

CHAPTER 903—H. F. No. 1051

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An act relating to establishing a state teletypewriter communications network; authorizing the department and agencies of state government and the political subdivisions thereof to participate therein; and creating a state communications advisory board.

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

Section 1. **[626.81] Teletypewriter communications; establishment, use.** The commissioner of administration shall establish a teletypewriter communications network which will inter-connect the sheriff's offices of the state into a unified written communications system. The commissioner of administration is authorized to lease or purchase such facilities and equipment as may be necessary to establish and maintain such teletypewriter communications network.

(1) The communications network shall be used exclusively for the official business of the state.

(2) This section does not prohibit the occasional use of the state's communications network by any other state or public agency thereof when the messages transmitted relate to the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state.

(3) The commissioner of administration shall fix the monthly operational charge to be paid by each county; provided, that in *computing charges to be made against each county the state shall bear at least fifty percent of the costs of such service as its share in providing a modern unified communications network to the sheriff's offices of the state.*

(4) The commissioner of administration is authorized to arrange for the connection of the communications network with the law enforcement communications system of any adjacent state, or Canada.

Sec. 2. **[626.82] Advisory committee.** There is created the state teletypewriter communications advisory committee which shall advise the commissioner of administration on matters relating to the installation and operation of the teletypewriter communications system established hereunder.

(1) The committee shall serve without pay and shall meet at such time as the chairman or commissioner of administration so determines. Attendance at meetings of the committee shall be

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deemed performance by a member of the duties of his state or political subdivision's employment.

(2) The committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor and shall include:

- (a) Three incumbent county sheriffs;
- (b) A member of the bureau of criminal apprehensions;
- (c) An incumbent county commissioner;
- (d) A member of the Minnesota highway patrol;
- (e) The attorney general or duly authorized representative;
- (f) The commissioner of corrections or his duly authorized representative;
- (g) The state director of civil defense.

(3) The term of each member of the committee shall be two years. The governor shall designate two members of said board to serve as co-chairmen.

Sec. 3. **[626.83] Connections by municipalities.** Any city, village, or other public agency may connect with and participate in the teletypewriter communications network upon approval of the commissioner of administration provided, that such city, village, or other public agency shall first agree to pay such installation charges as may be necessary for such connection and such monthly operational charges as may be established by the commissioner of administration.

Sec. 4. There is appropriated from funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$85,000 for each year of the biennium to carry out the purpose of this act.

Approved May 27, 1965.