

purchase of equipment, and supplies and on said July 1 to assume the full duties of the care, management and control of the new enlarged school district. These provisions shall apply also to the school boards of districts which have been enlarged by additional territory through consolidation or dissolution-annexation procedures.

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CHAPTER 707—S. F. No. 1511

[Not Coded]

Hempden
An act creating a county legislative research committee in certain counties, prescribing its powers and duties, and providing for the method of financing its expenses.

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

Hempden
Section 1. ~~St. Louis County~~; legislative research committee. *Hempden County* In any county now or hereafter having a population of 100,000 and not more than 300,000, there is hereby created a Legislative Research Committee. The committee shall consist of eight members. Three members shall be senators and three members shall be representatives in the state legislature from such counties to be chosen before the close of each regular session of the legislature to serve until the opening day of the next succeeding regular session of the legislature and until their successors are chosen. Such senators and representatives shall be elected by the delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives from such counties. Two members shall be elected by the committee from the public at large. Any vacancy in membership of such committee shall be filled in the same manner as the election originally made for the vacant position.

the senators and representatives from the county.

Sec. 2. [Powers, duties.] The committee shall have the power and right to investigate and study, accumulate, compile, analyze and report on information concerning policies, plans, programs and procedures relating to or affecting the fiscal and legislative needs of said county and the governmental or political subdivisions therein, including school districts and any metropolitan or district authority having jurisdiction in any

area of said county. The prime motive of the committee shall be to gather information and provide material to be used by the delegations in the legislature from said county in their work while the legislature is in session and in connection with any legislative proposals affecting said county and local subdivisions. ~~The staff of the committee shall neither urge nor oppose legislation.~~ The committee may as it deems advisable call to its assistance other members of the delegation in the legislature from such county, and it may create committees consisting of its own members and one or more members of the said delegation. Any member of the delegation or of the governing body of the county and its local subdivisions including school districts and metropolitan or district authorities shall have the right to attend any meeting of the committee and may present his views on any subject which the committee may at any particular time be considering. Upon request such persons shall be notified of the date and places of meetings of said committee.

~~Sec. 3. [Cooperate with other agencies.]~~ The committee may assign the research director and staff to the house and senate delegations from said county in the legislature during each regular legislative session for the purpose of explaining the work of the committee and developing additional data with reference thereto. Each department, board, commission, agency, officer and employee in the county government and those in local government in said county, including school districts and metropolitan or district authorities having jurisdiction over any area of such county shall furnish such information and render such assistance to the committee as it may from time to time request.

~~Sec. 4. [Meetings.]~~ The committee or any subcommittee appointed by it may sit at such time and place as it may deem advisable but the committee shall meet at least once in each quarter and shall meet at any time upon the call of the chairman or a call signed by three members of the committee. At any meeting of the committee ~~five members~~ shall constitute a quorum and a majority of such quorum shall have authority to act in any matter falling within the jurisdiction of the committee. *a majority*

~~Sec. 5. [Organization.]~~ The committee shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from its own members and may prescribe its own rules of procedure. It may appoint a secretary who need not be a member, and shall appoint a research

~~director who shall be paid such salary as the committee may determine. The committee may employ such other persons and obtain the assistance of research agencies as it may deem necessary. The secretary, the director and all employees of the said county legislative research committee shall not be deemed to come under the provisions of any law relating to classification and tenure of county or municipal employees. Expenditures of funds made available to the committee shall be made only upon the authority of resolution duly passed by the committee.~~

~~Sec. 6. Reports to legislature. The committee shall keep minutes of its meetings which shall be open to the public. It shall make periodic reports to all members of the delegations from said county in the legislature and shall keep them fully informed on all matters which may come before such committee, the action taken thereon, and the progress made in relation thereto. At least thirty days prior to each biennial legislative session the committee shall make a written report summarizing its activities, investigations, surveys and findings of facts to the members of the legislature from said county and to the public.~~

~~Sec. 7. [Proposed legislation.] The committee may require that any suggested legislation that is to be presented by any department, board, commission, agency, officer, official or employees of such county and its local subdivisions, desiring the consideration of the committee, be presented to it at least sixty days in advance of any regular session.~~

~~Sec. 8. [Expenses only.] The members of the committee and the members of any committee appointed as a subcommittee shall be compensated for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in attending said meetings and in the performance of their official duties. *and shall be paid mileage at the rate of 10 cents for each mile necessarily traveled in attending meetings and in the performance of such duties.*~~

~~Sec. 9. [Suitable offices.] The board of county commissioners in such county shall provide suitable quarters in said county for the use of the committee.~~

~~Sec. 10. [Appropriation.] The board of county commissioners in said county shall appropriate from the county general revenue fund for the purposes of this act the sum of \$10,000 for the use of the said county legislative research committee during the year, ending December 31, 1951, and the sum of \$5,000 for the use of the committee during each year thereafter. For the payment of the expenses of the committee~~

each fiscal year

it shall draw its warrants upon the county treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other member of the committee, and the county auditor shall then approve them and the county treasurer shall pay them as and when presented but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount herein provided in any one year.

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CHAPTER 708—S. F. No. 1516

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An act creating a commission composed of members of the House and Senate, authorizing and directing such commission to make a study and investigation of the laws relating to workmen's compensation, and preparing a bill revising and codifying such laws for presentation at the next regular legislative session, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Commissioner to revise Workmen's Compensation Laws. That a commission of six members be and hereby is created, to consist of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, and three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Senate, to revise and codify the laws of this state relating to workmen's compensation. Such appointment shall be made forthwith upon the passage of this act, and the commission shall designate one of its members to act as chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of said commission to examine the existing laws of this state relating to workmen's compensation and to prepare, propose and recommend such revision and codification as shall in its opinion simplify, harmonize and complete the same and be most effective and suitable toward effectuating the ends sought to be gained by such laws. The commission shall file its report of such revision and codification, with such explanation thereof as may be necessary, not later than the opening day of the next regular legislative session. The commission is further authorized and