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85A.01 Creation; organization.

Subdivision 1. The Minnesota zoological garden is hereby established under the supervision and control of the state zoological board which is hereby created. The board shall consist of 11 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. In consultation with the Dakota county board the governor shall appoint as a twelfth member of the zoo board a resident of Dakota county who shall not vote and who may be a member of the county board.

[For text of subds 1a to 4, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 368 s 1]

85A.02 Powers and duties.

[For text of subds 1 to 15, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 16. The board may acquire by lease-purchase or installment purchase contract, transportation systems, facilities and equipment that it determines will substantially enhance the public's opportunity to view, study or derive information concerning the animals to be located in the zoological garden, and will increase attendance at the garden. The contracts may provide for: (1) the payment of moneys over a twelve year period, or over a longer period not exceeding 25 years if approved by the commissioner of administration; (2) the payment of money from any funds of the board not pledged or appropriated for another purpose; (3) indemnification of the lessor or seller for damage to property or injury to persons due primarily to the actions of the board or its employees; (4) the transfer of title to the property to the board upon execution of the contract or upon payment of specified amounts; (5) the reservation to the lessor or seller of a security interest in the property; and (6) any other terms that the board determines to be commercially reasonable. Property so acquired by the board, and its purchase or use by the board, or by any non-profit corporation having a concession from the board requiring its purchase, shall not be subject to taxation by the state or its political subdivisions. Each contract shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 16, relating to competitive bidding, provided that the board is not required to readvertise for competitive proposals for any transportation system, facilities and equipment heretofore selected from competitive proposals taken pursuant to section 85A.03, subdivisions 4 and 4a.

[1977 c 455 s 78]

85A.04 Zoological garden accounts in the general fund.

Subdivision 1. **Minnesota zoological garden general account.** A Minnesota zoological garden general account is created in the general fund. All receipts from the operation of the Minnesota zoological garden shall be deposited to the credit of such account. Money in this account may be expended as appropriated biennially for operation, capital improvements, and equipment of the Minnesota zoological garden, including lease rentals and for acquisition of wild and domestic animals therefor and for payment of the principal of and interest on Minnesota state zoological garden bonds.

[For text of subds 1a to 2, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 455 s 79]