

exempt personal property, or by reason of the wrongful taking or detention of such property by any person, and any judgment recovered for such damages.

All articles exempted by this section shall be selected by the debtor, his agent, or legal representative. The exemptions provided for in clauses (6) to (18) shall extend only to debtors having an actual residence in the state. No property exempted hereby shall be exempt from attachment or execution in an action for the recovery of the purchase money of the same property.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 860—S. F. No. 444

An act relating to the legislative research committee; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 3.32.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 3.32, is amended to read:

3.32 Powers, assistance to legislators and legislative interim committees. In addition to the other applicable provisions of sections 3.31 to 3.41, the committee shall have the power and right to study, consider, accumulate, compile and assemble information on any subject upon which the Legislature may legislate, and upon such subjects as the Legislature may by concurrent or joint resolution authorize or direct, or upon any subject requested by a member of the Legislature; to collect information concerning the government and general welfare of the State and of its political subdivisions; to study and consider important issues of public policy and questions of general interest. The prime motive of the committee shall be to gather information and provide material to be used by the Legislature in its work while in session. *To assist in this purpose the committee shall furnish interim committees of the Legislature, upon request, administrative, secretarial, and professional assistance, within the facilities and appropriations of said committee. When interim committees or commissions are created and no other provision is made therefor the director shall make arrangements for their initial meeting and call the members of such committees or commissions together for the purpose of organizing.* The director and his assistants shall neither oppose nor urge legislation. The committee may as it deems advisable call to its assistance other members of

the Legislature and it may create committees consisting of its own members, or one or more of its own members and one or more members of the Legislature and delegate by written resolution to such committees such of its powers and rights as it may deem advisable. Any members of the Legislature 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. Any member shall have the right to attend and participate in the discussion but shall not have a vote, and upon request any member of the Legislature shall be notified of the dates and places of meetings.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 861—S. F. No. 610

An act relating to powers and duties of the attorney general and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 8.06.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 8.06, is amended to read:

8.06 **Attorney for state officers, boards, or commissions; employ counsel.** The attorney general shall act as the attorney for all state officers and all boards or commissions created by law in all matters pertaining to their official duties and, when requested by the attorney general, it shall be the duty of any county attorney of the state to appear within his county and act as attorney for any such board, commission, or officer in any court of such county; and when, in his judgment, the public welfare will be promoted thereby the attorney general may, upon request in writing, employ a special attorney for any such board, commission, or officer and fix his compensation, and when such special attorney is so employed his fees or salary shall be paid from the appropriation made for such board, commission, or officer. Except as herein provided, no board, commission, or officer shall hereafter employ any attorney at the expense of the state.

Whenever the attorney general, the governor, and the chief justice of the supreme court shall certify, in writing, filed in the office of the secretary of state, that it is necessary, in the proper conduct of the legal business of the state, *either civil or criminal*, that the state employ additional counsel, the attorney general shall thereupon be authorized to employ such coun-