

Sec. 13. No more than two development districts shall be created in the city of Minneapolis and one in the city of Robbinsdale before July 1, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 678—S.F.No.2212

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to highways; bridges over waters between this state and an adjoining nation or province; authorizing the creation of a joint and independent international authority or commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, Subdivisions 1, 2, and 4, and by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**165.08 BRIDGES; INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY WATERS; COMMISSION.** Subdivision 1. When a trunk highway leads to waters forming the boundary between this state and an adjoining nation or province thereof, and the Congress of the United States has authorized the construction of a bridge or bridges over the waters, the commissioner may enter into equitable agreements with the authorized authorities of the nation or province providing for the purchase, construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge or bridges, and for the division of costs and responsibilities to be borne by each therefor. The bridge or bridges shall thereafter be constructed, reconstructed, maintained, improved, and operated in accordance with the agreement. Such equitable agreement may create a joint and independent international authority or commission, which may independently purchase, construct, reconstruct, maintain, improve, repair and operate the bridge or bridges in accordance with the agreement.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The agreement may provide that such bridges may be operated as free bridges or as toll bridges, ~~and~~ and. If the latter, tolls may be collected for the use thereof at rates sufficient to liquidate the capital costs in a reasonable period of time, and after the

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liquidation of such capital costs, tolls may continue to be charged so as to defer any costs of reconstruction, maintenance, repair, improvement and operation which are thereafter incurred.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. All costs to be borne by this state of purchasing, constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, improving and operating such bridges, including interest and principal payments of any bond obligations assumed by the commissioner shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund. Minnesota's share of all tolls collected under agreement with an adjoining nation or province, and all tolls collected for any toll bridge purchased entirely by this state shall be paid into the trunk highway fund. Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a joint and independent international authority or commission created under subdivision 1 of this section is authorized to establish, collect, retain and spend all tolls for the purchase, construction, reconstruction, maintenance, improvement, repair and operation of any bridge or bridges under its control, and such international authority or commission is not required to deposit such tolls into the trunk highway fund.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 165.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the properties, moneys, and other assets of any joint and independent international authority or commission created under subdivision 1 of this section, all revenues or other income of any such authority or commission, and all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations issued by any such authority or commission, and the interest thereon, shall be exempt from all taxation, licenses, fees, or charges of any kind imposed by the state or by any county, municipality, political subdivision, taxing district, or other public agency or body of the state.

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#### CHAPTER 679—S.F.No.2238

*An act relating to education, authorizing the state board of education to permit its members to attend certain meetings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 121.04, Subdivision 2.*

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