

necessary. The commission may dismiss any complaint without a hearing if in its opinion a hearing is not in the public interest.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective on the day following final enactment. This act is effective in respect to applications for independent telephone company rate changes pending before the commission on the effective date of this act and no refunds of increased independent telephone company rates ordered after the effective date of this act shall be necessary, unless the independent telephone company elects to be subject to rate regulation on or before 60 days after the effective date of this act.

Approved May 21, 1981

CHAPTER 249 — S.F.No. 177

An act relating to foods; directing the establishment of labeling requirements for wild rice which is planted or cultivated; providing a penalty; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 30.

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

Section 1. **[30.49] PADDY GROWN WILD RICE.**

All wild rice which is planted or cultivated and which is offered for wholesale or retail sale in this state shall be plainly and conspicuously labeled as "paddy grown" in letters of a size and form prescribed by the commissioner. Any person who sells wild rice at wholesale or retail which is not labeled as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective January 1, 1982.

Approved May 21, 1981

CHAPTER 250 — S.F.No. 227

An act relating to the organization and operation of government; creating a legislative commission on metropolitan governance; requiring a study of relationships among metropolitan institutions and agencies of government; specifying other duties; mandating a report to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **POLICY.**

The legislature finds that institutions of governance in the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, have gone through a substantial evolutionary process in recent years; that legislation relating to the purpose, structure, operation and effects of those institutions and the policies and programs is regularly submitted to the legislature; and that such legislation raises important and enduring issues of governmental philosophy and practice. The legislature therefore declares that a legislative commission should be temporarily established as a forum in which to undertake a thorough review of governance in the metropolitan area and to develop a comprehensive state policy on the subject.

Sec. 2. **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE.**

Subdivision 1. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP. There is created a legislative commission on metropolitan governance consisting of five members of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate, named by the customary appointing authority in each house. Members shall be compensated in the same manner and amount as for other legislative service.

Subd. 2. ORGANIZATION; STAFF. The commission shall choose a chairperson and other officers as necessary. Staff and administrative support for the commission shall be provided by existing legislative service offices.

Subd. 3. DUTIES. The object of the commission shall be to develop, articulate and recommend to the legislature a comprehensive policy on governance in the metropolitan area, with special emphasis on the interrelationships of governmental units. The commission shall consider issues and policies relating at least to the following subjects:

(a) the assignment or reassignment of governmental responsibilities to ensure performance by the appropriate levels and units of government;

(b) the relationships among the metropolitan council and the various metropolitan special purpose agencies and between these metropolitan institutions and other units and agencies of government, both within and surrounding the metropolitan area, and methods for coordinating policies and programs and for resolving disputes among these institutions of governments, including methods for assessing and controlling the unforeseen external effects of metropolitan area policies and programs;

(c) the structure and powers of the various metropolitan special purpose agencies and the metropolitan council;

(d) the membership of the metropolitan council and metropolitan agencies, including eligibility requirements, selection and appointment methods, accountability, and representational equity;

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(e) the financing of metropolitan institutions, facilities, and services and the feasibility of legislative approval of the budget and staff complement of the metropolitan council; and

(f) the appropriate uses of the authority of the metropolitan council and metropolitan agencies to review local applications for state and federal financial assistance.

Sec. 3. REPORT.

The commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than January 5, 1983.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after final enactment and shall expire January 6, 1983.

Approved May 21, 1981

CHAPTER 251 — S.F.No. 279

An act relating to taxation; providing that certain emergency shelters are exempt from the property tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 272.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in other subdivisions of this section or in section 272.025 or section 273.13, subdivisions 17, 17b, 17c or 17d, all property described in this section to the extent herein limited shall be exempt from taxation:

- (1) All public burying grounds;
- (2) All public schoolhouses;
- (3) All public hospitals;
- (4) All academies, colleges, and universities, and all seminaries of learning;
- (5) All churches, church property, and houses of worship;
- (6) Institutions of purely public charity except property assessed pursuant to section 273.13, subdivisions 17, 17b, 17c or 17d;

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