

Sec. 7. This act shall be effective for all years beginning after December 31, 1971.

Approved June 4, 1971.

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CHAPTER 798—H.F.No.1420

*An act relating to the Twin Cities area metropolitan transit commission; authorizing the commission to continue or terminate certain advertising contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 473A.05, Subdivision 7.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 473A.05, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

**Subd. 7. METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION; ADVERTISING CONTRACTS; LEGAL STATUS; GENERAL POWERS.** (a) *The transit area, with the commission as its governing body, shall be a public corporation and a political subdivision of the state. All the powers vested and obligations or duties imposed upon the commission and acts of the commission by sections 473A.01 to 473A.18 shall be deemed to be those of the transit area wherever necessary or appropriate, and shall be exercised, performed, and discharged in behalf of the area by the commission in its name as a public corporation and with like force and effect as if done in the name of the area, and for all such purposes, the commission shall have the same status and powers as the area, all subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 473A.16. The chairman and secretary of the commission shall have such powers as are delegated to them by the commission.*

(b) *The commission shall have the power to plan, engineer, construct, equip, and operate transit systems, transit projects, or any parts thereof, including transit lanes or rights of way, terminal facilities, maintenance and garage facilities, ramps, parking areas, and any other facilities useful for or related to any public transit system. The commission may acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or condemnation proceedings any real or personal property, franchises, easements, or other rights of any kind for such purposes, or which may be necessary or proper for the discharge of its powers and duties. The commission shall have the power to acquire by purchase, lease,*

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gift, or condemnation proceedings any existing public transit system or any part thereof, including all or any part of the plant, equipment, shares of stock, property, real, personal, or mixed, rights in property, reserve funds, special funds, franchises, licenses, patents, permits and papers, documents and records belonging to any operator of a public transit system within the area, and may in connection therewith assume any or all liabilities of any operator of a public transit system. The commission may not acquire any existing public transit system until such acquisition has been approved by a majority of the metropolitan council. The commission may hold, use, improve, operate, maintain, lease, exchange, transfer, sell, or otherwise dispose of any of its property or rights to others and may contract with any operator or other persons for the use by any such operator or person of any such property or facilities under its control.

The commission, if it proceeds to acquire any existing public transit system or any part thereof by condemnation, shall have the power to take control of and operate such system immediately following the filing and approval of the initial petition for condemnation, if the commission, in its discretion, determines such action to be necessary. This power shall include the possession of all right, title and other powers of ownership in all properties and facilities described in the petition. Such action shall be taken by resolution which shall be effective upon service of a copy thereof on the condemnee and the filing of the resolution in the condemnation action. In the determination of the fair value of the existing public transit system, there shall not be included any value attributable to expenditures for improvements made by the transit commission.

The commission may continue or terminate within three months of acquisition any advertising contract in existence by and between any advertiser and a transit system that the commission has acquired. If the commission determines to terminate such advertising contract, it shall acquire all of the advertiser's rights under the contract by purchase or eminent domain proceedings as provided by law.

The commission may sue and be sued and may enter into contracts which may be necessary or proper. The commission may accept gifts, grants, or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, or any person or entity for such purposes, may enter into any agreement required in connection therewith, may comply with any federal or state laws or regulations applicable thereto, and may hold, use, and dispose of such money or property in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or agreement relating thereto. The commission may establish an executive committee, a finance committee, and such other committees of its members as it deems necessary or proper in furtherance of the provisions of sections 473A.01 to 473A.18, and may authorize them to exercise in the intervals between commission meetings any powers of

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the commission except those expressly required by law to be exercised by the commission.

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### CHAPTER 799—H.F.No.1473

*An act relating to examiners of titles; providing compensation for service as legal adviser to the registrar in certain counties; empowering county board to appoint county attorney as legal adviser to the registrar in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 508.12.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 508.12, is amended to read:

**508.12 EXAMINERS OF TITLES; ADVICE TO REGISTRARS.** The judges of the district court shall appoint a competent attorney in each county within their respective districts to be an examiner of titles and legal adviser to the registrar in said county, and may appoint one deputy examiner who shall act in the name of the examiner and under his supervision and control, and his acts shall be the acts of the examiners. The examiner of titles shall hold office subject to the will and discretion of the district court by which he is appointed. His compensation and that of his deputies shall be fixed and determined by the court and paid in the same manner as the compensation of other county employees is paid. In except that in all counties having less than 75,000 inhabitants, and in Stearns county and Dakota county the fees and compensations of the examiners for services as legal adviser to the registrar shall be determined by the judge of the district court and, paid in the same manner as the compensation of other county employees is paid, but in every other instance, shall be paid by the person applying to have his title registered or for other action or relief which requires the services, certification or approval of the examiner .

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, in all counties other than Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis having a full-time county attorney, the county board by resolution may provide that the county attorney shall also be the legal adviser to the registrar in said county.

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