

by the corporation for any of the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, are declared to be acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, and occupied for public, governmental, and municipal purposes, and shall be exempt from taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. *Nothing contained in Laws 1943, Chapter 500, or Minnesota Statutes, Sections 360.101 through 360.144, shall be construed as exempting properties, real or personal, leased from the metropolitan airports commission to a tenant or lessee who is a private person, association, or corporation from assessments or taxes.*

Sec. 4. *The amendments herein contained will apply on the effective date of this act to the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan airports commission. If local consent is required, this act shall become effective upon approval by resolution duly adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of its commissioners, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Sec. 5. *If section 4 of this act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, a decision by such court so holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the act, namely, sections 1, 2 and 3; and to that end sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this act are hereby declared to be severable; and it is hereby declared that the act would have been passed irrespective of a decision by such a court declaring section 4 unconstitutional or invalid for some other reason.*

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 909—H. F. No. 946

[Not Coded]

An act creating a land exchange review board, and prescribing its duties; appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Land exchange review board. Subdivision 1. A land exchange review board is created consisting of seven members to be selected by the Minnesota land exchange commission, with the advice and consent of the senate to serve a six year term with the first board members to serve 2, 4 and 6 years respectively as designated by the commission. At the expiration of any term the commission shall appoint a successor for a term of six years. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, the commission shall appoint a

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successor to fill the unexpired term. The board members shall be knowledgeable in the use, preservation, and development of the state's natural resources and the board's responsibility shall be to consider the overlapping activities of the federal, state, county and private interests and methods of coordination of these activities to protect the rights and interest of citizens of the state of Minnesota in attaining the highest, best and most beneficial use of the lands and public waters. No member shall be a state or federal employee.

Subd. 2. The land exchange review board shall make a comprehensive review of all proposals for land exchanges to determine the maximum benefits of the present and foreseeable demands for the land which should include the overall aspects of all ownerships and conflicting uses. The board shall conduct public hearings at stated locations which will best serve all parties interested as required as well as notifying the county boards serving the respective counties wherein the subject lands are situated so that they may request public hearings in behalf of its residents and others concerned. The board shall meet regularly at quarterly intervals in February, May, August and October each year for current review and action on pending case transactions. Meetings would not have to be held if no cases are pending. The board shall thereafter make specific recommendations for each proposed case transaction on all state land exchanges and the disposal of state lands for final approval or disapproval by the land exchange commission, provided that the land exchange commission may also seek such other recommendations as are required by law or as it deems appropriate. The board shall also report to the legislature from time to time setting forth its findings as a result of its investigations and studies of land exchanges in the state, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation on the subject.

Subd. 3. Each member appointed to the land exchange review board shall be paid for actual services performed on a per diem basis of \$35 per day plus reimbursement for expenses actually and necessarily incurred hereunder.

Subd. 4. There is hereby appropriated annually the sum of \$35,000 from the general revenue fund of the state treasury to the land exchange commission for the purposes of this act, including the payment of consultants' charges.

Sec. 2. The commission herein created and the appropriation herein provided shall expire July 1, 1971.

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