

exhibits which may be submitted and received at the hearing hereunder.

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CHAPTER 875—S. F. No. 284

[Coded]

An act establishing a Mississippi river parkway commission; and appropriating money therefor; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 161.142, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. [161.1419] **Mississippi river parkway commission.** Subdivision 1. It is declared to be the policy of the state and to be in the best public interest for the promotion of public safety, recreation, travel, trade, and the general welfare of the people to cooperate with the federal government and with the interstate Mississippi river parkway planning commission. To carry out such policy and to aid in the promotion and securement of a scenic parkway and highway for the state of Minnesota and to aid in securing the location of federal parks within Minnesota a Mississippi River parkway commission is created. Such commission shall also work toward the planning, construction, maintenance, and improvement of the Great River Road or Mississippi River Parkway which is to follow generally the course of the Mississippi River and extend from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Subd. 2. The commission shall be composed of nine members of which three shall be appointed by the governor, three shall be members of the senate to be appointed by the committee on committees, and three shall be members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker. The members of the commission shall be selected immediately after final enactment of this act and shall serve for a term expiring at the close of the next regular session of the legislature and until their successors are appointed. Successor members shall be appointed at the close of each regular session of the legislature by the same appointing authorities. Members may be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. The commissioner of highways, the commissioner of conservation, and the director of the Minnesota historical society shall be ex officio members, and shall be in addition to the nine members heretofore provided for. Immediately upon making the

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appointments to the commission the appointing authorities shall so notify the Mississippi river parkway commission, hereinafter called the national commission, giving the names and addresses of the members so appointed.

Subd. 3. The commission may hold meetings and hearings at such time and places as it may designate to accomplish the purposes set forth in this act and may subpoena witnesses and records. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

Subd. 4. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may purchase supplies and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purposes of this section. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the legislative research committee. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Subd. 5. The commissioner of highways shall designate one employee of the department of highways who is an engineer or who has engineering experience and the commissioner of conservation shall appoint one member of his staff who shall advise with and assist the commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

Subd. 6. The commission shall be an affiliate of the national commission and as a member of the national commission may pay an annual fee of not to exceed \$1,000 for its equal share of the planning program of the national commission.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the trunk highway fund the sum of \$5,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1964 and 1965 respectively for fees, dues, and other expenses of the commission. Of said appropriation, not to exceed \$3,000 may be expended for past dues and fees to the national commission. Expenses of the commission shall be approved by the chairman or such other member of the commission as it may provide and such expenses shall be paid in the same manner as other state expenses are paid.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 161.142, Subdivision 1, is hereby repealed.

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