sportswomen, and hunters who have made the greatest contributions to the establishment of current game animal populations; and

(3) celebrate this culture and heritage in all lawful ways.

**History:** *1Sp1995 c 1 s 1*

### 10.55 JUNETEENTH.

June 19 is designated Juneteenth in recognition of the historical pronouncement of the abolition of slavery on June 19, 1865, when the Emancipation Proclamation was said to have been first publicly read in Texas. The governor may take any action necessary to promote and encourage the observance of Juneteenth and public schools may offer instruction and programs on the occasion.

**History:** *1996 c 390 s 10*

### 10.56 FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY.

February 3 is designated Four Chaplains Day in honor of the four United States Army chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington, who sacrificed their lives to save the lives of other service personnel while serving on the U.S.S. *Dorchester*, a United States Army troop transport that was sunk off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943. Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation of this observance.

**History:** *1998 c 272 s 1*

### 10.565 HIRE A VETERAN MONTH.

The month of May is designated "Hire a Veteran Month" in honor of the more than 48,000,000 citizen soldiers who as of January 1, 2005, have served in the United States Armed Forces, of whom over 1,500,000 have been wounded and over 1,000,000 more have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country. Whenever called upon to defend our national security at home or abroad, these men and women serving in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard have always responded immediately and effectively, placing the national interests above their own. Each year, the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance, urging Minnesota state and local government departments, agencies, and boards, as well as private employers, to give fair and appropriate consideration to hiring military veterans.

**History:** *2005 c 22 s 1*

### 10.57 MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE WEEK.

Beginning in 2000, the week of October 8 to 14 is designated as Mighty Eighth Air Force Week in honor of the Eighth Air Force, the largest military unit to serve in World War II, whose heroic actions during the week of October 8 to 14, 1943, served as a turning point for daytime strategic bombing, despite the loss of 26,000 persons killed in action, over 28,000 prisoners of war, uncounted persons missing in action, and over 100 heavy bombers. Each year thereafter, until 2099, the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance.

**History:** *2000 c 414 s 1*

### 10.58 COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS PURPLE HEART DAY.

Beginning in 2001, the day of August 7 is designated as Combat Wounded Veterans Day in honor of military veterans who were wounded by enemy action while bravely serving their country against enemy forces, and whose sacrifices have entitled them to the Purple Heart decoration. This decoration was created by General George Washington, commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary Army and a founder of our country, on August 7, 1782, and is the oldest military decoration in use in the world. Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance and shall send a written copy to the Minnesota department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

**History:** *2001 c 104 s 1*

**10.59 DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG WORLD FOOD PRIZE DAY.**

October 16 is designated as Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day, in honor of the heroic contributions to humanity of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, whose work in agriculture has resulted in saving millions of human lives by averting famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition. The governor may take any action necessary to promote and encourage the observance of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day and public schools may offer instruction and programs on the occasion.

**History:** 2004 c 148 s 1

**PUBLIC WEB SITES AND PUBLICATIONS****10.60 PUBLIC WEB SITES AND PUBLICATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

(1) "political subdivision" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city, town, school district, or other municipal corporation, and the Metropolitan Council and a metropolitan or regional agency;

(2) "publication" means a document printed with public money by an elected or appointed official of a state agency or political subdivision that is intended to be distributed publicly outside of the state agency or political subdivision;

(3) "state agency" means an entity in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government; and

(4) "Web site" means a site maintained on the World Wide Web that is available for unrestricted public access and that is maintained with public money by an elected or appointed official of a state agency or political subdivision.

Subd. 2. **Purpose of Web site and publications.** The purpose of a Web site and a publication must be to provide information about the duties and jurisdiction of a state agency or political subdivision or to facilitate access to public services and information related to the responsibilities or functions of the state agency or political subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Prohibitions.** (a) A Web site or publication must not include pictures or other materials that tend to attribute the Web site or publication to an individual or group of individuals instead of to a public office, state agency, or political subdivision. A publication must not include the words "with the compliments of" or contain letters of personal greeting that promote an elected or appointed official of a state agency or political subdivision.

(b) A Web site, other than a Web site maintained by a public library or the election-related Web site maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State or the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, may not contain a link to a Weblog or site maintained by a candidate, a political committee, a political party or party unit, a principal campaign committee, or a state committee. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given them in chapter 10A, except that "candidate" also includes a candidate for an elected office of a political subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Permitted material.** (a) Material specified in this subdivision may be included on a Web site or in a publication, but only if the material complies with subdivision 2. This subdivision is not a comprehensive list of material that may be contained on a Web site or in a publication, if the material complies with subdivision 2.

(b) A Web site or publication may include biographical information about an elected or appointed official, a single official photograph of the official, and photographs of the official performing functions related to the office. There is no limitation on photographs, Webcasts, archives of Webcasts, and audio or video files that facilitate access to information or services or inform the public about the duties and obligations of the office or that are intended to promote trade or tourism. A state Web site or publication may include photographs or information involving civic or charitable work done by the governor's spouse, provided that these activities relate to the functions of the governor's office.

(c) A Web site or publication may include press releases, proposals, policy positions, and other information directly related to the legal functions, duties, and jurisdiction of a public official or organization.

(d) The election-related Web site maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State shall provide links to:

(1) the campaign Web site of any candidate for legislative, constitutional, judicial, or federal office who requests or whose campaign committee requests such a link and provides in writing a valid URL address to the Office of the Secretary of State; and

(2) the Web site of any individual or group advocating for or against or providing neutral information with respect to any ballot question, where the individual or group requests such a link and provides in writing a valid Web site address and valid e-mail address to the Office of the Secretary of State.

These links must be provided on the election-related Web site maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State from the opening of filing for the office in question until the business day following the day on which the State Canvassing Board has declared the results of the state general election, or November 30 of the year in which the election has taken place, whichever date is earlier. The link must be activated on the election-related Web site maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State within two business days of receipt of the request from a qualified candidate or committee.

Subd. 5. **Other standards.** This section does not prohibit a state agency or political subdivision from adopting more restrictive standards for the content of a Web site or publication maintained by the agency or political subdivision.

Subd. 6. **Enforcement.** Violation of this section is not a crime and is not subject to civil penalty.

**History:** 2005 c 156 art 2 s 6; 2006 c 242 s 9,10