

471.33 **Application.** The powers conveyed under sections 471.26 to 471.33 shall be in addition to all powers now possessed by any municipality subject to the provisions thereof, but shall not apply to cities of the first class *having a population of more than 450,000 inhabitants or less than 150,000 inhabitants.*

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 829—H. F. No. 1855

[Not Coded]

An act creating an interim commission to study employment retirement systems available to employees of the state and political subdivisions of the state, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Interim commission, retirement benefit plans. There is created a commission to be called legislative commission to report on retirement benefit plans available to government employees. The commission shall consist of five members of the senate to be appointed by the committee on committees of the senate and five members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker.

Sec. 2. Duties, reports. The commission shall study the various retirement benefit plans available to employees of the state and employees of the various political subdivisions, public corporations, and school districts of the state, including within the scope of its enquiry the governing law, management, financial condition, and benefits of all such plans, any federal program for which such employees or any of them could be eligible, and such related matters as the commission deems proper for full legislative understanding and action.

The commission shall report fully to the governor and to the legislature and include in the report its recommendations in respect to any matter within the scope of its enquiry.

Sec. 3. Reports, time to make. Said legislative commission shall make its report to the governor and the sixtieth session of the legislature between November 15, 1956, and January 15, 1957.

Sec. 4. Hearings, testimonial powers. For the accomplishment of its purpose and the performance of its duty the

commission and its committees may hold hearings at such times and places as may be convenient for the purpose of receiving evidence, and the commission and its committees may issue subpoenas in the manner provided by its rules. The commission is authorized to secure directly from any board or executive officer managing any retirement program and from any executive department or agency of government, or from any official or employee of the state, such information as it may require, and all such boards, departments and agencies, officials, and employees are authorized and directed to furnish such information directly to the commission or to a committee thereof upon request made by the chairman.

Sec. 5. Expenses. Members of the commission will serve without pay but they shall be allowed and paid for their actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duty. The legislative research commission shall extend to it all practicable assistance. It shall have the authority to employ legal counsel, a secretary, and such other expert, professional, and clerical assistance as it may deem necessary to pay therefor; it may purchase stationery and other supplies, and it may do all things reasonably necessary and convenient to carry out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated \$25,000, 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 warrant upon the state treasurer, which warrants will be signed by the chairman or by such other or additional member of the commission as the rules of the commission may provide, and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented.

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CHAPTER 830—S. F. No. 169

An act relating to elections; allowing religious persons to vote by absentee ballot; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 203.01, 203.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 203.01, is amended to read: