

CHAPTER 480—S. F. No. 1284

An act to authorize county boards, or, in certain cases, other political subdivisions, to make requests of and agreements with the United States for the payment of sums in lieu of taxes, and for the distribution of such sums.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—That the following definitions shall be applied to the terms used in this act:

(1) "Agreement" shall mean "contract", and shall include renewals and alterations of a contract.

(2) "Political subdivision" shall mean any agency or unit of this state which now is, or hereafter shall be, authorized to levy taxes or empowered to cause taxes to be levied.

(3) "Services" shall mean such public and municipal functions as are performed for property in and persons residing within a political subdivision.

(4) "United States" shall mean the United States of America.

(5) "County board" shall mean the county board of any county in this state.

(6) "Project" shall mean any resettlement project or rural rehabilitation project for resettlement purposes of the United States located within a political subdivision, and shall include the persons inhabiting such a project.

(7) "Governing body" shall mean the council, board, body, or persons in which the powers of a subdivision as a body corporate, or otherwise, are vested.

(8) "Fund" shall mean, unless otherwise expressed, the "Government Project Fund" to be established pursuant to Section 6 of this act.

Sec. 2. County Board may make agreements in regard to taxes.—The county board of any county in this state is hereby authorized and empowered to make requests of the United States for and on behalf of the county and the political subdivisions whose jurisdictional limits are within or coextensive with the limits of the county, for the payment of such sums in lieu of taxes as the United States may agree to pay, and to enter into agreements with the United States, in the name of the county, for the performance of services by the county and such political subdivisions for the benefit of the project and

for the payment by the United States to the county, in one or more installments, of such sums in lieu of taxes; provided that at least ten days notice in writing of the meeting of the county board at which such proposed agreement will be considered and acted upon shall be given by the county auditor to the clerk of each political subdivision affected.

Sec. 3. Contents of agreements.—Every such agreement shall state the year or years for which the payments are to be made in lieu of the taxes that would have been levied upon the premises concerned for such year or years if the same has been subject to taxation. All payments made by the United States under any such agreement shall be received by the county treasurer and shall be distributed in the same manner and in the same proportions as such taxes for each year or years would have been distributed.

Sec. 4. Same.—Each agreement entered into pursuant to Section 2 shall contain the names of the political subdivisions with respect to which it is consummated, and a statement of the proportionate share of the payment by the United States to which each subdivision shall be entitled.

Sec. 5. Who may make requests.—If the United States declines to deal with a county board with respect to any political subdivision whose jurisdictional limits are within or coextensive with the limits of the county, or in the event the jurisdictional limits of a political subdivision lie in more than one county, that subdivision is hereby authorized to make request of the United States for payment of such sums in lieu of taxes as the United States may agree to pay, and is hereby empowered to enter into agreements with the United States for the performance by the subdivision of services for the benefit of a project and for the payment by the United States to the subdivision, in one or more installments of such sums in lieu of taxes. The amount of such payment may be based upon the cost of performing such services during the period of the agreement, after taking into consideration the benefits to be derived by the subdivision from the project, but shall not be in excess of the taxes which would result to the political subdivision during said period if the real property of the project within the political subdivision were taxable. Whenever any payment is received by a subdivision under an agreement entered into pursuant to this section, the governing body of such subdivision shall issue a receipt for such payment.

Sec. 6. Disposition of moneys.—All money received by a political subdivision hereunder shall be used in like manner as the proceeds of taxes upon the premises concerned.

Sec. 7. **Construction of act.**—No provision of this act shall be construed to relieve any political subdivision of this state, in the absence of an agreement for payment of sums in lieu of taxes by the United States as provided in this act, of the duty of furnishing, for the benefit of a project, all services which the subdivision usually furnishes for property in and persons residing within the subdivision without a payment of sums in lieu of taxes.

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CHAPTER 481—S. F. No. 1415

An act creating an interim commission composed of members of the house and senate and one appointee of the attorney general, authorizing and directing such commission to make a study and investigation in respect to the problems, the projects, and the work being carried on by the Division of Game and Fish of the Department of Conservation, its effectiveness, the method and manner of financing of the division, the allocation and expenditure of funds, the laws and legal restrictions affecting the conservation of game and fish resources of the state, requiring such commission to make a report thereon with its recommendations to the legislature at its next regular session and appropriating money to defray expenses incurred pursuant to this act.

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

Section 1. Interim Commission created—membership.—There is hereby created an interim commission which shall consist of five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker thereof, five members of the senate appointed by the president thereof, and one member appointed by the attorney general, all of whom shall be members of such commission until its report hereinafter mentioned shall have been made to and received by the legislature at the next regular session thereof. Said commission shall select from its members a chairman and vice chairman, and may employ and pay a secretary who shall not be a legislative member of the commission. No member of the commission shall receive compensation for his service as such member, but all personal expenses of members of the commission, reasonably necessary, for carrying out the purposes of this act, shall be paid as hereinafter provided.