

## CHAPTER 136A

### LIAISON AND FACILITIES COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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**136A.01 CREATION.** A liaison and facilities commission for higher education in the state of Minnesota, to be known as the Minnesota liaison and facilities commission for higher education, is hereby created.

*[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 1]*

**136A.02 MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; COMPENSATION.** Subdivision 1. The liaison and facilities commission shall consist of 18 members comprised as follows:

(a) Eight citizen members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, seven of whom shall be selected for their knowledge and interest in higher education and one of whom shall be selected for his knowledge and interest in vocational education. At the time of their appointment, each member shall be from a different congressional district;

(b) Two members, the presidents of two private colleges or private universities situated in the state of Minnesota to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;

(c) Four members, the chairman of the university of Minnesota board of regents, the president of the state college board, the president of the state junior college board, and the president of the state board of education;

(d) Four members, the president of the university of Minnesota, the executive director of the state college board, the executive director of the state junior college board, and the state commissioner of education.

Except as provided in subdivision 2, the members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for a four year term beginning on February 15 in the year in which the term begins. The governor shall in like manner fill vacancies for the unexpired terms of the members who are presidents of private colleges or private universities or citizen members. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

Subd. 2. The members of the first liaison and facilities commission who are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate shall be appointed as follows: One president of a private college or private university shall be appointed for a term ending February 15, 1967, and the other for a term ending February 15, 1969; four of the citizen members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate shall be appointed for a term ending February 15, 1967, and the remaining four for a term ending February 15, 1969. The terms of the members of the first liaison and facilities commission shall begin on July 1, 1965.

Subd. 3. The liaison and facilities commission shall elect a president and a secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary. It shall fix its meeting dates and places. The commissioner of administration shall provide it with appropriate offices.

Subd. 4. Members of the liaison and facilities commission shall serve without compensation. They shall be reimbursed, however, for travel, subsistence, and other reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same manner and in the same amounts as other state officers and employees are reimbursed.

*[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 2-5]*

**136A.03 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; EMPLOYEES.** The liaison and facilities commission may appoint an executive secretary or director as its principal executive officer, and such other officers and employees as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties. The executive secretary or director shall possess such powers and perform such duties as are delegated to him and shall serve in the unclassified service of the state civil service and his salary shall not exceed \$18,500.

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He shall be a person qualified by training and ability in the field of higher education or in educational administration. All other employees shall be in the classified civil service.

[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 6]

**136A.04 DUTIES.** The liaison and facilities commission shall:

(a) Continuously study and analyze all phases and aspects of higher education, both public and private, and develop necessary plans and programs to meet present and future needs of the people of the state in respect thereto;

(b) Continuously engage in long range planning of the needs of higher education and, if necessary, cooperatively engage in such planning with neighboring states and agencies of the federal government; and

(c) Act as successor to any committee or commission heretofore authorized to engage in exercising any of the powers and duties prescribed by sections 136A.01 to 136A.07.

[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 7]

**136A.05 COOPERATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

All institutions of higher education, public and private, and all state departments and agencies are requested to cooperate with the liaison and facilities commission in order to enable it to carry out and perform its duties.

[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 8]

**136A.06 FEDERAL FUNDS.** The liaison and facilities commission is designated the state agency to apply for, receive, accept, and disburse federal funds made available by the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, and any amendments thereof, as enacted by the Congress of the United States, for any purpose of furthering facilities for higher education in the state, both public and private. It may make application for federal funds and otherwise comply with any and all requirements of such federal law and such rules and regulations to enable it to receive and accept such funds. The expenditure of any such funds received shall be governed by the laws of the state, except insofar as federal regulations may otherwise provide. All such moneys received by the commission shall be deposited in the state treasury and are hereby appropriated to it annually for the purpose for which such funds are received.

[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 9]

**136A.07 REPORTS.** The liaison and facilities commission shall report to the governor concerning its activities from time to time and may report in connection therewith to the governing body of each institution of higher education in the state, both public and private. It shall file a formal report with the governor not later than October 15 of each even numbered year so that the information therein contained, including recommendations, may be embodied in the governor's budget message to the legislature. It shall also report to the legislature not later than January 15 of each odd numbered year.

[1965 c 809 s 32 subd 10]