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CHAPTER 457—S.F.No. 3257

An act relating to state employment; modifying legislative employment provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 3.07; 3.09; 3.095; 352.01, subdivision 2a; and 352D.02, subdivisions 1 and 1c; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 3.096; and 43A.24, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 3.07, is amended to read:

3.07 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES.

Each house, after its organization, may appoint and at pleasure remove the employees provided for by its permanent rules or recommended by its committee on legislative expense rules. All officers and employees ~~shall be paid by the day and shall receive the compensation provided by the permanent rules of the electing or appointing body or recommended by its committee on legislative expense rules.~~ Unless otherwise expressly provided by law, no officer or employee shall receive any other compensation for services.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 3.09, is amended to read:

3.09 COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.

The compensation of officers and employees shall be at the rates per day fixed by the permanent rules of the electing or appointing body or recommended by its committee on legislative expense rules.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 3.095, is amended to read:

3.095 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES, LEAVES.

The legislative coordinating commission shall adopt plans for sick leave and annual leave for the permanent employees of the legislature and of legislative committees and commissions.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 3.096, is amended to read:

3.096 TRANSFER OF LEAVE.

An employee in the classified or unclassified service who accepts a position as a permanent ~~an~~ employee of the legislature shall have accrued vacation and sick leave transferred and placed to the employee's credit on the legislative records. ~~A permanent~~ An employee of the legislature who accepts a position in the classified or unclassified service shall have accrued vacation and sick leave transferred and placed to the

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employee's credit on the records of the new appointing authority. Vacation and sick leave are not transferred if the new position does not provide for the leave. The amount of vacation and sick leave that may be transferred is subject to any limitations imposed by the receiving agency's collective bargaining agreement or compensation plan.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 43A.24, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **OTHER ELIGIBLE PERSONS.** The following persons are eligible for state paid life insurance and hospital, medical, and dental benefits as determined in applicable collective bargaining agreements or by the commissioner or by plans pursuant to section 43A.18, subdivision 6, or by the board of regents for employees of the University of Minnesota not covered by collective bargaining agreements. Coverages made available, including optional coverages, are as contained in the plan established pursuant to section 43A.18, subdivision 2:

(a) a member of the state legislature, provided that changes in benefits resulting in increased costs to the state shall not be effective until expiration of the term of the members of the existing house of representatives. An eligible member of the state legislature may decline to be enrolled for state paid coverages by filing a written waiver with the commissioner. The waiver shall not prohibit the member from enrolling the member or dependents for optional coverages, without cost to the state, as provided for in section 43A.26. A member of the state legislature who returns from a leave of absence to a position previously occupied in the civil service shall be eligible to receive the life insurance and hospital, medical, and dental benefits to which the position is entitled;

(b) ~~a permanent~~ an employee of the legislature or a permanent an employee of a permanent study or interim committee or commission or a state employee on leave of absence to work for the legislature, during a regular or special legislative session, as determined by the legislative coordinating commission;

(c) a judge of the appellate courts or an officer or employee of these courts; a judge of the district court, a judge of county court, or a judge of county municipal court; a district court referee, judicial officer, court reporter, or law clerk; a district administrator; an employee of the office of the district administrator that is not in the second or fourth judicial district; a court administrator or employee of the court administrator in a judicial district under section 480.181, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and a guardian ad litem program employee;

(d) a salaried employee of the public employees retirement association;

(e) a full-time military or civilian officer or employee in the unclassified service of the department of military affairs whose salary is paid from state funds;

(f) a salaried employee of the Minnesota historical society, whether paid from state funds or otherwise, who is not a member of the governing board;

(g) an employee of the regents of the University of Minnesota;

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(h) notwithstanding section 43A.27, subdivision 3, an employee of the state of Minnesota or the regents of the University of Minnesota who is at least 60 and not yet 65 years of age on July 1, 1982, who is otherwise eligible for employee and dependent insurance and benefits pursuant to section 43A.18 or other law, who has at least 20 years of service and retires, earlier than required, within 60 days of March 23, 1982; or an employee who is at least 60 and not yet 65 years of age on July 1, 1982, who has at least 20 years of state service and retires, earlier than required, from employment at Rochester state hospital after July 1, 1981; or an employee who is at least 55 and not yet 65 years of age on July 1, 1982, and is covered by the Minnesota state retirement system correctional employee retirement plan or the state patrol retirement fund, who has at least 20 years of state service and retires, earlier than required, within 60 days of March 23, 1982. For purposes of this clause, a person retires when the person terminates active employment in state or University of Minnesota service and applies for a retirement annuity. Eligibility shall cease when the retired employee attains the age of 65, or when the employee chooses not to receive the annuity that the employee has applied for. The retired employee shall be eligible for coverages to which the employee was entitled at the time of retirement, subject to any changes in coverage through collective bargaining or plans established pursuant to section 43A.18, for employees in positions equivalent to that from which retired, provided that the retired employee shall not be eligible for state-paid life insurance. Coverages shall be coordinated with relevant health insurance benefits provided through the federally sponsored Medicare program;

(i) an employee of an agency of the state of Minnesota identified through the process provided in this paragraph who is eligible to retire prior to age 65. The commissioner and the exclusive representative of state employees shall enter into agreements under section 179A.22 to identify employees whose positions are in programs that are being permanently eliminated or reduced due to federal or state policies or practices. Failure to reach agreement identifying these employees is not subject to impasse procedures provided in chapter 179A. The commissioner must prepare a plan identifying eligible employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement in accordance with the process outlined in section 43A.18, subdivisions 2 and 3. For purposes of this paragraph, a person retires when the person terminates active employment in state service and applies for a retirement annuity. Eligibility ends as provided in the agreement or plan, but must cease at the end of the month in which the retired employee chooses not to receive an annuity, or the employee is eligible for employer-paid health insurance from a new employer. The retired employees shall be eligible for coverages to which they were entitled at the time of retirement, subject to any changes in coverage through collective bargaining or plans established under section 43A.18 for employees in positions equivalent to that from which they retired, provided that the retired employees shall not be eligible for state-paid life insurance;

(j) employees of the state board of public defense, with eligibility determined by the state board of public defense in consultation with the commissioner of employee relations; and

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(k) employees of the health data institute under section 62J.451, subdivision 12, as paid for by the health data institute.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 352.01, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **INCLUDED EMPLOYEES.** (a) "State employee" includes:

- (1) employees of the Minnesota historical society;
- (2) employees of the state horticultural society;
- (3) employees of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota, if employed before July 1, 1963;
- (4) employees of the Minnesota crop improvement association;
- (5) employees of the adjutant general who are paid from federal funds and who are not covered by any federal civilian employees retirement system;
- (6) employees of the state universities employed under the university activities program;
- (7) currently contributing employees covered by the system who are temporarily employed by the legislature during a legislative session or any currently contributing employee employed for any special service as defined in subdivision 2b, clause (8);
- (8) employees of the armory building commission;
- (9) permanent employees of the legislature appointed without a limit on the duration of their employment and persons employed or designated by the legislature or by a legislative committee or commission or other competent authority to conduct a special inquiry, investigation, examination, or installation;
- (10) trainees who are employed on a full-time established training program performing the duties of the classified position for which they will be eligible to receive immediate appointment at the completion of the training period;
- (11) employees of the Minnesota safety council;
- (12) any employees on authorized leave of absence from the transit operating division of the former metropolitan transit commission who are employed by the labor organization which is the exclusive bargaining agent representing employees of the transit operating division;
- (13) employees of the metropolitan council, metropolitan parks and open space commission, metropolitan sports facilities commission, metropolitan mosquito control commission, or metropolitan radio board unless excluded or covered by another public pension fund or plan under section 473.415, subdivision 3;
- (14) judges of the tax court;
- (15) personnel employed on June 30, 1992, by the University of Minnesota in the management, operation, or maintenance of its heating plant facilities, whose employment transfers to an employer assuming operation of the heating plant facilities, so

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long as the person is employed at the University of Minnesota heating plant by that employer or by its successor organization;

(16) seasonal help in the classified service employed by the department of revenue; and

(17) a person who renders teaching or other service for the Minnesota state colleges and universities system and who also renders service on a part-time basis for an employer with employees covered by the general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota state retirement system, for all service with the Minnesota state colleges and universities system, if the person's nonteaching service comprises at least 50 percent of the combined total salary received by the person as determined by the chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities system or if the person is certified for general state employees retirement plan coverage by the chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities system.

(b) Employees specified in paragraph (a), clause (15), are included employees under paragraph (a) if employer and employee contributions are made in a timely manner in the amounts required by section 352.04. Employee contributions must be deducted from salary. Employer contributions are the sole obligation of the employer assuming operation of the University of Minnesota heating plant facilities or any successor organizations to that employer.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 352D.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **COVERAGE.** (a) Employees enumerated in paragraph (c), clauses (2), (3), (4), and (6) to (15), if they are in the unclassified service of the state or metropolitan council and are eligible for coverage under the general state employees retirement plan under chapter 352, are participants in the unclassified program under this chapter unless the employee gives notice to the executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system within one year following the commencement of employment in the unclassified service that the employee desires coverage under the general state employees retirement plan. For the purposes of this chapter, an employee who does not file notice with the executive director is deemed to have exercised the option to participate in the unclassified plan.

(b) Persons referenced in paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (5), are participants in the unclassified program under this chapter unless the person is eligible to elect different coverage under section 3A.07 or 352C.011 and, after July 1, 1998, elects retirement coverage by the applicable alternative retirement plan.

(c) Enumerated employees and referenced persons are:

(1) the governor, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the state auditor, the state treasurer, and the attorney general;

(2) an employee in the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, attorney general;

(3) an employee of the state board of investment;

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(4) the head of a department, division, or agency created by statute in the unclassified service, an acting department head subsequently appointed to the position, or an employee enumerated in section 15A.0815 or 15A.083, subdivision 4;

(5) a member of the legislature;

(6) a ~~permanent~~, full-time unclassified employee of the legislature or a commission or agency of the legislature who is appointed without a limit on the duration of the employment or a temporary legislative employee having shares in the supplemental retirement fund as a result of former employment covered by this chapter, whether or not eligible for coverage under the Minnesota state retirement system;

(7) a person who is employed in a position established under section 43A.08, subdivision 1, clause (3), or in a position authorized under a statute creating or establishing a department or agency of the state, which is at the deputy or assistant head of department or agency or director level;

(8) the regional administrator, or executive director of the metropolitan council, general counsel, division directors, operations managers, and other positions as designated by the council, all of which may not exceed 27 positions at the council and the chair, provided that upon initial designation of all positions provided for in this clause, no further designations or redesignations may be made without approval of the board of directors of the Minnesota state retirement system;

(9) the executive director, associate executive director, and not to exceed nine positions of the higher education services office in the unclassified service, as designated by the higher education services office before January 1, 1992, or subsequently redesignated with the approval of the board of directors of the Minnesota state retirement system, unless the person has elected coverage by the individual retirement account plan under chapter 354B;

(10) the clerk of the appellate courts appointed under article VI, section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota;

(11) the chief executive officers of correctional facilities operated by the department of corrections and of hospitals and nursing homes operated by the department of human services;

(12) an employee whose principal employment is at the state ceremonial house;

(13) an employee of the Minnesota educational computing corporation;

(14) an employee of the world trade center board; and

(15) an employee of the state lottery board who is covered by the managerial plan established under section 43A.18, subdivision 3.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 352D.02, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

Subd. 1c. An employee covered by the regular plan who is subsequently employed as a ~~permanent~~, full-time unclassified employee of the legislature or any

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commission or agency of the legislature without a limit on the duration of the employment may elect to transfer accumulated employee and matching employer contributions, as provided in section 352D.03.

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CHAPTER 458—S.F.No. 3016

An act relating to family law; changing certain child support enforcement provisions; providing for notices; clarifying certain delegation of powers provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256.979, by adding a subdivision; 518.255; 518.64, subdivision 5; 518.68, subdivision 2; 524.5-505; 552.01, subdivision 3, and by adding a subdivision; 552.03; and 552.04, subdivisions 4, 6, 11, and 16; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 13B.06, subdivision 1; and 256.978, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 552; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 552.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 552.05, subdivisions 4, 5, and 10; Minnesota Rules, parts 9500.1800; 9500.1805; 9500.1810; 9500.1811; 9500.1812; 9500.1815; 9500.1817; 9500.1820; and 9500.1821.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 13B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(a) "Account" means a demand deposit account, checking or negotiable withdraw order account, savings account, time deposit account, or money market mutual fund.

(b) "Account information" means the type of account, the account number, whether the account is singly or jointly owned, and in the case of jointly owned accounts the name and address of the nonobligor account owner if available.

(c) "Financial institution" means any of the following that do business within the state:

(1) federal or state commercial banks and federal or state savings banks, including savings and loan associations and cooperative banks;

(2) federal and state chartered credit unions;

(3) benefit associations;

(4) life insurance companies;

(5) safe deposit companies; and

(6) money market mutual funds.

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