

approve a delay in the time for the student to begin practice in Minnesota for a period of not to exceed seven years in the case of osteopaths and not to exceed four years in the case of optometrists. The delay may be approved to allow for additional education or clinical experience or for extenuating circumstances which in the judgment of the board constitute sufficient justification for delay.

Subd. 5. A student who fails to fulfill the obligation to practice in accordance with subdivision 4 or who for any reason except death or disability discontinues full time study under the agreement shall pay a penalty in an amount equal to the amount paid to the school by the higher education coordinating board for the space which the student occupied. The penalty shall be payable on demand in accordance with terms and conditions prescribed by the board.

Subd. 6. The higher education coordinating board is authorized to establish terms and conditions of contracts with schools of osteopathy and optometry including the amount of payment to be made to each school.

Sec. 2. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON REGIONAL SYSTEM OF OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION. The higher education coordinating board shall explore the feasibility of cooperating with neighboring states in the development of a regional system for the delivery of optometric education. The board shall report on the results of the feasibility study no later than January, 1979.

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION. The sum of \$217,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the biennium ending June 30, 1979. Of this amount, not to exceed \$30,000 shall be available for the biennium for administrative expenses of the board. Also of this amount, the sum of \$52,000 shall be available for payments under contract to schools of optometry and the sum of \$135,000 shall be available for payments under contract to schools of osteopathy for the year ending June 30, 1979.

Approved May 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 319—S.F.No.626

An act relating to taxation; providing for reduced assessment classification of certain resort property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 273.13, Subdivisions 4 and 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 273.13, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **TAXATION; RESORT PROPERTY; CLASS 3.** Tools, implements and machinery of an electric generating, transmission or distribution system or a pipeline system transporting or distributing water, gas, or petroleum products or mains and pipes

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used in the distribution of steam or hot or chilled water for heating or cooling buildings, which are fixtures, all agricultural land, except as provided by classes 1, 3b, 3e, all buildings and structures assessed as personal property and situated upon land of the state of Minnesota or the United States government which is rural in character and devoted or adaptable to rural but not necessarily agricultural use shall constitute class 3 and shall be valued and assessed at 33 1/3 percent of the market value thereof. Except as provided in subdivision 6, all real property devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes, and which is not devoted to commercial purposes for more than 200 days in the year preceding the year of assessment, shall be class 3 property and assessed accordingly. For this purpose, property is devoted to commercial use on a specific day if it is used, or offered for use, and a fee is charged for such use.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 273.13, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. CLASS 3b. (a) Agricultural land, except as provided by class 1 hereof, and which is used for the purposes of a homestead, and resort land, as defined in paragraph (b), shall constitute class 3b and shall be valued and assessed at 20 percent of the market value thereof. The property tax to be paid on class 3b property other than resort land as defined in paragraph (b) as otherwise determined by law not exceeding 120 acres less any reduction received pursuant to section 273.135, regardless of whether or not the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, for all purposes except the payment of principal and interest on non-school district bonded indebtedness, shall be reduced by 45 percent of the tax; provided that the amount of said reduction shall not exceed \$325. Valuation subject to relief shall be limited to 120 acres of land, most contiguous surrounding, or bordering the house occupied by the owner as his dwelling place, and, such other structures as may be included thereon utilized by the owner in an agricultural pursuit. If the market value is in excess of the homestead base value, the amount in excess of that sum shall be valued and assessed as provided for by class 3. The first \$12,000 market value of each tract of real estate which is rural in character and devoted or adaptable to rural but not necessarily agricultural use, used for the purpose of a homestead shall be exempt from taxation for state purposes; except as specifically provided otherwise by law.

Agricultural land as used herein, and in section 124.03, shall mean contiguous acreage of ten acres or more, primarily used during the preceding year for agricultural purposes. Agricultural use may include pasture, timber, waste, unusable wild land and land included in federal farm programs.

Real estate of less than ten acres used principally for raising poultry, livestock, fruit, vegetables or other agricultural products, shall be considered as agricultural land, if it is not used primarily for residential purposes.

(b) Commercial use real property which abuts a lakeshore line and is devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes but not devoted to commercial purposes for more than 200 days in the year preceding the year of assessment, which includes a portion used as a homestead by the owner, shall be included in class 3b, within the following limitations: the area of the property which shall be included in class 3b shall not exceed 100 feet of lakeshore footage for each cabin located

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on the property, up to a total of 800 feet, and 500 feet in depth measured away from the lakeshore. The remainder of the parcel shall be classified and assessed according to the provisions of subdivision 4.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective for assessment year 1977 and thereafter.

Approved May 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 320—S.F.No.690

[Not Coded]

An act appropriating money for educational television facilities in northern Minnesota.

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

Section 1. **EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION; APPROPRIATION; EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA.** There is appropriated to the state university board from the general fund the sum of \$440,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, for the purpose of providing a grant-in-aid to Northern Minnesota Public Television, Inc., of Bemidji, a private nonprofit corporation and a public station as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 139.17, Subdivision 2, to assist in constructing and equipping public educational television facilities at or near Bemidji state university. Facilities shall include adequate production studio equipment meeting standards set out in the guidelines of a publication entitled, "Public Broadcasting Services", and a 1,000 foot television tower, located approximately 12 miles northwest of Bemidji, with a transmitting system capable of transmitting educational television programs an approximate distance of 90 miles in all directions from the tower site. The funds appropriated shall be expended subject to the direction of the state university board and in accordance with the purposes of this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.28, or any other law, this appropriation shall not cancel but shall be available until expended. It is the intention of the legislature that this shall be a final and non-recurring appropriation.

Approved May 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 321—S.F.No.709

[Coded]

An act relating to the Hennepin county municipal court fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 488A.03, by adding a subdivision.

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

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