

the Legislature and it may create committees consisting of its own members, or one or more of its own members and one or more members of the Legislature and delegate by written resolution to such committees such of its powers and rights as it may deem advisable. Any members of the Legislature shall have the right to attend any meeting of the committee, and may present his views on any subject which the committee may at any particular time be considering. Any member shall have the right to attend and participate in the discussion but shall not have a vote, and upon request any member of the Legislature shall be notified of the dates and places of meetings.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 861—S. F. No. 610

An act relating to powers and duties of the attorney general and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 8.06.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 8.06, is amended to read:

8.06 **Attorney for state officers, boards, or commissions; employ counsel.** The attorney general shall act as the attorney for all state officers and all boards or commissions created by law in all matters pertaining to their official duties and, when requested by the attorney general, it shall be the duty of any county attorney of the state to appear within his county and act as attorney for any such board, commission, or officer in any court of such county; and when, in his judgment, the public welfare will be promoted thereby the attorney general may, upon request in writing, employ a special attorney for any such board, commission, or officer and fix his compensation, and when such special attorney is so employed his fees or salary shall be paid from the appropriation made for such board, commission, or officer. Except as herein provided, no board, commission, or officer shall hereafter employ any attorney at the expense of the state.

Whenever the attorney general, the governor, and the chief justice of the supreme court shall certify, in writing, filed in the office of the secretary of state, that it is necessary, in the proper conduct of the legal business of the state, *either civil or criminal*, that the state employ additional counsel, the attorney general shall thereupon be authorized to employ such coun-

sel and, with the governor and the chief justice, fix *his* compensation. Except as herein stated, no additional counsel shall be employed and the legal business of the state shall be performed exclusively by the attorney general and his assistants.

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CHAPTER 862—S. F. No. 622

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An act relating to the establishment of associated school districts, acquiring and authorizing facilities therefor and financing thereof; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 122.01, Subdivision 10; and repealing Section 122.015.

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

Section 1. [122.71] **Establishment of associated school districts.** Subdivision 1. Two or more school districts or portions thereof, contiguous or not, may establish an associated school district without disturbing the organization or powers of any existing district except as herein provided. The associated school district may maintain secondary schools, but may not maintain elementary schools; no member of the associated district shall maintain secondary schools after association. No district is eligible to become a part of an associated district unless at the time of the adoption of the resolution or filing of the petition or during the immediately preceding school year it had maintained within its district an elementary school with an enrollment of at least 24 pupils or maintained a graded elementary school with three or more teachers for grades 1 through 6 inclusive.

Subdivision 2. (1) "Facilities" as used in this chapter means land, buildings, equipment and furnishings necessary and incidental to operation of an elementary or secondary school.

(2) "Host district" is the one or more of the districts associated or districts proposed for association in which secondary school facilities exist at the time of the election on the question of association.

(3) "Member districts" are the districts associated or proposed for association in which no secondary facilities exist at the time of the election on the question on [of] association.

Subdivision 3. Nothing herein shall prevent the association of districts or portions thereof in which no secondary