

No appropriation shall become available for expenditure until such estimates as required by Section 16, Article II, of such act shall have been approved by the Commissioner of Administration. No obligation involving expenditure of money shall be entered into unless there is a balance in the appropriation available not otherwise encumbered to pay obligations previously incurred.

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CHAPTER 741—H. F. No. 1814

[Not Coded]

An act creating an interim commission to make a study of the veterans' preference in public employment and civil service laws of this state; requiring the commission to make a report covering recommended amendments to and revisions of existing laws to the next regular session of the Legislature and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Veterans preference in public employment commission. A commission of eight members is created consisting of two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, two members of the Senate appointed by the committee on Committees of the Senate and four members from the four major veterans organizations in the state, namely; one member to be selected and appointed by and from within the membership of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, and likewise one member to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota, and likewise one member to represent the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, and likewise one member to represent the American Veterans Committee, Department of Minnesota. The appointments shall be made forthwith upon passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as the next annual state conventions of such veterans organizations shall confirm such veteran members respectively. The Commission shall be known as the Veterans' Preference in Public Employment Commission. The members of the Commission shall elect one member as chairman thereof.

Sec. 2. Duties of commission. The Commission shall study and consider the laws of this state concerned with veterans' preference in public employment and civil service, with the object of determining a sound policy for this state in matters of veterans' preference in public employment and civil service, and recommending such changes in the laws of this state as may be necessary to give adequate and proper expression to such policy in the best interests of the veterans who are citizens or residents of this state and in the best interests of all the people of this state. The Commission shall make report of its activities and recommendations to the next general session of the Legislature and the report shall be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy mailed to each member of the Legislature, to the Governor and to all veterans' organizations chartered under the laws of this state or known to exist in this state under any federal law, not later than October 1, 1950. If new legislation or amendments to existing laws are recommended, proposed bills for submission thereof to the Legislature shall be included in the report.

Sec. 3. Appointment of others than commission members to subcommittees; limitation. The commission may appoint committees to deal with particular problems or phases of its study made up of citizens of the state, but there will be at least one member of the commission on each committee. The commission and its committees may hold hearings at such times and places as may be convenient for the purpose of taking evidence and testimony to effectuate the purposes of this act, and for such purposes the commission and its committees may issue subpoenas. In the case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued under the authority hereof, the district court of the county where such refusal or contumacy occurred may upon complaint of the commission by its chairman punish as for contempt the person guilty thereof. Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage required to be paid to witnesses in civil actions in district court, but fees need not be paid in advance unless so ordered by the commission or by the committee issuing the subpoena.

Sec. 4. Expenses; stationery and supplies. Members of the commission and its committees will serve without pay but shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may employ expert clerical and professional aid and assistance; and may purchase stationery

and other supplies; and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission, and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or a statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 742—H. F. No. 1833

[Not Coded]

An act appropriating money from the Minnesota State building fund for the construction, remodeling, altering, enlarging, and equipping of certain buildings, and the purchase of certain real property; levying a tax to provide funds therefor, including a tax on homesteads notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 273.13, Subdivisions 6 and 7; and authorizing the issuance and sale of certificates of indebtedness.

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

Section 1. Appropriations from Minnesota State Building Fund. There is hereby appropriated from the Minnesota State Building Fund for the purposes hereinafter stated the sums of money set forth in the following sections, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. Additional appropriations. Subdivision 1. Repairs of various institutions. To the commissioner of administration for the purposes hereinafter stated at the respective state hospitals, schools, or colony hereinafter designated.