

CHAPTER 691—S. F. No. 532

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problems in connection with the harbors at Duluth and Superior,

An act creating a commission to confer with a similar commission from the State of Wisconsin relating to ~~a toll-free bridge between said states~~, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. ~~Toll-free-bridge-commission, cooperate with Wisconsin-commission.~~ (A commission to confer with a similar commission from the state of Wisconsin for the purpose of investigating and studying the possibility of financing and constructing a toll-free bridge connecting the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota in the vicinity of Duluth and Superior is hereby created. The commission consists of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, and four members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker, upon the passage of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority.) ~~The existence of the commission shall terminate upon the adjournment sine die of the regular, 1955 session of the legislature unless its existence is extended by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives.~~

Sec. 2. ~~Investigation and study, powers.~~ The commission shall make a detailed, comprehensive investigation and study of the possibilities of constructing said toll-free bridge in such location, and shall confer with the highway departments of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and with such other persons, organizations or governmental bodies as may be of assistance to the commission.

Sec. 3. ~~Officers, meetings.~~ The joint commission shall select a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers as it deems necessary, and may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate.

Sec. 4. ~~Testimonial powers, assistance.~~ The joint commission may subpoena witnesses and records and employ such assistance as it deems necessary to perform effectively its duties and may do all things necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Sec. 5. ~~Governmental officials to cooperate.~~ Every state, county, town and municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with this commission and to make available to the commission, upon request by it, all records and information which is under his control relating to the subject-matter of this act.

~~Sec. 6. Report to Legislature. The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than January 15, 1955, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper.~~

~~Sec. 7. Expenses, payment. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.~~

Insert ~~Sec. 8. Appropriation. The sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund in the state treasury to this commission for use in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and then paid in the manner provided by law. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.~~ ^{\$500} *action*

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CHAPTER 692—S. F. No. 2

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An act creating a commission to investigate and study all matters relating to highways and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. **Highways commission.** A commission to investigate and study all matters relating to highways is hereby created to consist of seven members of the Senate, and seven citizens of Minnesota who are not officers or employees of the state, all to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, and seven members of the House of Representatives, and seven citizens of Minnesota who are not officers or employees of the state, all to be appointed by the speaker. The appointment of such committee shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 2. **Complete study and investigation.** The commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed and complete investigation and study of all the factors contributing to a sound highway policy for this state, including, but not limited to, the adequacy of existing highways, the need for additional