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**CHAPTER 509-S.F.No.2342**

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*An act relating to Olmsted county; authorizing the board of county commissioners to finance an addition to and to renovate the Olmsted county hospital.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. OLMSTED COUNTY HOSPITAL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION.** Olmsted county is authorized, by resolution of its county board and without an election, to construct, renovate, add to, furnish and equip the county hospital and to pay for any such addition, renovation, construction, furnishings and equipment from available federal grants and state grants, ad valorem taxes, and any gifts the county may receive pursuant to law.

**Sec. 2. NEGATIVE REFERENDUM.** The resolution of the county board approving this act shall be published in the official newspaper of the county and shall not be effective until approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or a special election if a petition asking for an election on the question signed by voters equal to five percent of the number of voters at the last regular election is filed with the county within 30 days following publication of the resolution.

**Sec. 3.** This act takes effect upon approval by the county board of Olmsted county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved March 22, 1978.

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**CHAPTER 510-S.F.No.336**

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*An act relating to Spanish-speaking people; creating a state council on affairs of the Spanish-speaking people; appropriating money.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. COUNCIL ON AFFAIRS OF SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE.** There is created a state council on affairs of Spanish-speaking people to consist of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The members of the council shall be broadly representative of the Spanish-speaking community of the state. Membership, terms, compensation, removal of members and filling of vacancies shall be as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0575. The council shall annually elect from its membership a chairperson and other officers it deems necessary.

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**Sec. 2. SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE.** For purposes of sections 3 to 8, the term "Spanish-speaking person" means a person who uses Spanish as a primary method of communication, or who is a spouse of a person who does.

**Sec. 3. DUTIES.** The council shall:

(a) Advise the governor and the legislature on the nature of the issues and disabilities confronting Spanish-speaking people in this state including the unique problems encountered by Spanish-speaking migrant agricultural workers;

(b) Advise the governor and the legislature on statutes or rules necessary to insure Spanish-speaking people access to benefits and services provided to people in this state;

(c) Recommend to the governor and the legislature legislation designed to improve the economic and social condition of Spanish-speaking people in this state;

(d) Serve as a conduit to state government for organizations of Spanish-speaking people in the state;

(e) Serve as a referral agency to assist Spanish-speaking people in securing access to state agencies and programs;

(f) Serve as a liaison with the federal government, local government units and private organizations on matters relating to the Spanish-speaking people of this state;

(g) Perform or contract for the performance of studies designed to suggest solutions to problems of Spanish-speaking people in the areas of education, employment, human rights, health, housing, social welfare and other related programs;

(h) Implement programs designed to solve problems of Spanish-speaking people when so authorized by other statute, rule or order;

(i) Publicize the accomplishments of Spanish-speaking people and the contributions made by them to this state.

**Sec. 4. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION AUTHORITY.** All applications for the receipt of federal money and all proposed rules of any state agency which will have their primary effect on Spanish-speaking people shall be submitted to the council for review and recommendation at least 15 days prior to submission to a federal agency or initial publication in the state register.

**Sec. 5. POWERS.** The council shall have power to contract in its own name. Contracts shall be approved by a majority of the members of the council and executed by the chairperson and the executive director. The council may apply for, receive, and expend in its own name grants and gifts of money consistent with the power and duties specified in sections 1 to 7.

The council shall appoint, subject to the approval of the governor, an executive

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director who shall be experienced in administrative activities and familiar with the problems and needs of Spanish-speaking people. The council may delegate to the executive director any powers and duties under sections 1 to 7 which do not require council approval. The executive director shall serve in the unclassified service and may be removed at any time by the council. The executive director shall recommend to the council the appropriate staffing patterns necessary to carry out its duties. The commissioner of administration shall provide the council with necessary additional staff and administrative services, and the council shall reimburse the commissioner for the cost of these services.

**Sec. 6. STATE AGENCY ASSISTANCE.** Other state agencies shall supply the council upon request with advisory staff services on matters relating to the jurisdiction of the council and the council shall cooperate and coordinate its activities with other state agencies to the highest possible degree.

**Sec. 7. REPORT.** The council shall prepare and distribute a report to the governor and legislature by November 15 of each even numbered year. The report shall summarize the activities of the council since its prior report, list receipts and expenditures, identify the major problems and issues confronting Spanish-speaking people, and list the specific objectives which the council seeks to attain during the next biennium.

**Sec. 8. TRANSITION PROVISION.** The council created by this act shall supersede and replace the office of liaison for Spanish-speaking people created by executive order of the governor. Personnel employed by the office on the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the employ of the council.

**Sec. 9. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the council on affairs of Spanish-speaking people for the year beginning July 1, 1978 the sum of \$77,656.

**Sec. 10.** This act is effective July 1, 1978 and shall expire June 30, 1981.

Approved March 22, 1978.

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**CHAPTER 511-H.F.No.2047**

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the city of Minneapolis; modifying the certification procedure for vacancies in the classified service.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

**Section 1. CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS; MODIFYING THE CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR VACANCIES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.** Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of the charter of the city of Minneapolis, when there is a vacancy in the classified service other than in the category of unskilled labor, the civil service

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