

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

Section 1. [197.78] **APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; FARMER COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM; STATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS UNAVAILABLE THROUGH FEDERAL PROGRAMS.** The state board of education shall foster and support educational programs for the benefit of veterans to assure that no Minnesotan shall be deprived of his earned veterans benefits by virtue of the unavailability of programs for which the veteran is entitled to enroll and receive subsistence, tuition, and other benefits under federal programs. It shall be the responsibility of the state board to measure the demand for veterans service educational programs based on the criteria mandated by federal veterans benefits laws and to authorize, promote, and make grants within appropriated amounts to assure such program availability.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.** The sums of \$66,000 for the year ending June 30, 1974 and \$726,000 for the year ending June 30, 1975 are appropriated from the general fund to the department of education for state reimbursement, in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the purpose, for the veteran farmer cooperative training program, established under the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-358, as amended), during the biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 581—S.F.No.1797

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Ramsey county; establishing a commission for the study of local government; prescribing duties and obligations; providing for report by the commission to the legislature; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **RAMSEY COUNTY; COMMISSION ESTABLISHED; NAMED.** There is hereby created in Ramsey county a commission to study the structure, functions and operations of all governmental units and bodies located within the said county including the county government, the municipal governments, public bodies corporate, and all offices, agencies, commissions, boards, authorities and other subdivisions thereof. Such commission shall

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be known as the "Local government study commission of Ramsey county," and shall be hereinafter referred to as "the commission".

Sec. 2. **DUTIES.** Subdivision 1. The commission shall conduct research and study to determine the need, if any, for the consolidation, separation, addition, removal or other revision of the aforementioned local governmental structures, functions and operations, and to determine whether moneys can be saved and whether efficiency can be gained through revision of such structures, functions, and operations.

Subd. 2. It shall be the further function and duty of the commission to draft a plan or plans for the solution of any problem disclosed as a result of such research and study, which it deems to be feasible and desirable and to submit such plan or plans to the members of the Ramsey county delegation of the Minnesota legislature.

Sec. 3. **MEMBERS.** Subdivision 1. The commission shall be composed of 38 members appointed by the Ramsey county delegation of the Minnesota legislature.

(a) A senator whose district is situated such that a portion of Ramsey county comprises 50 percent or more of that district, shall appoint from among the residents of his district two members:

(b) A senator whose district is situated such that a portion of Ramsey county comprises less than 50 percent of that district, shall appoint from among the residents of his district one member.

(c) A representative whose district is situated such that a portion of Ramsey county comprises 50 percent or more of that district, shall appoint from among the residents of his district one member.

(d) A representative whose district is situated such that a portion of Ramsey county comprises less than 50 percent of that district, shall appoint from among the residents of his district one member.

Subd. 2. Commission members shall be residents of Ramsey county.

Subd. 3. Commission members shall not be elected officials.

Subd. 4. When a vacancy shall occur on the commission, a person shall be appointed by the senator or representative who appointed that person's predecessor to fill the vacancy until such time as the duty of the commission shall terminate.

Subd. 5. A temporary chairman shall be appointed by the chairman of the Ramsey county delegation of the Minnesota legislature.

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Sec. 4. **DIRECTIVES TO COMMISSION.** Subdivision 1. The commission as constituted shall meet and organize within 30 days of the effective date of this act. The commission shall elect from among its members a permanent chairman and shall adopt rules.

Subd. 2. The commission shall file an interim report on its activities on January 15, 1974, and its final report on November 15, 1974. Such reports and the plan or plans resulting from the commission's research and study shall, when signed by a majority of the commission, be filed with the members of the Ramsey county delegation of the Minnesota legislature. This authorization of the commission shall expire on January 31, 1975.

Sec. 5. **ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.** Subdivision 1. In making its study, the commission is authorized to call upon the state of Minnesota or any of its agencies or institutions for any aid or assistance which can be rendered it and to call upon the various departments and subdivisions of Ramsey county and the municipalities therein for assistance.

Subd. 2. Public officials of the county, cities, villages, and towns located within Ramsey county are directed to cooperate with the commission by making available to the commission any public records which it requires.

Subd. 3. The commission may make such investigations, conduct such hearing, and employ such special, technical, clerical and legal assistance as may be necessary to assemble the required data and information upon which to base its opinions, to analyze the same, and to draft a plan or plans for the commission.

Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION.** The board of commissioners of Ramsey county shall appropriate \$20,000 from the general fund for use by the commission in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 23, 1973.

CHAPTER 582—S.F.No.1847

An act changing the name of the department of taxation to the department of revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 270.02.

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