

and shall, as much as is practical, be integrated with existing legislative staff.

Subd. 6. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative coordinating commission the sum of \$10,000 for the period ending December 31, 1978 to pay the expenses incurred by the commission.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 176.111, Subdivision 13; and 176.185, Subdivision 8, are repealed.

Sec. 29. Sections 3 and 6 of this act are effective on January 1, 1978. Section 12, except for the amendment in section 176.101, subdivision 7, is effective October 1, 1977. Section 23 is effective retroactive to October 1, 1975. Section 25 shall be effective June 30, 1979. Section 17 is effective on July 1, 1977. All other provisions of this act shall be effective the day following final enactment. The provisions of section 27 shall expire December 31, 1978.

Approved May 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 343—H.F.No.1094

An act relating to insurance; providing for competitive bids on group contracts for certain public bodies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 471.616, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 471.616, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

471.616 GROUP INSURANCE; GOVERNMENTAL UNITS. Subdivision 1.
BIDDING REQUIRED. No governmental subdivision, political subdivision, or any other body corporate and politic authorized by law to purchase group insurance for its employees and providing or intending to provide such group insurance protections and benefits for 25 or more of its employees shall enter into a contract for or renew any such group insurance policy or contract without calling for bids and awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder by way of competitive bidding procedures similar to those for the provision of services and supplies under Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 1, 2, 4 and 5. Lowest responsible bidder means the insurer or service plan corporation submitting the lowest premium rate or the lowest charge for expenses and risk taking in accordance with the specifications for the coverage and administrative services from among such insurers or service plan corporations authorized to do business in this state which are deemed by the governmental unit to be financially able to carry the risk proposed and are capable of satisfactorily performing the administration of the policy or contract. The cost of changing insurers may also be considered in determining the lowest premium rate or the lowest charge for expenses and risk taking. The aggregate value of benefits provided by a contract entered into after July 1, 1973 shall not be less than those provided by the preexisting contract.

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~~Provided, however, that~~ No such contract need be awarded or submitted or resubmitted to bid more frequently than once every 48 months, unless for any reason whatsoever, a 50 percent or greater change in the original premium under the policy contract is provided, required or indicated.

When an insurer proposes an increase in rates, it shall accompany its proposal with an aggregate claims record for the appropriate period that explains the proposed increase. When a contract is resubmitted for bids the aggregate claims record shall accompany the specifications for the contract.

Approved May 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 344—H.F.No.1193

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Bloomington in Hennepin county and the city of South St. Paul in Dakota county; housing and redevelopment authority; providing that the housing and redevelopment authority may make loans and grants for home improvement; amending Laws 1971, Chapter 616, Sections 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1971, Chapter 616, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **BLOOMINGTON AND SOUTH ST. PAUL, CITIES OF; HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.** *Notwithstanding the provisions of section 462.425, or any other law or charter provision to the contrary, the city of Bloomington shall have a housing and redevelopment authority consisting of five commissioners who shall be residents of the city or area of operation of the authority and who shall be appointed by the council. Not more than three of the commissioners at any one time shall be councilmen of the city of Bloomington.*

The commissioners shall hold office for a period of five years, provided they are members of the governing body of the city. When a commissioner is no longer a member of the governing body of the city, his term as commissioner shall terminate and the council shall appoint a member of the council to serve in his place for the remainder of the term. In other respects the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.425 apply to the housing and redevelopment authority of the city of Bloomington.

Sec. 2. Laws 1971, Chapter 616, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **PURPOSE, SCOPE AND AUTHORITY.** Subdivision 1. The purpose, scope and authority of the housing and redevelopment authority established pursuant to this act shall be the same as that provided for under Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.415 to 462.716, except where inconsistent with subdivision 2.

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