

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to communications; appropriating money for grants to noncommercial
1.3 television.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$14,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.7 administration for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, for grants to noncommercial
1.8 television stations to assist with the continued conversion to a digital broadcast signal as
1.9 mandated by the federal government. This appropriation must be used to assist each
1.10 station to complete its digital production facilities and interconnect with other Minnesota
1.11 public television stations. In order to qualify for these grants, a station must meet the
1.12 criteria established for grants in Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.12, subdivision 2.