

and economic development of the cities, towns and school districts within the iron ranges area of northeast Minnesota, any city, town or school district in which the assessed valuation consists in part of iron ore, or lands containing taconite or semi-taconite, may pay annual dues in the range municipalities and civic association of municipalities and schools; provided, that in cities, towns or school districts having a population of 3,000 inhabitants, such dues shall not exceed the sum of \$500 per year and in cities, towns or school districts having a population of less than 3,000 inhabitants, such dues shall not exceed the sum of \$250.

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CHAPTER 576-H.F.No.2068

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to public television; eliminating restriction on location of television tower; amending Laws 1977, Chapter 320, Section 1.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1977, Chapter 320, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION; APPROPRIATION; EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA.** There is appropriated to the state university board from the general fund the sum of \$440,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, for the purpose of providing a grant-in-aid to Northern Minnesota Public Television, Inc., of Bemidji, a private nonprofit corporation and a public station as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 139.17, Subdivision 2, to assist in constructing and equipping public educational television facilities at or near Bemidji state university. Facilities shall include adequate production studio equipment meeting standards set out in the guidelines of a publication entitled, "Public Broadcasting Services", and a 1,000 foot television tower; ~~located approximately 12 miles northwest of Bemidji~~, with a transmitting system capable of transmitting educational television programs an approximate distance of 90 miles in all directions from the tower site. The funds appropriated shall be expended subject to the direction of the state university board and in accordance with the purposes of this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.28, or any other law, this appropriation shall not cancel but shall be available until expended. It is the intention of the legislature that this shall be a final and non-recurring appropriation.

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