

CHAPTER 355—H. F. No. 849.

An Act relating to the preservation of game and appointing a state game and fish commissioner, and abolishing the game and fish commission.

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

Section 1. **Game and fish commission abolished.**—The position of state game and fish commission and the executive agent of said commission is hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. **Office of game and fish commissioner created.**—There is hereby created the office of state game and fish commissioner who shall be appointed by the governor for a term of two (2) years at a salary of twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars a year. All of the duties, powers, privileges and prerogatives, including the appointment and fixing of salaries of necessary employees to carry on the work, prescribed by statutes now in force for the state game and fish commission and the executive agent thereof, is hereby conferred upon the state game and fish commissioner.

Sec. 3. **Powers of employees.**—The employees appointed to carry on the work shall have the same duties, powers, privileges and prerogatives which are conferred by statutes now in force upon the employees of the game and fish commission.

Sec. 4. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. **Effective Aug. 1, 1915.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of August, A. D., 1915.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 356—H. F. No. 852.

An Act to provide for a biennial budget and estimate of previous appropriations, expenditures and income of this state and of future requirements, expenditures and income thereof, and prescribing the manner of their preparation and submission to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—The word "estimate" as used in this title shall mean a statement showing:

1. The expenditure for the purposes specified during each year of the current biennial period.

2. The funds available or appropriations authorized for the same purpose, during each year of the current biennial period.

3. The amounts needed during each year of the ensuing biennial period for the work, and for the other disbursements of any department bureau, board, institution, office or branch of

the state government, including purchases of land and permanent improvements.

4. The anticipated funds or revenues available for such purposes and the anticipated receipts in connection with such work.

5. Such other information as may be required by law or by executive order.

The word "budget" shall mean the complete estimates for the entire state government, including a summary thereof and a schedule of appropriations required and of estimated tax levies to correspond therewith.

Sec. 2. **By whom prepared.**—Every officer, board, commission or institution of this state, under whose direction any public money is to be expended shall prepare an estimate at such time and in such form as may be required by law or executive order.

Sec. 3. **To whom submitted.**—Every estimate so prepared shall be submitted to the governor; provided that the estimates of subordinate officers or boards shall be submitted to the superior officer or board under whose direction the official making such estimate is directly acting.

Sec. 4. **Revision.**—It shall be the duty of every officer and of the members of every board to whom any such estimates are submitted, to assemble the same, and in consultation with the subordinate officers or boards submitting them, to revise such estimates before they are finally submitted to the governor, which shall be done not later than the first day of December in each year immediately preceding the regular session of the legislature.

Sec. 5. **Duties of the governor.**—It shall be the duty of the governor, not later than December 31st immediately preceding each regular session of the legislature, to assemble all estimates so prepared and in consultation with the chief executive officers to make final revision of such estimates, having in view the total expenditures, total revenues and the tax levy, and to that end he shall include the estimated expenditures for the judiciary, the legislature, the state university and the state militia. He shall thereupon prepare the "budget" and shall cause to be printed in a form convenient for the legislature, a sufficient number of copies thereof to supply at least one copy to each member of the legislature and to the chief executive officers of the state, and shall lay it before each branch of the legislature not later than the first day of February.

Sec. 6. **Form.**—Every estimate shall be in such form as required by law or as the governor may by executive order direct. All estimates shall be as nearly as practicable of a similar form.

Sec. 7. **Contents.**—Every estimate shall present the following information and such other information as may be required by law or as the governor may direct:

1. It shall show in parallel columns:

Name of item.

Citation to statutes authorizing the service or fixing particular items.

Appropriations for each year of the current biennial period.

The actual expenditures and anticipated expenditures during each year of the biennium.

Amounts needed for each year of the coming biennium.

Explanations of increases or decreases.

Estimated revenue or receipts in connection with each service.

2. It shall distinguish each line of work or activity and shall distinguish at least the following classes of expenditures: (1) Salaries; (2) Permanent improvements and equipment; (3) All other expenses.

Sec. 8. **Allotments.**—It shall be the duty of each disbursing officer or board within thirty days after the passage of any appropriation by the state legislature to allot within each appropriation to be expended under his or its direction, the amounts if any, for the several purposes set forth in the "budget" submitted to the legislature, not inconsistent with the terms of the appropriation act. Subject to the restrictions of the appropriation act allotments may, in case of necessity, be altered by the officer or board charged with the disbursement thereof. All such allotments and any changes thereof shall, as soon as made, be filed with the state auditor.

Sec. 9. **Accounting.**—A debit and credit account of every allotment shall be kept by the auditor and by the officer or board concerned and no expenditure shall be made in excess of the balance available therein.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 357—H. F. No. 946.

An Act to amend Section 5203 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, relating to the method of payment of a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, ground hogs or woodchucks, rattle snakes, crows or blackbirds.

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

Section 1. **Chairman of town board to issue certificates and warrant to be drawn by county auditor.**—That Section 5203 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5203. The heads of such animals and the bodies of such reptiles and birds shall be produced to the chairman of the