

Messrs. Allen and Parks introduced—

S. F. No. 46: A bill for an act relating to examiners and deputy examiners of title under laws providing for the registration of title to land, and their tenure of office; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 508.12.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

April 30, 1965.

The Honorable A. M. Keith

Sir:

I am returning herewith, S. F. No. 46, a bill relating to examiners and deputy examiners of title under laws providing for the registration of title to land, and their tenure of office; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 508.12.

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While the bill as it has come to my desk appears in the form of state-wide permissive legislation relating to the re-employment of a retired examiner of titles as a special consultant to the examiner of titles, it is apparent that the main thrust of this bill is to bypass a special law relating to compulsory retirement in a single county of the state. This bill, thus, would circumvent the local approval requirement of Article 11, Section 2 of the Minnesota Constitution.

Chapter 852 of Laws 1963 provides that all employees of Ramsey County shall retire when a maximum age has been reached. I have been informed that the provisions of this statute have been applied uniformly and that numerous employees have been involuntarily retired pursuant to this statute. Compulsory retirement is seldom met with equanimity by employees who must involuntarily retire. Only the uniform application of such statutes makes them palatable to senior employees. Passage of this act would cause a partial breakdown of the law and encourage a rash of special bills to provide other exceptions for other employees who are also reluctant to retire.

Because this bill would impair the provisions of Chapter 852, Laws 1963, and circumvent the local consent provisions of the constitution; because it would be inequitable to afford continued employment after ostensible retirement for one employee when such opportunities are denied to all other employees of Ramsey County and because it would encourage attempts to exempt other employees by special legislation; accordingly, I am withholding my approval from this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor

S. F. No. 46 together with the Governor's message was received and read.