

statements prepared in accordance with section 204A.46, shall constitute the official return of each precinct. Upon completion of the count the returns shall be open to the public. The automatic tabulating equipment shall be programmed to provide a complete recapitulation of all ballots processed and may be programmed to provide other information in addition to that otherwise required in the official return of each precinct as the officials charged with the conduct of elections may determine advisable in the interest of providing election statistics for use in evaluating the performance of the electronic voting system or other aspects of the election.

Sec. 3. This act is effective July 1, 1979.

Approved May 3, 1979.

CHAPTER 63—S.F.No.728

An act relating to crimes; controlling telephone communications with certain offenders; allowing police to prevent unauthorized communications; providing penalties.

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

Section 1. ~~609.774~~ **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS; KIDNAPPINGS.** Subdivision 1. **DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this section, "supervising peace officer" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 626, who has probable cause to believe that a person is being unlawfully confined, and who has lawful jurisdiction in the geographical area where the violation is believed to be occurring.

Subd. 2. **AUTHORITY.** A supervising peace officer may order a telephone company to cut, reroute, or divert telephone lines for the purpose of controlling communications.

Subd. 3. **DESIGNATION.** Each telephone company shall designate an employee to serve as a security official and to provide assistance as required by the supervising peace officer to carry out the purposes of this section.

Subd. 4. **UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED.** Whoever initiates telephone communications with a violator with knowledge of an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 and without prior police authorization, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **DEFENSE.** Good faith reliance by telephone employees on an order issued pursuant to subdivision 2 shall constitute a complete defense to any legal action brought for an interruption of telephone communications occurring by reason of this section.

Approved May 3, 1979.

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