

property of the county upon expiration or termination of the lease. The county may, in the alternative, employ any person, firm or corporation as operating manager and agent for the county to operate and maintain any such facility or facilities in behalf of the county under a contract defining the terms of such employment.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the county of Hennepin and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 6, 1969.

CHAPTER 1038—H. F. No. 2035

An act relating to the pollution control agency; increasing agency membership; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 116.02, Subdivisions 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 116.02, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

116.02 Pollution control agency, creation; membership. Subdivision 1. A pollution control agency, designated as the Minnesota pollution control agency, is hereby created. The agency shall consist of ~~seven~~ *nine* members appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, each for a four year term beginning on February 15, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies. *One of such members shall be a person knowledgeable in the field of agriculture.* A vacancy in the office of a member of the agency shall be filled by the governor, but with the advice and consent of the senate, for the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 116.02, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The first pollution control agency shall consist of two members whose term shall expire on February 15, 1969, two members whose term shall expire on February 15, 1970, one member whose term shall expire on February 15, 1971, and two members whose terms shall expire on February 15, 1972. *After the effective date of this act two additional members shall be appointed, one whose term shall expire on February 15, 1971 and one whose term*

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shall expire on February 15, 1973. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a four year term as provided in subdivision 1.

Sec. 3. *This act is effective July 1, 1969.*

Approved June 6, 1969.

CHAPTER 1039—H. F. No. 2051

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to taxation and the method of evaluating agricultural land on the basis of highest and best agricultural use; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 273.111, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 14, and by adding a subdivision, and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 273.111, Subdivision 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 273.111, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Taxation; agricultural lands.** The present general system of *ad valorem* property taxation in the state of Minnesota does not provide an equitable basis for the taxation of certain agricultural real property and has resulted in inadequate taxes on some lands and excessive taxes on others. Therefore, it is hereby declared *to be* the public policy of this state that the public interest would best be served by equalizing tax burdens upon agricultural property within this state through appropriate taxing measures.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 273.111, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

~~Subd. 3. Real estate shall be entitled to valuation and tax deferment under this section only if (1) it is actively and exclusively devoted to agricultural use as defined in subdivisions 6 and 7; (2) it is the homestead or contiguous to the homestead or thereafter becomes the homestead of a surviving spouse of the said owner.~~

Subd. 3. Real estate consisting of ten acres or more shall be entitled to valuation and tax deferment under this section only if it is actively and exclusively devoted to agricultural use as defined in subdivision 6 and either (1) is the homestead or thereafter becomes the homestead of a surviving spouse, child, or sibling of the said owner or

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