

November 1935, it would be necessary to fill such vacancy by holding an election by the state at large; and

WHEREAS, the holding of such an election by the state at large to fill such a vacancy, if and when one occurs, would entail a great deal of expense and inconvenience to the taxpayers and electors of the state,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that if and when vacancies happen in the membership of the Minnesota Congressional delegation, as to the members elected by the state at large for the congressional term commencing March 4, 1933, the Governor of the state is hereby directed and authorized to designate the congressional district in which such vacancies happen for the purpose of holding an election in such designated district to fill such vacancies and he shall issue Writs of Election to fill such vacancies.

Approved April 4, 1933.

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RESOLUTION No. 14—S. F. No. 569

*Joint resolution, that the organization of the American Legislators' Association and of the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau are hereby commended as legitimate and constructive efforts to assist the legislatures of the various states in the efficient performance of their work.*

WHEREAS, All experienced persons know that in each State, legislative problems continually increase, both in number and in complexity, and

WHEREAS, It is obvious that in order to solve such problems most effectively, each legislature must give systematic, scientific and business-like consideration to the actual *facts* which have a bearing upon each question—to the extent that such facts have been determined by reliable research, and

WHEREAS, Each legislature must give similar consideration to the methods and experience of other jurisdictions in dealing with problems similar to its own, and

WHEREAS, No such problems can be dealt with adequately until facilities are established to assist every inquiring legislator to secure the most accurate information and the most expert advice which are available,

WHEREAS, Experience indicates the necessity for an interstate legislative reference bureau to serve as a clearing house of information between all of the legislative reference services which are now being conducted by numerous states, and also to serve as a clearing house of information between the legislatures and all other agencies which are engaged in the study and analysis of legislative problems, such as governmental departments, political science departments of universities, competent reputable associations, and all other sources of information, and

WHEREAS, Experience also indicates that in certain States which do not maintain substantial legislative reference services, there is an imperative need for such an interstate legislative reference bureau, which will assist the legislators of those States to secure whatever information they desire in analyzing the legislative problems which they must determine, and to make more readily accessible for them, without cost, the valuable material which is at all times available from the legislative reference libraries and bureaus of various other states, and from many other reliable sources, and

WHEREAS, Every individual legislator in the United States shares the responsibility for improving the present inadequate and unsatisfactory condition of the legislative processes, but neither any individual legislator, nor any group of legislators from one State, can bring about such improvement without the co-operation of legislators of other States, and

WHEREAS, Such an interstate legislative reference bureau cannot be maintained by any one State alone, without the co-operation of the legislatures of other States, and

WHEREAS, In order to set the machinery in motion to secure the necessary co-operation of the forty-eight legislatures, members of each legislature are working together in the development of the project of the American Legislators' Association, and

WHEREAS, The said American Legislators' Association has now established in the vicinity of the University of Chicago, the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau, which by explicit pledge is without color of politics, partisanship or propaganda, is conducted without profit, and is engaged upon three principal purposes:

*First:* To procure promptly for all inquiring state legislators, and their agents, whatever information or advice they desire in connection with any legislative problem, primarily by assisting them to secure, without cost, the benefit of all researches conducted by governmental departments, universities, associations, legislative reference bureaus, and other agencies throughout the United States.

*Second:* To conduct a systematic study of the legislative processes of each of the States, in order to ascertain the practices which contribute most to efficient and economical organization and procedure; and to render all possible assistance to each legislature—and to each legislative reference bureau—which is endeavoring to improve its organization.

*Third:* To publish for the benefit of all state legislators the monthly magazine, State Government, as well as special Bulletins, and thus to disseminate information which will be helpful to all conscientious students of legislation.

WHEREAS, The American Legislators' Association is promoting acquaintance and mutual understanding among all individuals and organizations officially concerned with the impartial and scientific functioning of the legislatures of the various States, by the organization of Standing Committees and Advisory Boards, and otherwise, and

WHEREAS, The character and project of the American Legislators' Association have the endorsement, and its organization has the active co-operation, not only of its membership, which consists entirely of members and ex-members of state legislatures, but also of numbers of other responsible citizens, many of whom, having specialized knowledge, are serving on the Association's Advisory Boards.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: That the organization of the American Legislators' Association and of the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau are hereby commended as legitimate and constructive efforts to assist the legislatures of the various States in the efficient performance of their work.

Approved April 8, 1933.

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RESOLUTION No. 15—S. F. No. 1676

*A joint resolution relating to the trunk highway system of the State of Minnesota determining the extent thereof that has been permanently improved.*