

removal or discharge shall be held before such civil service board or commission or merit system authority. Where no such civil service board or commission or merit system authority exists, such hearing shall be held by a board of three persons appointed as follows: one by the governmental subdivision, one by the veteran, and the third by the two so selected. In the event the two persons so selected do not appoint the third person within ten days after the appointment of the last of the two, then the judge of the district court of the county wherein the proceeding is pending, or if there be more than one judge in said county then any judge in chambers, shall have jurisdiction to appoint, and upon application of either or both of the two so selected shall appoint, the third person to the board and the person so appointed by the judge with the two first selected shall constitute the board. The veteran may appeal from the decision of the board upon the charges to the district court by causing written notice of appeal, stating the grounds thereof, to be served upon the governmental subdivision or officer making the charges within 15 days after notice of the decision and by filing the original notice of appeal with proof of service thereof in the office of the clerk of the district court within ten days after service thereof. Nothing in sections 197.45 and 197.46 shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary, teacher, superintendent of schools, or one chief deputy of any elected official or head of a department, or to any person holding a strictly confidential relation to the appointing officer. The burden of establishing such relationship shall be upon the appointing officer in all proceedings and actions relating thereto.

All officers, boards, commissions, and employees shall conform to, comply with, and aid in all proper ways in carrying into effect the provisions of sections 197.45 and 197.46. Any wilful violation of such sections by officers, officials, or employees is a misdemeanor.

Approved April 11, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 550—H.F.No.3436**  
[Coded]

*An act relating to public safety; authorizing the commissioner of public safety to promulgate a uniform fire code; adopting the uniform fire code, 1973 edition, promulgated by the international conference of building officials and the western fire chiefs association, until the commissioner promulgates a code.*

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

**Section 1. [299F.011] UNIFORM FIRE CODE; ADOPTION.** Subdivision 1. The commissioner of public safety through the division of fire marshal may promulgate a uniform fire code and make amendments thereto in accordance with the administrative procedure act,

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Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 15.

Subd. 2. (a) Unless otherwise specifically listed, wherever in the text of the uniform code reference is made to a national fire protection association pamphlet, the date of issue of that pamphlet shall be the one listed in the 1973 edition of the national fire codes, as promulgated by the national fire protection association.

(b) Wherever in the text of the uniform fire code reference is made to the electrical code, it shall be the national electrical code, 1971 edition.

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 15, as may be necessary to administer and enforce the code, specifically including but not limited to rules and regulations for inspection of buildings and other structures covered by the code and conforming the code to the governmental organization of Minnesota state agencies, political subdivisions and local governments.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall take effect the day following its enactment.

Approved April 12, 1974.

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**CHAPTER 551—H.F.No.3470**  
[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Special School District No. 1; partially restoring employees salary and retirement benefits withheld under law.*

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

**Section 1. SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1; EMPLOYEES SALARIES AND RETIREMENT.** Ninety percent of any reduction of salary or withholding of salary increases of any employee of Special School District No. 1, pursuant to former Minnesota Statutes, Sections 179.54 and 179.55, after April 1, 1970 through and including April 1, 1973 shall be repaid without interest to all employees of Special School District No. 1 or their representatives not later than January 1, 1975.

Specifically excluded from this requirement is payment to any striking employee for any days on which no services were performed.

Sec. 2. In order that no employee of Special School District No. 1 shall suffer any reduction of benefits from the Minneapolis Teachers' retirement fund association organized under sections 354.15 to 354.23, inclusive, of the Minnesota Statutes by reason of any reduction of sal-

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