

Sec. 3. Laws 1955, Chapter 571, Section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. The provisions of section 2 are retroactive to January 1, 1957, and shall expire June 30, 1959. The salaries set forth in section 2 are payable out of the treasury of the city in semi-monthly instalments.

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CHAPTER 953—S. F. No. 1915

[Not Coded]

An act creating a commission to investigate and study discrimination and segregation because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale, lease, sublease, transfer, use occupancy, tenure, acquisition or enjoyment of property or housing accommodations; and for the encouragement of the human rights commission and the fair employment practice commission; and providing for cooperation with other governmental agencies.

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

Section 1. **Interim commission, discrimination.** The legislature hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination threatens not only the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants but menaces and undermines the institutions and foundations of a democratic state. The legislature hereby finds and declares that discrimination or segregation in the sale, lease, sublease, use occupancy, tenure, acquisition or enjoyment of property or housing accommodations because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry tends unjustly to condemn large groups of inhabitants to depressed and substandard living conditions which are inimical to the general welfare and contrary to our democratic way of life. The aforementioned practices of discrimination and segregation in the sale, lease, sublease, use occupancy, tenure, acquisition or enjoyment of property or housing accommodations because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry are declared to be against the public policy of this state.

Sec. 2. **Housing accommodations.** The opportunity to buy, acquire, lease, sublease, occupy and use and enjoy property and to obtain decent living and housing accommodations

without discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

Sec. 3. Commission created, members. A commission to investigate and study discrimination and segregation because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale, lease, sublease, transfer, use occupancy, tenure, acquisition or enjoyment of property or housing accommodations as well as investigating the possibility of strengthening the states civil rights program by encouraging the work of the governor's human rights commission and the fair employment practice commission with possible recommendations as to their organization, is hereby created to 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 appointment of such commission shall be made upon passage of this act.

Sec. 4. Meetings. The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Witnesses, employees. The commission may subpoena witnesses and records and employ such assistants as it deems necessary to perform its duties effectively. It may do all the things necessary and convenient to enable it to perform its duties.

Sec. 6. Cooperation. The revisor of statutes and every other state agency shall cooperate with the commission in all respects so that its purpose may be accomplished. 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. 7. Report. The commission shall report to the legislature on or before January 15, 1959, setting forth its recommendations.

Sec. 8. Expenses. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 9. Appropriation. The sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the state treasury for the use of this commission.

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