

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

desired by the legislature to determine the relationship of the Trunk Highway System with other highways in the state, whether there is a need for extending the Trunk Highway System in order to aid in the economic development of the state by providing proper transportation to meet changing conditions, and whether funds are being levied equitably for the construction and maintenance of the Trunk Highway System in its relationship to the other highways of the state; and

WHEREAS the legislature is in need of an adequate report regarding the foregoing; Now Therefore  
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

**Section 1. Interim commission on highways; membership.** There is hereby created and established an interim commission on highways consisting of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Senate. The appointments to such interim commission shall be made upon the passage of this act. Vacancies occurring or existing in the membership of the interim commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

**Sec. 2. Duties; scope of inquiry.** The interim commission hereby created and established is authorized and directed to ascertain, study and analyse all facts and matters relating or pertaining to the subjects in the foregoing recitals, including but not limited to the present status of the Trunk Highway System in relation to other highways; existing inadequacies in the Trunk Highway System which should be remedied; materials and equipment to be used in the construction and maintenance of highways; the financing of highway systems and their administration; the reasonable justification for the extension of the Trunk Highway System and the coordination of all highways of the state; highway needs arising from changing economic conditions; the interrelationship between the state and local units of government and the interrelationship between the state and Federal government with reference to highways; special problems relating to highways and matters incidental thereto; the need for revising and recodifying the laws pertaining to highways, and the control and regulation of traffic upon highways; and to report thereon to the legislature including in the report its recommendations for appropriate legislation.

**Sec. 3. Duration of commission.** The interim commission is authorized to act during this session of the legislature

and after final adjournment until the commencement of the next regular session with authority to file its final report not later than the 15th day after the opening of the next regular legislative session.

**Sec. 4. Meetings; officers.** The interim commission shall have the authority and power to hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate for the purpose of taking evidence and testimony necessary or helpful in effectuating the purposes of the act. The commission shall select a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

**Sec. 5. Expenses; secure cooperation.** The members of the interim commission shall serve without pay but shall be allowed and paid for all expenses incidentally and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the limit of the appropriation provided herein. The commission is vested with power and authority, to subpoena witnesses and records, to employ expert legal, engineering and clerical aid and assistance, to purchase stationery and other supplies, to rent or otherwise provide for the use of offices and equipment, to cooperate with and to secure the cooperation of any governmental subdivision or agency of the state in investigating any matter within the scope of this enactment, and the officers of any governmental subdivision or agency of the state shall assist the interim commission with such information and data as it may require. The interim commission shall do any and all things reasonably necessary or convenient to enable it fully and adequately to exercise its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this enactment.

**Sec. 6. Appropriation.** The sum of \$20,000 is here appropriated out of the Trunk Highway Fund in the state treasury or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay all expenses incurred pursuant to this act. For the payment of such expenses the interim commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other member of such commission who has been so designated and the state auditor shall then approve, and the state treasurer shall pay such warrants as and when presented but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount herein appropriated.

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