

CHAPTER 679—H.F.No. 2155

An act relating to natural resources; revising provisions relating to the Heartland Trail; proposing the authorization of a new state trail; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 85.015, subdivision 12, and by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 85.015, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. Heartland Trail, Hubbard and Cass counties.

(a) The trail shall originate at mile post 90.92 at Park Rapids in Hubbard county and shall extend in an easterly direction along the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way ~~to the south line of Oak Avenue in~~ through Walker in Cass county. The trail shall then continue ~~from the section line between sections 9 and 16, Township 142 North, Range 31 West,~~ in a northerly direction along the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way ~~to mile post 137.78, approximately 2 miles south of~~ Cass Lake in Cass county, and there terminate.

(b) The trail shall be developed primarily for riding and hiking.

(c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands for the Heartland Trail may be acquired by eminent domain. Before acquiring any land or interest in land by eminent domain the commissioner of administration shall obtain the approval of the governor. The governor shall consult with the legislative advisory commission before granting approval. Recommendations of the legislative advisory commission shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the commission to make a recommendation shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 85.015, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. PAUL BUNYAN TRAIL, CROW WING, CASS, HUBBARD, AND BELTRAMI COUNTIES. The trail shall originate in the city of Baxter in Crow Wing county and shall extend in a northerly direction along the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way, intersecting the Heartland State Trail southeast of the city of Walker in Cass county. The trail shall continue on the Heartland State Trail through the city of Walker, then in a northwesterly direction along the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way to the city of Bemidji in Beltrami county and there terminate.

Sec. 3. NOTIFICATION TO LANDOWNERS.

At least 30 days before the commissioner of natural resources acquires land for the Paul Bunyan Trail under section 2, the commissioner must notify adjoining landowners of a hearing on the acquisition. The commissioner must hold a hearing on the land acquisition and development of the trail.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 27, 1988

CHAPTER 680—H.F.No. 2596

An act relating to metropolitan government; prescribing the contents of affirmative action plans for metropolitan agencies and a process for approval and reporting of those plans; requiring purchases from businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged persons; requiring certain contractors to have affirmative action plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 473.141, subdivision 9; and 473.406, subdivisions 2, 5, 6, and 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3 and 473.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 473.141, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **PERSONNEL CODE; MERIT SYSTEM.** (a) The council shall by resolution adopt guidelines for a personnel code relating to the employees of the commissions, except that nothing in Laws 1974, Chapter 422 shall impair the rights of any commission or employee under sections 473.405 and 473.415. After adoption of the guidelines, each commission shall by resolution adopt a personnel code in general conformance therewith. The code shall include a job classification plan, procedures for employment and promotion of personnel based on merit, procedures for the demotion, suspension or discharge of employees, procedures for hearing grievances, procedures for salary administration, and such other provisions as the council deems appropriate. In addition, the code shall provide for the development by each commission of affirmative action plans, ~~which shall be submitted for approval to the appropriate agency or office of the state. The plans shall include a yearly progress report to the agency or office as provided in section 3.~~ The chief administrator of each commission shall administer the code, and no commission shall take any action inconsistent with the personnel code.

(b) All employees of the commission except those expressly designated for the unclassified service, shall serve in the classified service. The unclassified service shall include: members of the commission, the chief administrator of the commission, all officers of the commission, any employee of the commission who is determined by the commission to have a confidential relationship to the commission or the council; and any employee of the commission expressly exempted from the classified service by law. Each code shall also include procedures for open competitive examinations to test the relative skill or ability of all applicants for positions in the classified service. Such examinations may

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