

## CHAPTER 826—S. F. No. 916

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*An act extending the existence of the toll free bridge commission established by Laws 1953, Chapter 691 as extended by Laws 1955, Chapter 651.*

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

**Section 1. Toll free bridge commission.** The commission created by Laws 1953, Chapter 691, as extended by Laws 1955, Chapter 651, relative to the toll free bridge, is further extended and continued in existence until the adjournment sine die of the regular 1959 session of the legislature.

**Sec. 2. Membership.** The membership of the commission shall consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the committee on committees, and five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The sum of \$2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated to the commission from the general revenue fund.

Approved April 29, 1957.

## CHAPTER 827—S. F. No. 1360

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*An act creating a permanent legislative buildings commission and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. [3.421] Legislative building commission, creation.** Subdivision 1. A commission to continually study and investigate the building needs of the government of the state of Minnesota, is hereby created.

**Subd. 2.** Such commission shall be known as the legislative buildings commission and shall make a continuing study and investigation of the building needs of the government of the state of Minnesota, including, but not limited to the following: the current and future requirements of new buildings, the maintenance of existing buildings, rehabilitating and remodeling of old buildings, the planning for administrative offices, and the exploring of methods of financing building and related costs.

**Sec. 2. [3.431] Membership.** Subdivision 1. The commission shall consist of five members of the senate to be appointed by the committee on committees and five members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker. The first members of this commission shall be selected immediately after the passage and approval of this act to serve for a term expiring at the close of the next succeeding regular session of the legislature and until their successors are appointed. Subsequent members of the commission shall be appointed at the close of each regular session of the legislature for a two-year term. If any of the members elect not to serve on the commission, the house of which they are members, if in session, shall select some other member for such vacancy. If the legislature is not in session, vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the last senate committee on committees or other appointing authority designated by the senate rules in case of a senate vacancy, and by the last speaker of the house, or if he be not available, by the last chairman of the house rules committee in case of a house vacancy.

Subd. 2. The commissioner of administration shall be invited to participate in the meetings, studies and investigations of such commissions, but he shall not be a member thereof.

**Sec. 3. [3.441] Meetings.** Subdivision 1. The commission shall hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Subd. 2. The commission may employ such professional, clerical, and technical assistants as it deems necessary in order to perform the duties herein prescribed.

Subd. 3. The commission may request information from any state officer or agency in order to assist in carrying out the terms of this act and such officer or agency is authorized and directed to furnish any data required promptly. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the Commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel.

**Sec. 4. [3.451] Expenses, reimbursement.** The members of the commission, its assistants and the commissioner of administration shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties

hereunder. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Sec. 5. [3.461] **Reports and recommendations to legislature.** The commission shall report to the legislature from time to time setting forth its findings as a result of its investigations and studies, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation.

Sec. 6. **Appropriation.** The sum of \$17,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby annually appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purposes of this act for the payment of any such expenses. The commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer which warrants shall be signed by the chairman or any other authorized member of the commission, and the state auditor shall then approve, and the state treasurer then pay, such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be made to the legislature from time to time.

Sec. 7. This act is in effect from and after its passage.  
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CHAPTER 828—S. F. No. 1397

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*An act creating a commission on highways composed of members of the house and senate, directing such commission to prepare a bill revising and codifying the highway laws for presentation at the next legislative session, and appropriating money therefor.*

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

Section 1. **Commission on highways, creation.** A Commission on Highways to investigate, study, revise and codify highway laws is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of seven members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, and seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker. The appointment of such Commission shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancies that may occur in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Sec. 2. **Duties.** The Commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed, and complete investigation and study of