

the world trade community; and (5) as the continued economic growth of this state and its local industry is inextricably linked with the ability of the United States to hold and competitively serve foreign export markets, it is, therefore, declared to be in the best interest of the state of Minnesota and her citizens that this state now begin the gradual but deliberate implementation of the metric system of weights and measures.

Sec. 3. [239.003] IMPLEMENTATION; COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION. The commissioner of administration shall have general supervisory authority over the implementation of the metric system in the State of Minnesota. The commissioner of administration shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to plan for the gradual implementation in the commerce of this state the metric system of weights and measures. The rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner of administration pursuant to this subdivision shall:

(1) Provide for the full conversion of the commerce of this state to the metric system when this system has been fully adopted as national standards by the Congress of the United States; and

(2) Insure that all state departments, divisions, agencies, boards and commissions having any authority and/or responsibility in matters concerning standards of weights and measurement in this state shall forthwith initiate planning for the gradual conversion to and implementation of the metric system of weights and measures in this state.

Sec. 4. [239.004] CONSULTATION WITH COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION. The commissioner of education shall in consultation with the commissioner of administration develop and implement a plan of public education on the metric system of weights and measures. The commissioner of education shall implement the plan.

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CHAPTER 475—H.F.No.1075
[Not Coded]

An act relating to local government in Washington county and the town of Forest Lake; creating a housing and redevelopment authority in Washington county; applying the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act in Washington county; exempting the town of Forest Lake from limitation on tax levies for fire protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. WASHINGTON COUNTY; HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT

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OPMENT AUTHORITY. There is hereby created in Washington county a public body corporate and politic, to be known as the Washington county housing and redevelopment authority, having all of the powers and duties of a housing and redevelopment authority under the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.411 to 462.711, and acts amendatory thereof; which act applies to the county of Washington. For the purposes of applying the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act to Washington county, the county has all of the powers and duties of a municipality, the county board has all of the powers and duties of a governing body, the chairman of the county board has all of the powers and duties of a mayor, and the area of operation includes the area within the territorial boundaries of the county.

Sec. 2. APPLICATION. Subdivision 1. This act shall not limit or restrict any existing housing and redevelopment authority or prevent a municipality from creating an authority. The county shall not exercise jurisdiction in any municipality where a municipal housing and redevelopment authority is established.

Subd. 2. A municipal housing and redevelopment authority may request the Washington county housing and redevelopment authority to handle the housing duties of the authority and, in such an event, the Washington county housing and redevelopment authority shall act and have exclusive jurisdiction for housing in the municipality pursuant to the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.411 to 462.711, and acts amendatory thereof. A transfer of duties relating to housing shall not transfer any duties relating to redevelopment.

Sec. 3. MUNICIPAL APPROVAL. If any housing or redevelopment project is undertaken in Washington county pursuant to this authorization, and such project is within the boundaries of any incorporated village, city or township, the location of such project shall be approved by the governing body of such village, city, or township.

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 365.19, the governing body of the town of Forest Lake may levy in any one year a tax for fire protection authorized under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 365.15 to 365.18, in an amount determined to be adequate and reasonable at the annual town meeting.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act takes effect as to Washington county when approved by a majority of the board of county commissioners of Washington county and as to the town of Forest Lake when approved by a majority of the members of the town board and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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