

bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline shall be apportioned among the several counties of the state for county aid roads as provided in Sections 296.32 to 296.42 and the commissioner of highways shall forthwith send a statement of the apportionment to the state auditor and to the county auditor of each county showing the amount apportioned to each county during the year for county aid roads.

The commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor may, from time to time after the sum in such amount as they have determined has been set aside for special allotments, specially allot any portion thereof to any of the several counties of the state when in their judgment any one of the counties shall incur or is about to incur an extraordinary, unusual or particularly burdensome expense in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of county aid or state aid roads or state aid parkways. *Of the amount set aside for special allotments in any year not more than \$100,000 shall be allotted for state aid parkways.* Any sum specially allotted to any county shall be paid to the county at the time fixed by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor. Any unallotted balance of the sum set aside for special allotments in any year shall be carried forward and added to any sum set aside for special allotments the next succeeding year.

All sums of money heretofore specially allotted to any county by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor for the purpose of enabling the county to meet any extraordinary, unusual or particularly burdensome expense in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of county aid or state aid roads or state aid parkways and not heretofore paid are hereby ratified and confirmed and such sums of money so allotted to any county shall be paid to the county at the time and in the manner fixed by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor.

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CHAPTER 675—S. F. No. 1633

[Coded as Section 120.38]

*An act creating a commission on vocational education and higher education and appropriating moneys therefor.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

[120.38] Section 1. **Commission on vocational education.** Subdivision 1. A commission on education is hereby created for the purpose of studying vocational education and higher education and making a report of the findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of Education, who will then make a report to the legislature.

Subd. 2. The commission shall consist of sixteen members which will include two members appointed by the committee on committees in the Senate and two members by the Speaker of the House, and the remaining members shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Education and will include representatives of the various organizations in Minnesota that will give a fair representation for the study and guidance of the problem. All commission members shall serve without compensation, other than for mileage and expense.

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CHAPTER 676—S. F. No. 1638

*An act relating to tax levies by towns, villages and cities as a fire fund to be used in the prevention of the starting and spreading of forest or prairie fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 88.04.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 88.04, is amended to read :

**88.04. Fire-breaks; prevention of fires; fire funds.** The director shall cooperate with the state highway authorities and with the supervising officers of the various towns, cities, and villages in the construction of fire-breaks along section lines and public highways.

All cities and villages in the state situated in any forest area are hereby authorized to clear off all combustible material and debris and create at least two good and sufficient fire-breaks of not less than ten feet in width each, which shall com-