

Sec. 13. **REPEALER.** Minnesota Statutes, 1979 Supplement, Sections 79.41 and 79.42 are repealed.

Sec. 14. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 to 13 are effective the day following final enactment. Sections 1 to 5 shall expire June 30, 1982. Expiration of these sections shall not apply to any rate hearing on or before that date.

Approved April 11, 1980

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**CHAPTER 557—S.F.No. 407**

*An act relating to regional development commissions; requiring a report on the commission's effectiveness; providing procedures for terminating commissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 462.393; and Chapter 462, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 462.393, is amended to read:

462.393 **REPORTS.** Subdivision 1. On or before ~~February~~ August 1 of each year, the commission shall prepare a report for the governmental units, the public within the region, the legislature and the governor. The report shall include:

(1) A statement of the commission's receipts and expenditures by category since the preceding report;

(2) A detailed budget for the year in which the report is filed and a tentative budget for the following year including an outline of its program for such period;

(3) A description of any comprehensive plan adopted in whole or in part for the region;

(4) Summaries of any studies and the recommendations resulting therefrom made for the region;

(5) A listing of all applications for federal grants or loans made by governmental units within the region together with the action taken by the commission in relation thereto;

(6) A listing of plans of local governmental units submitted to the region, and actions taken in relationship thereto; ~~and~~

(7) Recommendations of the commission regarding federal and state programs, cooperation, funding, and legislative needs; ~~and~~

(8) A summary of any report made during the previous year by the state auditor relative to the commission.

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Subd. 2. In 1981 and every five years thereafter the commission shall review its activities and issue a report assessing its performance in fulfilling the purposes of the regional development act of 1969. The report shall state whether the existence of the commission is in the public welfare and interest. The report shall be included in the report required by subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 462, is amended by adding a section to read:

[462.398] TERMINATION OF COMMISSION. Subdivision 1. Any combination of counties or municipalities representing a majority of the population of the region for which a commission exists may petition the state planning officer by formal resolution stating that the existence of the commission is no longer in the public welfare and interest and is not needed to accomplish the purposes of the regional development act of 1969. For purposes of this section the population of a county does not include the population of a municipality within the county. Any formal resolution adopted by the governing body of a county or municipality for the termination of a commission shall be effective for a period of one year for the purpose of determining the requisite population of the region needed to petition the state planning officer.

Subd. 2. Within 35 days of the receipt of the petition, the state planning officer shall fix a time and place within the region for a hearing. The state planning officer shall give notice of the hearing by publication once each week for two successive weeks before the date of the hearing in a legal newspaper in each of the counties which the commission represents. The hearing shall be conducted by members of the commission. If the commission determines that the existence of the commission is no longer in the public welfare and interest and that it is not needed to accomplish the purposes of the regional development act of 1969, the commission shall recommend to the state planning officer that he terminate the commission. Within 60 days after receipt of the recommendation, the state planning officer shall terminate the commission by giving notice of the termination to all government units within the region for which the commission was established. Unless otherwise provided by this subdivision, the hearing shall be in accordance with sections 15.0411 to 15.0426.

Subd. 3. The state planning officer shall not accept a petition for termination more than once in 30 months for each regional development commission.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective January 1, 1981.

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## CHAPTER 558—S.F.No. 1843

*An act relating to transportation; establishing a state rail bank for abandoned rail lines; providing for the sale of certain abandoned railway lines in certain counties;*

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