

supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of the existing law.

Sec. 3. [604.06] FIREMAN'S RULE.

The common law doctrine known as the fireman's rule shall not operate to deny any peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, clause (c), a recovery in any action at law or authorized by statute.

Approved March 22, 1982

CHAPTER 602 — H.F.No. 1234

An act relating to employees and officials of the state; clarifying certain hospital and medical benefits for retired or disabled state officials and employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 471.61, Subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 471.61, Subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **RETIRED OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES.** Any county, municipal corporation, town, school district, county extension committee, other political subdivision or other body corporate and politic of this state, ~~other than~~ including the state or any department thereof, through its governing body, and any two or more subdivisions acting jointly through their governing bodies, may insure or protect its or their retired officers and retired employees entitled to benefits under any public employees retirement act and their dependents, or any class or classes thereof, under a policy or policies, or contract or contracts of group insurance or benefits covering life, health, and accident, medical and surgical benefits, or hospitalization insurance or benefits, for retired officers and retired employees and their dependents, or any one or more of such forms of insurance or protection. Any such governmental unit, including county extension committees, may pay all or any part of the premiums or charges on such insurance or protection. Any one or more of such governmental units may determine that a person is a retired officer or a retired employee if such officer or employee, when employed, received a portion of his income from such governmental subdivisions without regard to the manner of his election or appointment. The appropriate officer of such governmental unit, or those disbursing county extension funds, shall collect from each such retired officer and retired employee who elects to become insured or so protected, on such officer's or employee's written order, all or part of the retired officer's or retired employee's share of such premiums or charges and remit the same to the insurer or company issuing such policy or contract.

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Any governmental unit which pays all or any part of such premiums or charges is authorized to levy and collect a tax, if necessary, in the next annual tax levy for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the payment of such premiums or charges, and except for school districts such sums so levied and appropriated shall not, in the event such sum exceeds the maximum sum allowed by any law or the charter of a municipal corporation, be considered part of the cost of government of such governmental unit as defined in any tax levy or per capita expenditure limitation; provided at least 50 percent of the cost of benefits on dependents shall be contributed by the retired officer or retired employee or be paid by levies within existing per capita tax limitations.

The word "dependents" as used herein shall mean spouse and minor unmarried children under the age of 18 years actually dependent upon the retired officer or retired employee.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act shall be effective the day after final enactment.

Passed over the governor's veto March 19, 1982

CHAPTER 603 — H.F.No. 1726

An act relating to education; removing the commissioner of education from the state university board and as secretary of the board; allowing teachers at a community college or state university to accrue seniority during a leave of absence; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Sections 136.12, Subdivision 1; 136.13; and 136.88, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 136.12, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. The educational management of the state universities is vested in a board of nine directors who, ~~with the commissioner of education,~~ shall constitute the state university board. ~~Such~~ The directors shall be appointed by the governor, subject to the advice and consent of the senate. One director shall be a student at a state university or have graduated from a state university within one year prior to his or her date of appointment. Other than the student or recent graduate director, at least one director shall be a resident of each congressional district and two directors shall be graduates of a state university in this state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 136.13, is amended to read:

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