

except an oral or written month to month residential rental agreement concerning which neither the tenant nor landlord has served a notice to quit, on the grounds that such deposit should serve as payment for the rent. Withholding all or any portion of rent for the last payment period of the residential rental agreement creates a rebuttable presumption that the tenant withheld the last payment on the grounds that such deposit should serve as payment for the rent. Violation of this subdivision after written demand and notice of this subdivision shall subject the tenant to damages of twice the deposit and forfeiture of any interest due on the deposit in addition to any actual damages.

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CHAPTER 411—H.F.No.1160

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An act relating to the American revolution bicentennial; creating a commission; authorizing governmental units to furnish services, property and money in connection with bicentennial projects; validating prior expenditures.

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

Section 1. **BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS; APPROPRIATIONS; TAX LEVIES.** Subdivision 1. A governmental unit which has been duly approved as a bicentennial community by the state bicentennial commission and the federal bicentennial administration may furnish services and property and may expend money in connection with any project which accomplishes a public purpose and is certified by the state bicentennial commission as furthering an overall program for commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section means a county, city, or town.

Subd. 2. A governmental unit may furnish services and property and contribute money to any bicentennial group or community in this state which is duly approved as such by the state bicentennial commission and the federal bicentennial administration. The services, property and money furnished shall be used solely for a project satisfying the requirements of subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. Any appropriation and expenditure of funds made by a governmental unit prior to the effective date of this act for a bicentennial project is hereby validated.

Subd. 4. This section is effective on the day following its final enactment and shall expire on July 1, 1977.

Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTEN-**

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NIAL COMMISSION; CREATION. Subdivision 1. **CREATION.** The Minnesota American revolution bicentennial commission shall consist of 40 members appointed by the governor, five members from each congressional district. Members of the legislature may be appointed to the commission. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner and amount as state employees.

Subd. 2. **CHAIRMAN; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; EMPLOYEES.** The commission shall elect from among its membership a chairman and other officers as necessary. The commission may form an executive committee to expedite the conduct of its duties. It shall appoint and prescribe the duties of its employees as it deems advisable. All employees are in the unclassified service of the state.

Subd. 3. **DUTIES.** The commission shall plan, encourage, develop, coordinate, and implement an overall statewide program for Minnesota's observances and activities commemorating the historic events and activities associated with the American revolution, including voluntary participation by all cities, counties, and regions. The commission shall coordinate its efforts with those of the American revolution bicentennial commission and shall cooperate with that agency in the development of an effective national observance of the bicentennial. To carry out its responsibilities the commission may enter into necessary contracts, receive and expend applicable grants, extend grants to participating Minnesota governmental subdivisions, distribute bicentennial information to the general public, encourage, receive and utilize gifts of any type, provide for the creation and sale of bicentennial memorabilia and conduct and collect fees for regional bicentennial conferences.

Subd. 4. **APPROPRIATION.** The commission is the successor to the Minnesota American revolution bicentennial commission established by Executive Order No. 51, December 18, 1972. Upon completion of appointment of all the members of the commission, the unencumbered balances of the appropriations made to the governor for the benefit of the Minnesota bicentennial committee by Laws 1973, Chapter 720, Section 43, Subdivision 5, and to the governor for the benefit of the Minnesota American revolution bicentennial commission by Laws 1974, Chapter 355, Section 65, or by any other law shall be transferred and made available to the commission until the expiration of this act. Gifts and receipts from sales and conferences with respect to the commission's bicentennial functions are appropriated to the commission and shall remain available to the commission until the expiration of this act.

Subd. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and shall expire December 31, 1976.

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