

~~the years indicated. If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it until expended. This sum may also be used to evaluate the hydroelectric generating capacity of publicly owned dams pursuant to section 105.482. From the appropriation made by this section, the commissioner of natural resources may grant to the University of Minnesota an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purposes of conducting feasibility studies of hydroelectric power generation and engineering evaluations of dam safety.~~

1980	1981
\$250,000	\$250,000

Sec. 6. Laws 1979, Chapter 300, Section 4, Subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **BOND SALE; DEBT SERVICE.** To provide the money appropriated from the state building fund in subdivisions ~~2, 3 and 1~~ to 4 the commissioner of finance upon request of the governor shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to ~~\$3,275,000~~ \$3,775,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 16A.63 to 16A.67, and by the Constitution, Article XI, Sections 4 to 7.

Sec. 7. Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 16, 1980

CHAPTER 586—S.F.No. 251

An act relating to cooperative associations; validating elections of directors by mail voting; authorizing mail voting for directors of cooperative associations; providing for voting by members' spouses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 308.071; and Chapter 308, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 308.071, is amended to read:

308.071 COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Subdivision 1. No action heretofore or hereafter taken by the board of directors nor the election of any director of any cooperative association organized under sections 308.05 to 308.18 shall be held to be invalid by reason of any ~~such~~ director ~~heretofore~~ having been elected at an election at which any stockholder voted by mail in accordance with provisions for mail votes existing in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of such cooperative association prior to January 1, 1956 the effective date of this act.

Subd. 2. ~~If voting by mail is authorized by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of any such cooperative association, then any stockholder of such association may, at any election of any director of such association which shall be held hereafter and prior to January 1, 1958, vote by mail in the same manner as is~~

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prescribed by section 308.07. This shall not be construed as a declaration of legislative intent as to whether or not the statutes, prior to this amendment, permit the mailing of ballots for director's elections. No stockholder shall vote by mail for a director unless mail voting is authorized by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the association. The ballot shall be in such form as the board of directors of the association shall prescribe for use in electing directors. The stockholder shall mark his ballot for the candidate or candidates of his choice and mail it to the association in a sealed plain envelope inside another envelope bearing his name. If the ballot of the stockholder is received by the association on or before the date of the meeting, the ballot shall be accepted and counted as the vote of the absent stockholder.

Subd. 3. If voting by mail is authorized by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of a cooperative telephone association, a stockholder or member of the association may, at the election of any director of the association held hereafter, vote by mail in the manner prescribed in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the association and the mail voting shall be by secret ballot.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 308, is amended by adding a section to read:

[308.105] VOTING BY MEMBERS. Whenever a vote of members or stockholders of a cooperative association is required or provided for on any matter, including a petition pursuant to section 216B.02, subdivision 4, the spouse of the member or stockholder may vote on behalf of the member or stockholder unless the member or stockholder has indicated otherwise.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 17, 1980

CHAPTER 587—H.F.No. 2304

An act relating to elections; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, by adding sections, to provide for initiative and referendum; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article VII, by adding a section, to require certain election campaign expenditures to be limited and disclosed by law; implementing the initiative and referendum process, including the manner of petitioning and voting on initiative and referendum measures and judicial review; permitting corporations to spend money to promote or defeat ballot questions; requiring disclosure of contributions and expenditures on ballot questions; increasing the campaign spending limits and the income tax check-off or repealing spending limits contingent on adoption or rejection of a constitutional amendment; imposing duties on certain officials; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 10A.01, Subdivisions 7, 7a, 7b, 10, 15, 16, and by adding a subdivision; 10A.12, Subdivision 1; 10A.20, Subdivisions 3, 6 and by adding a subdivision; 10A.31, Subdivi-

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