

the affected employee. Nothing shall prevent the affected employee of the state from submitting a proper claim for reimbursement for relocation expenses after the effective date of Minnesota Statutes, 1973 Supplement, Section 43.327. Relocation payments so made shall be reviewed by the commissioner of finance after subsequent adoption of said rules by the commissioner of personnel to ensure proper payment under the claim.

Sec. 23. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 15A.20, Subdivisions 4 and 5; 43.01, Subdivisions 3 and 4; 43.22, Subdivision 8; and Laws 1973, Chapter 765, Section 23, are repealed.

Sec. 24. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 9, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 365—H.F.No.2773**  
[Coded]

*An act relating to mining; authorizing county assessors to engage in exploratory drilling in order to ascertain the existence of unmined iron ore; providing for condemnation proceedings in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 298, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 298, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[298.46] MINING; EXPLORATORY DRILLING FOR IRON ORE.**  
Subdivision 1. It is hereby declared to be in the public interest of this state as a whole, and in particular with respect to counties or other political subdivisions, to encourage the location of all deposits of iron ore hitherto unknown to such political subdivisions, that may be susceptible of economic exploitation.

Subd. 2. When in the opinion of the duly constituted authorities of a taxing district there are in existence reserves of unmined iron ore located in such district, these authorities may petition the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission for authority to petition the county assessor to verify the existence of such reserves and to ascertain the value thereof by drilling in a manner consistent with established engineering and geological exploration methods, in order that such taxing district may be able to forecast in a proper manner its future economic and fiscal potentials.

Subd. 3. If the fee owner of the land on which the unmined iron ore is believed to be located, or the owner of a mineral interest therein,

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refuses to permit the county assessor to ascertain the value of unmined iron ore believed to be located on such land, the county attorney, acting in the name of the county may institute proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 117, for the express purpose of being granted an easement which would permit the county assessor to verify whether or not such land does, in fact, contain reserves of unmined iron ore.

Subd. 4. When the county assessor has verified the existence of reserves of iron ore and has ascertained the value of such reserves, or in the alternative has failed to locate any reserves susceptible of being economically exploited, he shall notify the county attorney, and the county attorney shall then, by appropriate means, request the district court to discharge the easement secured for the purpose stated above.

Subd. 5. The cost of such exploration or drilling plus any damages to the property which may be assessed by the district court shall be paid by the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission from amounts appropriated to that commission under Minnesota Statutes, Section 298.22. The iron range resources and rehabilitation commission shall be reimbursed for one-half of the amounts thus expended. Such reimbursement shall be made by the taxing districts in the proportion that each such taxing district's levy on the property involved bears to the total levy on such property. Such reimbursement shall be made to the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 298.221.

Subd. 6. If any taxing district refuses to pay its share of the reimbursement as provided in subdivision 5, the county auditor is hereby authorized to reduce payments required to be made by the county to such taxing district under other provisions of law. Thereafter he shall draw his warrant, which shall be deposited with the state treasury in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 298.221, to the credit of the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission.

Subd. 7. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the boundary waters canoe area.

**Sec. 2. [298.47] NOTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE OF UNMINED IRON ORE.** In the event that the county assessor ascertains that there are in existence reserves of unmined iron ore previously unreported, he shall transmit all the relevant information to the commissioner of revenue as soon as expedient.

**Sec. 3.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

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