

therein; to be tried by a jury or referred upon the record, as provided in section 487.39, subdivisions 2 and 3, and the provisions thereof are hereby made applicable to all appeals under section 525.71.

Sec. 17. This act is effective the day after final enactment.

Approved April 3, 1976.

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## CHAPTER 162—S.F.No.2210

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Red River watershed; authorizing watershed districts which are members of the lower Red River watershed management board to levy a tax; authorizing the management board to institute certain projects; allowing the board to enter certain intergovernmental agreements.*

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

Section 1. **RED RIVER WATERSHED; TAX BY WATERSHED DISTRICTS.** Each watershed district located within the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Norman, Clay, Mahnommen, Clearwater, Roseau, Wilkin, Ottertail, and Becker, which district is a member of the lower Red River watershed management board, established by a joint powers agreement in accordance with the 1974 edition of Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, may levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed two mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the district for a period not to exceed ten consecutive years. This levy shall be in excess of any levy authorized by the 1974 edition of Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.61. The proceeds of one-half of this levy shall be credited to the district's administrative fund and shall be used for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to the district. The proceeds of the remaining one-half of this levy shall be credited to the construction fund of the lower Red River watershed management board and shall be used for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to more than one member district.

Sec. 2. The lower Red River watershed management board may by resolution institute projects or works of common benefit to more than one member district and the expenses of the works or projects may be paid in any manner permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 112, provided, that the limitations of engineers' preliminary cost estimates specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.48, Subdivision 4, shall not be applicable.

Sec. 3. The lower Red River watershed management board may cooperate with water management and flood control authorities in the State of North Dakota and the province of Manitoba and may enter

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into contracts, compacts and agreements which may be necessary to insure integration of its works or projects, to control the effects of flooding or to assure the beneficial use of water in the watershed of the Red River and its tributaries.

Sec. 4. This act is effective on the day following its final enactment.

Approved April 3, 1976.

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## CHAPTER 163—S.F.No.2277

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to the organization and operation of state government; codifying various provisions formerly contained as riders in appropriation acts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 3.755; 16A.72; 38.02, Subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; 121.26; 125.08; 136.06; 136.11, Subdivisions 1 and 2, and by adding subdivisions; 136.13; 136.62, by adding a subdivision; 137.02, by adding a subdivision; 138.01; 144.169, by adding a subdivision; 158.04; 158.05; 158.08; 161.142, Subdivision 6; 161.201; 167.45; 171.26; 173.231; 241.27, by adding a subdivision; 245.61; 245.65, Subdivision 1; 246.02, Subdivisions 2 and 4; 248.07, Subdivision 8; 252.27, Subdivision 1; 254A.08, Subdivision 3; 256.01, Subdivision 8; 256.011; 260.311, Subdivision 5; 299D.03, Subdivision 6; 299D.04; 352B.02, Subdivision 1; Chapters 134, 136, 137, 138, 161, 242, 245, and 246, by adding sections; Minnesota Statutes, 1975 Supplement, Sections 16.02, Subdivision 16; 243.09, Subdivision 3; 252.24, Subdivision 4; 260.251, Subdivision 1a; 268.08, Subdivision 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 136.821; 161.241, Subdivision 5; 161.261, Subdivision 3; 167.40; Laws 1969, Chapter 157, Section 2; Laws 1973, Chapter 768, Section 23; and Laws 1975, Chapter 433, Section 20.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 3.755, is amended to read:

**3.755 STATE GOVERNMENT; STATUTES; INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATION RIDERS; DAMAGE BY INMATES.** The department of corrections and the department of public welfare are directed to pay all claims involving property damage, not covered by insurance, resulting from actions of escaping inmates or runaway patients occurring while perfecting their escape, provided that the departments have verified the reasonableness of the amounts claimed. Upon the approval of the commissioner of public welfare or the commissioner of corrections as to the institutions under their respective control, the superintendent of any such institution may pay out of the current expense appropriation of the institution to any employee thereof the amount of any property damage sustained by the employee, not in excess of \$250, by reason or as a result of action of any patient or inmate of the institution.

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