

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.

Approved April 25, 1955.

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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:

**203.01 Voting by mail.** Any person entitled to vote at any general election, any primary election, any city election, any school election or any village or town election in villages or towns operating under the "Australian Ballot System," who is absent on the day such election is held from the district in which he is entitled to vote, or who by reason of illness or physical disability *or because of religious discipline or observance of a religious holiday* is unable to go to the polling place of such district, may vote therein by having his ballot delivered by mail to the election board of such district on the day of such election, by complying with the provisions of this chapter. No person residing in a municipality now or hereafter having permanent registration of voters, as provided by chapter 201, shall be permitted to so vote unless he has registered as a voter in accordance with such provisions.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 203.02, is amended to read:

**203.02 Application for ballots.** At any time not more than 30 days or less than one day before the day of holding any election, any person may make application in writing subscribed by him to the auditor of the county in which he is a resident for ballots and envelopes, by mailing to or filing with such auditor an application substantially in the following form:

**"APPLICATION FOR BALLOTS**

The undersigned, a duly qualified voter in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Minnesota, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert street and number) in said city, village, or town,  
because of (absence from home) \_\_\_\_\_, (illness)  
\_\_\_\_\_, (physical disability) \_\_\_\_\_, (*because of religious discipline or observance of a religious holiday*)  
hereby makes application for the ballots to be voted upon in said district at the next election. Please mail said ballots and accompanying envelope to me at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert post office address to which to be sent) Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)"

Any person who shall wilfully make or sign any false certificates specified herein; any person who shall wilfully make

any false or untrue statement in any "Application for Ballots"; any person who shall wilfully exhibit to any other person any ballot marked by him; any person who shall in any way wilfully do any act contrary to the terms and provisions of this chapter with intent to cast an illegal vote in any district or to aid another in so doing shall be guilty of a felony.

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CHAPTER 831—S. F. No. 237

[Not Coded]

*An act to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to pay certain tax refunds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 128.22, for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54.*

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

Section 1. **Appropriation, for tax refunds.** The sum of \$200,794.95 is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the state auditor to enable him to pay tax refunds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 128.22 not heretofore paid for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54, such sums to be available immediately.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation to School District No. 152, Stearns county.** The sum of \$21,338.44 is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to school district number 152, Stearns County, Minnesota to reimburse the district for tax refunds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 128.22 but not heretofore paid on account of omissions of the county tuition tax rate in making the computations, such sum to be available immediately.

Approved April 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 832—S. F. No. 653

[Coded]

*An act relating to the tax levy in cities of the second and third class.*

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

Section 1. [426.055] **Tax for advertising resources, cities of second class or third class.** The governing body of