

terim study committees. Subdivision 1. Each standing committee or subcommittee existing in the senate and house of representatives is continued during the intervals between sessions of the legislature to make studies and investigations within the general jurisdiction of each such committee, or as otherwise prescribed by resolution, existing at the time the legislature last adjourned in regular session.

Subd. 2. Vacancies in any such committee or subcommittee during such intervals shall be filled by the last elected speaker of the house of representatives as to house committees and by the last elected senate committee on committees as to senate committees.

Subd. 3. Any standing committee of the senate that requires an appropriation of funds to defray expenses of its operations during the interim shall prepare a budget, which budget shall be submitted to the senate committee on rules and legislative expense for its approval. No funds shall be expended by such standing committee without prior approval of the senate committee on rules and legislative expense. Any standing committee of the house of representatives that requires an appropriation of funds to defray expenses of its operations during the interim shall prepare a budget, which budget shall be submitted to the rules committee of the house of representatives for its approval. No funds shall be expended by such standing committee without prior approval of the rules committee of the house of representatives.

Subd. 4. The expenses of any such committee shall be paid upon the certification to the state auditor of the amount thereof. Payment of such expenses is hereby directed from any direct appropriation therefor to the legislature or either branch thereof.

Sec. 2. None of the provisions of section 1 shall in any way affect any commission or committee of the legislature or either branch thereof now existing or hereafter established under any other law.

Sec. 3. This act is in effect upon its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 888—H. F. No. 1852

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to interim and other study commissions created by the legislature; prescribing their membership, powers, duties,

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and jurisdiction; expressing legislative policy and prescribing the duties of certain public officers and employees in connection therewith; appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. **Legislature; commissions established.** Commissions to study, investigate, and consider governmental and related problems, existing laws, and the need for additional legislation in connection therewith, including but not limited to law revision and codification where necessary, are created and established in accordance with the provisions of this act. The powers and duties of each commission are as set forth in the section creating the commission and in section 12. The membership of each commission, unless otherwise provided in the section creating the commission, is as set forth in section 12. The appropriation for each commission is as set forth in section 13.

Sec. 2. [3.922] **Indian affairs commission.** Subdivision 1. **Creation, membership.** There is created a state commission on Indian affairs to consist of the following members: The governor or a member of his official staff designated by him, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of public welfare, the commissioner of conservation, and the commissioner of business development, who shall be ex officio members thereof, but each may designate a member of his staff to serve in his place; three persons who are of at least one fourth Indian ancestry, one of whom shall be a member of the Red Lake band of Indians, one of whom shall be a member of the consolidated Chippewa Indian tribes, and one of whom shall be a member of the Sioux Indian tribes, all such three members shall be appointed by the governor after consultation with the tribal councils of the respective Indian groups; two members of the state house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, two members of the state senate appointed by the committee on committees of the senate, and three members at large, appointed by the governor. Vacancies in the offices of the appointive members shall be filled by the appointing authority for the balance of the unexpired term.

Subd. 2. **Terms.** To ensure a continuity of work, the initial appointments shall be: One of the three members selected from the Indian tribes shall be for a term of one year, one thereof for a term of two years, and one thereof for a term of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified; of the three members at large one thereof shall be for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Appointments

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for succeeding terms shall all be for three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Subd. 3. **Compensation, expenses.** Members of the commission, other than state officials, shall receive as compensation for their services in attending meetings of the commission or a committee thereof, the sum of \$10 for each such meeting day so attended. Each member of the commission shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred on official business. Reimbursement shall be made in the manner provided by law for state employees. Expenses of the commission shall be approved by the chairman and one other member of the commission designated by the commission and shall then be paid in the same manner as other state expenses are paid.

Subd. 4. **Meetings.** The commission shall meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or at the written request of five members of the commission. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

Subd. 5. **Officers, personnel.** The commission shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The legislative research committee shall furnish from members of its staff personnel who shall coordinate the activities of this commission and secure the cooperation of all units of government, federal, state, and local, so that full use may be made of and benefit had from services available from these governments.

Subd. 6. **Duties.** The commission shall have as its primary duty to acquire information in the fields of employment and housing, civil rights, education, health and welfare, and law and order so that:

(a) Through its reports and recommendations adequate legislation may be enacted when it is required;

(b) Plans and programs may be worked out with Indian people who need assistance in finding employment, acquiring education, improving housing, getting medical care, developing natural resources and generally in becoming self-sufficient.

Further duties of the commission shall be:

(a) To provide information for and direction to a program designed to assist our Indian citizens to assume all the rights, privileges, and duties of full citizenship;

(b) To coordinate and cooperate with the many governmental and private agencies providing services to Indian people on the local, state, and national level;

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(c) To help implement the findings of various private and governmental studies dealing with Indian needs in Minnesota.

Subd. 7. **State officials and departments; cooperation.** In carrying out these objectives and to ascertain Indian needs the commission shall have the right to confer with state officials and other governmental units, and to have access to such records as are necessary to obtain needed information. The commission also shall have the right to call upon various state departments for such technical advice and service as are needed to fulfill the purposes of the commission.

Subd. 8. **Annual report.** The commission shall make an annual report to the governor on its activities, its findings, and its recommendations, and a full report to each regular session of the legislature as early in the legislative session as possible.

Sec. 3. [3.923] **Commission on taxation and production of iron ore and other minerals.** Subdivision 1. **Creation, membership.** A commission to investigate and study all matters relating to the production and taxation of iron ore and other minerals, is hereby created to consist of eight members of the senate, to be appointed by the committee on committees, and eight members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker. The appointment of such commission 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.

Subd. 2. **Powers and duties.** Such commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed, and complete investigation and study of all the factors contributing to the production of iron ore and other minerals and to a sound iron ore tax policy for this state, including information regarding the quality and extent of Minnesota's iron ore and other mineral reserves and those in other parts of the world; the methods of valuing iron ore and other minerals as a tax base; the impact of national defense considerations upon Minnesota iron ore industry; and other related factors for the purpose of formulating policies to stimulate and expand the commercial use of iron ore and other minerals and determining a proper policy of taxation in respect thereto, in order that the state shall receive the maximum possible benefit from these natural resources. The commission shall report to the legislature from time to time and at least once during each regular session of the legislature, as early in the session as possible, making such recommendations as it may deem proper in order to assist the legislature in formulating policies to stimulate and expand the commercial use of these natural resources and determining a proper policy of taxation in respect thereto.

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Subd. 3. **Meetings, officers.** The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 4. **Northeastern Minnesota economic problems interim commission.** The northeastern Minnesota economic problems interim commission is hereby created to study and consider the problems relating to chronic unemployment and economic instability in northern Minnesota, including: Problems relating to transportation rates and practices from the lake port of Duluth to destination; problems involving the further development of the tourist and vacation travel industry; problems related to the development of agricultural promotion and marketing and the development of forest product research and marketing; and the benefits derived from vocational training and re-training; and to make recommendations for such changes as may be determined to be advisable and for the purpose of improving economic conditions and employment opportunities in northern and northeastern Minnesota.

Sec. 5. **World's fair interim commission.** A world's fair interim commission is hereby created to investigate, study, and report on the feasibility and desirability of holding a world fair in the state of Minnesota. The commission shall cooperate with civic and other groups studying this matter and shall file a preliminary report of its conclusions and recommendations as to a feasible place for such a world fair and as to the recommended participation, if any, of the state of Minnesota in promoting such a fair and as to the legislation necessary therefor. Copies of such preliminary reports shall be submitted to the governor, president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, as early in the next legislative session as possible, but not later than March 1, 1965. Gifts may be made to the commission pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 7.09. The commission may accept grants or other funds available from the federal government or any other source. All such gifts or grants shall be deposited in the state treasury and are appropriated therefrom to the commission to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 6. **Interim commission on Minnesota river valley development.** An interim commission is hereby created to study and consider problems relating to the development of the Minnesota river valley. The commission shall continue the study commenced under Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 82, Section 1, Subdivision 2 (2) (b).

Sec. 7. **Highway interim commission.** A highway interim

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commission is hereby created to study and consider problems relating to highways and highway safety. The commission's study shall include but not be limited to the following matters: (1) Highway needs of the state; (2) Operations of the state highway department; (3) Proposals intended to improve highway safety; and (4) The adequacy of laws relating to highways, highway safety, and the state highway department.

Sec. 8. Governmental immunity interim commission. A governmental immunity interim commission to investigate and study the doctrine of governmental immunity, liability, and suits against the state, municipal and quasi municipal corporations, political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the state of Minnesota is hereby created. The commission shall consist of five members of the senate, of whom three shall be lawyers and two non-lawyers, and five members of the house of representatives, of whom three shall be lawyers and two non-lawyers. All of such members shall be appointed as otherwise provided in this act. The commission shall study the laws of this state, and the laws and experience of such other jurisdictions as may be applicable and pertinent. The commission's study shall be made for the purpose of codifying and clarifying the statutes of the state of Minnesota pertaining to the problem, and for the purpose of recommending additional legislation in this area that such investigation and analysis might deem appropriate and necessary. In addition to other powers relating to subpoenas granted by this act, the commission may subpoena witnesses and records of municipal subdivisions and those corporations and agencies doing business in the state of Minnesota of selling property damage and personal injury liability insurance to municipal bodies within the state of Minnesota. The commission's report to the legislature shall include the experience of other states of the United States where in recent years suits against the state and its various political subdivisions and instrumentalities may have been permitted or is being contemplated to be permitted.

Sec. 9. Interim commission on employee retirement systems. An interim commission on employee retirement systems is hereby created to study the various retirement benefit plans available to employees of the state and employees of the various political subdivisions, political corporations, and school districts of the state, including within the scope of its inquiry the governing law, management, financial condition, and benefits of all such plans, any federal program for which such employees or any of them could be eligible, and such related matters as the commission deems proper for full legislative understanding and action.

Sec. 10. Elections interim commission. An elections interim commission is hereby created to study and consider the laws

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and problems relating to elections. The commission shall consist of 15 members; five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, five members of the senate appointed by the committee on committees of the senate, and five public members appointed by the governor. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 11. Interim commission on sale of home remedies.

Subdivision 1. Creation. An interim commission on the sale of home remedies is hereby created to study problems relating to the manufacturing, wholesaling, vending, or retailing of non-habit forming harmless proprietary medicines. The commission's study shall include but not be limited to a consideration of the factors of protection of public health and the economic impact of the various proposals which it considers.

Subd. 2. Legislative finding. The legislature finds, after intensive consideration of various bills introduced during the 1963 regular session on the subject of the manufacturing, wholesaling, vending, or retailing of non-habit forming harmless proprietary medicines, that it is necessary that the legislature conduct further inquiry and study before enacting laws or otherwise reaching a legislative conclusion on this subject. The legislature declares that it is the desire of the legislature that interested parties recognize the need for further consideration of the subject by the legislature and that interested parties maintain their relative positions existent on the effective date of this act and that they refrain from further litigation until such time as the legislature completes its further consideration and has had an opportunity to act upon recommendations which may be forthcoming from this further consideration. Until the interim commission created herein has reported to the 1965 session of the legislature, no person selling harmless, proprietary and non-habit forming home remedies, as permitted by Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sec. 151.26, shall be subject to any action or claim, civil or criminal, of having violated the state pharmacy act. Nothing in this section shall apply to or affect any pending litigation.

Sec. 12. Membership, meetings, powers and duties, reports and termination of commissions.

Subdivision 1. Membership. Each of the foregoing commissions, except as otherwise provided herein, shall consist of five members of the senate to be appointed by the committee on committees and five members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Subd. 2. Meetings, officers. Except where otherwise provided, commissions created by this act may hold meetings at such

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times and places as it may designate and shall select a chairman and such other officers from its membership as it may deem advisable.

Subd. 3. Subpoena powers, employees; expenses. Commissions created by this act may subpoena witnesses and records and employ such assistance as it deems necessary and convenient to accomplish its purposes, and the members and staff shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to rules governing state employees.

Subd. 4. Cooperation of state agencies. All state agencies shall cooperate with each of the foregoing commissions in assisting them in effectively accomplishing their purposes. The facilities of the legislative research committee and the revisor of statutes shall be utilized by each of the foregoing commissions to as great an extent as possible.

Subd. 5. Reports, termination of commissions. Each of the foregoing commissions shall make a report to the legislature convening in January, 1965, as early in the legislative session as possible and may make additional reports thereafter to the extent that availability of funds permits. Except for the Indian affairs commission and the commission on taxation and production of iron ore and other minerals, each of the commissions created by this act shall cease to exist upon final adjournment of the 1965 regular session of the legislature.

Sec. 13. Appropriation. Subdivision 1. The sums of money hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund in the state treasury or from such other funds in the state treasury as are designated in this section, to the commissions established in this act, to be available for expenditure until fully expended, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary.

Subd. 2. Indians Affairs Commission \$20,000

Subd. 3. Commission on Taxation and Production
of Iron Ore and other minerals 25,000

This appropriation is made from any moneys in the state treasury appropriated to and made available for the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission or from other moneys not otherwise appropriated, for carrying on its duties imposed by this act and defraying the expenses incurred in connection therewith.

Subd. 4. Northeastern Minnesota Economic Prob-

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lems Interim Commission 25,000

This appropriation is made out of any money in the natural resources fund not otherwise appropriated.

Subd. 5. World's Fair Interim Commission 10,000

Subd. 6. Interim Commission on Minnesota River Valley Development 15,000

This appropriation is made out of any money in the natural resources fund not otherwise appropriated.

Subd. 7. Highway Interim Commission 25,000

This appropriation is made out of any money in the trunk highway fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Subd. 8. Governmental Immunity Interim Commission \$10,000

Subd. 9. Interim Commission on Employee Retirement Systems 25,000

Subd. 10. Elections Interim Commission 5,000

Subd. 11. Interim Commission on Sale of Home Remedies 10,000

Subd. 12. Except as provided for the Indian Affairs Commission, expenses of each of the commissions shall be approved by its chairman or such other members of the commission as it may provide and such expenses shall then be paid in the same manner as other expenses are paid.

Sec. 14. **Not to affect other commissions.** None of the provisions of this act shall in any way affect any commission or committee of the legislature or any branch thereof now existing or hereafter established under any other law.

Sec. 15. **Effective date.** This act is in effect upon its final enactment.

Approved May 27, 1963.

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