

(d) The described property is located adjacent to the town hall property. The town desires to expand its town hall and to manage and use the remaining property in its natural state or as a park.

(e) Before undertaking any activities on the land, the town shall consult with the commissioner of natural resources regarding the town's specific plans for the use of the land. The plans must provide for the preservation of existing trees on the land to the maximum extent consistent with the uses described in paragraph (d).

Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 7 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 24, 1991

Signed by the governor May 28, 1991, 10:20 a.m.

CHAPTER 220—H.F.No. 1353

An act relating to economic development; establishing an international partnership program in the Minnesota trade office; authorizing a partnership program project; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Section 1. **[116J.974] INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

The commissioner shall establish an international partnership program to promote joint ventures in research and development, commercialization, and export opportunities between Minnesota companies, foreign companies, and foreign governments. The purpose of the partnership program is to encourage Minnesota business development, joint venture access to foreign markets, and the export of state products, and to create employment opportunities in Minnesota. Activities of the partnership program may include the following:

(1) develop and maintain a database of international partnership programs that finance, assist, or otherwise promote joint projects or ventures with companies in the United States;

(2) collect and disseminate information on international joint venture programs to Minnesota companies and entrepreneurs;

(3) provide technical assistance to Minnesota companies in preparing proposals or other applications for international programs that support joint projects or ventures;

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(4) explore methods of improved access to new and expanding international markets in the European Economic Community 1992 and the newly democratized countries;

(5) encourage public-private business and leadership exchanges between Minnesota and foreign countries;

(6) identify potential sources of domestic financing for international partnership programs; and

(7) review and evaluate the need for a state grant or loan program to assist Minnesota companies by providing matching funds through the international partnership program.

State money in an international partnership fund must be matched on a dollar for dollar basis with money from participating foreign governments. An international partnership fund must contribute no more than 50 percent of total costs for each project. Applicants to an international partnership fund must demonstrate a nonpublic commitment of no less than 50 percent of eligible project costs.

Sec. 2. [116J.975] PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT.

The commissioner may establish an international partnership project as part of the review procedure under section 1, clause (7). The commissioner may solicit applications and proposals from Minnesota companies and nonprofit organizations for projects that will achieve the goals of the international partnership program. The grants may be used for planning or for participation in joint venture programs. Applications or proposals must:

(1) contain a detailed description of the project or activities that will be used to achieve the goals of the partnership program;

(2) identify the source of the matching funds as required by section 1;

(3) identify the participating country or countries and their financial or other contributions to the project;

(4) identify the expected outcomes from the project; and

(5) contain any other information the commissioner determines necessary to award grants.

The commissioner may establish priorities for applications. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary for the administration of the grants under this section. The commissioner may establish an advisory committee to assist in carrying out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 3. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The commissioner of trade and economic development shall report to the legislature by January 15, 1992, on the international partnership program including recommendations on improvements and the need for a grant or loan program to assist Minnesota companies in accessing international partnership programs.

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CHAPTER 221—S.F.No. 1178

An act relating to elections; allowing school meetings on certain election days; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, sections 204B.36, subdivision 2; and 204C.03, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 204B.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CANDIDATES AND OFFICES.** The name of each candidate shall be printed at a right angle to the length of the ballot. At a general election the name of the political party or the political principle of each candidate for partisan office shall be printed above or below the name of the candidate. The name of a political party or a political principle shall be printed in capital and lower case letters of the same type, with the capital letters at least one-half the height of the capital letters used for names of the candidates. At a general election, blank lines shall be printed below the name of the last candidate for each office, or below the title of the office if no candidate has filed for that office, so that a voter may write in the names of individuals whose names are not on the ballot. One blank line shall be printed for each officer of that kind to be elected. At a primary election, no blank lines shall be provided for writing in the names of individuals whose names do not appear on the primary ballot.

On the left side of the ballot at the same level with the name of each candidate and each blank line shall be printed a square in which the voter may designate a vote by a mark (X). Each square shall be the same size. Above the first name on each ballot shall be printed the words, "Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for." At the same level with these words and directly above the squares shall be printed a small arrow pointing downward. Directly underneath the official title of each office shall be printed the words "Vote for one" ~~(or more, according to the~~ "Vote for up to ..." ~~(any greater~~ number to be elected).

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 204C.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.** Except for regularly scheduled classes, ~~no~~ a public elementary or secondary school ~~shall~~ may not schedule a school sponsored event between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day that ~~an~~ a regularly scheduled election is held in any political subdivision in which the school is located in that school district.

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