

(4) *The terms "motor vehicles" and "trucks" shall have the meaning ascribed to them by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 168.01.*

(5) *In any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000 inhabitants or over or an area of 60 square miles, the proceeds of such wheelage tax shall be placed in a special fund of such city to be known as the "wheelage tax fund." If, in any such city there is a Board of Estimate and Taxation or similar board or body empowered by the charter of such city to fix and determine the maximum amount of money and the maximum rate of tax which may be raised in the aggregate by general taxation by the city council and by the several boards and departments of the city having power to levy taxes, then all moneys remaining in such wheelage tax fund, after payment of the cost of administration, shall from time to time be allocated and distributed by said Board of Estimate and Taxation or similar authority to the several departments of the city including the city council and the Board of Education, in accordance with the needs of said departments, as the same shall be determined by said Board of Estimate and Taxation or similar authority.*

*In any city of the first class of over 450,000, or in a city of the first class with an area of over 60 square miles, the imposition of such tax shall not be effective until approved by a majority of the people voting on the tax at a general or special election after submission to them by the governing body, and shall not continue for more than five years after such approval. Such tax may, however, be re-imposed for additional periods of five years by submission to and approval by the voters of such city in the same manner. Such tax may be repealed by the governing body at any time after one year after its imposition by a two-thirds vote of the governing body.*

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CHAPTER 614—S. F. No. 868

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*An act creating an interim commission to make a study of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; propose amendments thereto; requiring the commission to make a report of its recommended amendments to and revisions of the*

*Constitution to the next regular session of the Legislature; and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Interim commission to study state constitution; members.** A commission of 21 members is created consisting of 8 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, 8 members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Senate, 1 member from the Supreme Court appointed by the Chief Justice of the Court, 1 member from the executive branch of government appointed by the Governor and 3 members appointed by the Governor from the citizens of the state. The appointments shall be made forthwith upon the passage of this act and the commission shall be known as the Constitutional Commission. The members of the commission shall elect 1 member as chairman thereof.

**Sec. 2. Scope of study; filing; distribution; recommendations.** The commission shall study and consider the constitution in relation to political, economic, and social changes and developments which have occurred and which may occur, and shall recommend in a report to the next general session of the legislature amendments, if any, determined to be in the public interest necessary or proper to meet present and probable future governmental requirements. The report shall be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy mailed to each member of the legislature, to the Governor, and to the Clerk of the Supreme Court not later than October 1, 1948. If amendment of the constitution is recommended the report in addition to any other matter shall contain the proposed amendment or amendments in a form suitable for submission to the people.

**Sec. 3. Subcommittees; hearings; witnesses.** The commission may appoint committees to deal with particular problems or phases of its study made up of citizens of the state, but there will be at least one member of the commission on each committee. The commission and its committees may hold hearings at such times and places as may be convenient for the purpose of taking evidence and testimony to effectuate the purposes of this act, and for such purposes the commission and its committees may issue subpoenas. In the case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued under the authority hereof, the district court of the county where such refusal or contumacy occurred may upon complaint of the commission by its chairman punish as for contempt the person guilty thereof. Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage required

to be paid to witnesses in civil actions in district court, but fees need not be paid in advance unless so ordered by the commission or by the committee issuing the subpoena.

Sec. 4. **Expenses paid.** Members of the commission and its committees will serve without pay but shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may employ expert clerical and professional aid and assistance; and may purchase stationery and other supplies; and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated \$12,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission, and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or a statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 615—S. F. No. 1216

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*An act creating an interim commission on highways to make a study and investigation of the trunk highway system and other highways in relation thereto; authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for witnesses and records; and appropriating money therefor.*

WHEREAS the Trunk Highway System of the State of Minnesota has been constructed and improved at public expense with the use of moneys derived from motor vehicle registration fees, Federal aid, gasoline taxes and other revenues for the purpose of providing arteries of travel and commerce; and

WHEREAS more than 25 years have elapsed since the creation of the trunk highway system and information is