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4A.01 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING.

The office of strategic and long-range planning is created, with a director appointed by the governor.

The office of strategic and long-range planning must develop an integrated long-range plan for the state. The office must coordinate activities among all levels of government and must stimulate public interest and participation in the future of the state.

The office must act in coordination with the commissioner of finance, affected state agencies, and the legislature in the planning and financing of major public programs.

History: 1991 c 345 art 2 s 2

4A.02 STATE DEMOGRAPHER.

The director shall appoint a state demographer. The demographer must be professionally competent in demography and must possess demonstrated ability based upon past performance. The demographer shall:

- (1) continuously gather and develop demographic data relevant to the state;
- (2) design and test methods of research and data collection;
- (3) periodically prepare population projections for the state and designated regions and periodically prepare projections for each county or other political subdivision of the state as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section;
- (4) review, comment on, and prepare analysis of population estimates and projections made by state agencies, political subdivisions, other states, federal agencies, or nongovernmental persons, institutions, or commissions;
- (5) serve as the state liaison with the federal Bureau of the Census, coordinate state and federal demographic activities to the fullest extent possible, and aid the legislature in preparing a census data plan and form for each decennial census;
- (6) compile an annual study of population estimates on the basis of county, regional, or other political or geographical subdivisions as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section and section 4A.03;
- (7) by January 1 of each year, issue a report to the legislature containing an analysis of the demographic implications of the annual population study and population projections;
- (8) prepare maps for all counties in the state, all municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more, and other municipalities as needed for census purposes, according to scale and detail recommended by the federal Bureau of the Census, with the maps of cities showing precinct boundaries; and
- (9) prepare an estimate of population and of the number of households for each governmental subdivision for which the metropolitan council does not prepare an annual estimate, and convey the estimates to the governing body of each political subdivision by May 1 of each year.

History: 1991 c 345 art 2 s 3; 1992 c 511 art 5 s 1

4A.03 POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS; SUBMISSION BY STATE AGENCIES.

Each state agency shall submit to the director for comment all population estimates and projections prepared by it before:

- (1) submitting the estimates and projections to the legislature or the federal government to obtain approval of grants;
- (2) the issuance of bonds based upon those estimates and projections; or
- (3) releasing a plan based upon the estimates and projections.

History: 1991 c 345 art 2 s 4

4A.04 COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS.

(a) The director may apply for, receive, and expend money from municipal, county, regional, and other planning agencies; apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for planning purposes from the federal government and from other public or private sources; and may enter into contracts with agencies of the federal government, local governmental units, the University of Minnesota, and other educational institutions, and private persons as necessary to perform the director's duties. Contracts made pursuant to this section are not subject to the provisions of chapter 16B, as they relate to competitive bidding.

(b) The director may apply for, receive, and expend money made available from federal sources or other sources for the purposes of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the director relating to local and urban affairs.

(c) All money received by the director pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and is appropriated to the director for the purposes for which the money has been received. The money shall not cancel and is available until expended.

History: 1992 c 513 art 4 s 27