

**Section 1. RED RIVER WATERSHED; TAX BY WATERSHED DISTRICTS.**

Each watershed district located within the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Norman, Clay, Mahnomen, Clearwater, Roseau, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Becker, Koochiching, Beltrami, and Itasca, which district is a member of the lower Red River watershed management board, established by a joint powers agreement in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, may levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed two mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the district for a period ~~not to exceed ten~~ consecutive years. This levy shall be in excess of any levy authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.61. The proceeds of one-half of this levy shall be credited to the district's administrative fund and shall be used for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to the district. The proceeds of the remaining one-half of this levy shall be credited to the construction fund of the lower Red River watershed management board and shall be used for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to ~~more than one~~ member district.

Sec. 2. Laws 1976, chapter 162, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. The lower Red River watershed management board may by resolution institute projects or works of common benefit to ~~more than one~~ member district and the expenses of the works or projects may be paid in any manner permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 112, provided, that the limitations of engineers' preliminary cost estimates specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.48, Subdivision 4, shall not be applicable.

**Sec. 3. COORDINATOR POSITION.**

Effective July 1, 1983, the Red River watershed coordinator position (senior hydrologist) in the unclassified service of the state is transferred to the classified civil service in the department of natural resources. The incumbent in this position shall be transferred without competitive examination to probationary status in the classified service in the same classification and at the same pay step as at present. All of the employee's accrued vacation and sick leave shall be transferred to his credit.

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**CHAPTER 339 — H.F.No. 1067**

*An act relating to state government; authorizing the commissioner of economic security to accept gifts; removing certain restrictions on administration of summer youth employment programs and weatherization; providing financial assistance allocations for community action agencies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 268.011, subdivision 2; 268.34; 268.37, subdivisions 2, 4, and 5; and 268.52, subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.011, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The commissioner may establish six positions in the unclassified service at the deputy, assistant commissioner, or assistant to the commissioner levels. He may appoint and define the duties of other subordinate officers and employees as he deems necessary to discharge the functions of his department. The commissioner may delegate, in written orders filed with the secretary of state, any powers or duties subject to his control to officers and employees in the department. The commissioner may accept gifts, bequests, grants, payments for services, and other public and private funds to help finance the activities of the department. Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioner may delegate the execution of specific contracts or specific types of contracts to his deputy, an assistant commissioner, or a program director if the delegation has been approved by the commissioner of administration and filed with the secretary of state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.34, is amended to read:

**268.34 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

The commissioner is authorized to may enter into arrangements with existing public and private nonprofit organizations and agencies with experience in administering summer youth employment programs for the purpose of providing employment opportunities in furtherance of sections 268.31 to 268.36 and to advance up to 20 percent of a summer youth employment contract to any participating organization or agency. ~~The commissioner shall enter into these agreements with organizations designated by the prime sponsors authorized under the comprehensive employment and training act (CETA).~~ The department of economic security shall retain ultimate responsibility for the administration of this employment program, including but not limited to, approval of summer job opportunities, review of applicants therefor, placement of youth in jobs ~~subject to the approval of prime sponsors and the disbursement of funds.~~ ~~Any administrative costs, with the exception of worker's compensation, incurred by any nonprofit organization or any governmental agency with which an arrangement has been made by the department of economic security shall not be paid from appropriated funds available for the purposes of sections 268.31 to 268.36.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.37, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. The commissioner shall make grants of federal and state money to community action agencies and other public or private nonprofit agencies for the purpose of weatherizing the residences of low-income persons. Grant applications shall be submitted in accordance with rules developed pursuant to 42

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U.S.C., Sections 6861 to 6872, any other relevant federal weatherization program, and rules promulgated by the commissioner.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.37, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. The commissioner shall distribute supplementary state grants in a manner consistent with the goal of producing the maximum number of weatherized units. Supplementary state grants are provided primarily for the payment of additional labor costs for the federal weatherization program, and as an incentive for the increased production of weatherized units.

Criteria for the allocation of state grants to local agencies include: (a) existing local agency production levels, (b) availability of CETA resources in the area, (e) emergency needs, and (d) (c) the potential for maintaining or increasing acceptable levels of production in the area.

An eligible local agency may receive advance funding for 90 days' production, but thereafter shall receive grants solely on the basis of program criteria.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.37, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The commissioner shall submit reports to the legislature by ~~March 4~~ July 31 of each year, evaluating the weatherization program. The reports shall describe: (a) the number of households weatherized, (b) the average cost per household, (c) any change in energy consumption after weatherization, (d) ~~outreach efforts~~, and (e) (d) any other information the commissioner feels is relevant, including information routinely submitted to the federal government.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 268.52, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.** Funds appropriated for Minnesota economic opportunity grants and community service block grants for the purpose of subdivision 1 shall be allocated annually to community action agencies under either clause (a) or (b), whichever is more advantageous to the agency, to Indian reservations under clause (c) and to the Minnesota migrant council under clause (d).

If the appropriation is ~~insufficient to fully fund each agency~~, for Minnesota economic opportunity grants or community service block grants is less than the previous fiscal year the insufficiency shall be prorated annually among the agencies.

(a) In proportion to the size of the poverty level population served by the agency when compared to the size of the poverty level population in the state; or

(b) Determined as follows:

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If the appropriation of funds for community action agencies shall be equal to or more than that available in the previous fiscal years 1979 and 1980 year, there shall be in place a "hold-harmless" provision for the allocation of funds among community action agencies. For purposes of this section, "hold-harmless" for the Minnesota Economic Opportunity Grant Program is the amount of funding received by a community action agency under the Economic Opportunity Grant Program in the previous fiscal year ~~when calculating an agency's economic opportunity grant~~. When calculating an agency's community services block grant, "hold-harmless" is the amount of funding received by a community action agency from the ~~local initiative or~~ community services block grant act basic allotment in the previous fiscal year.

(c) Allocation of funds to Indian reservations is based on the poverty level population of the reservation.

(d) Allocation of funds to the Minnesota migrant council shall not exceed three percent of the total funds available. The state office of economic opportunity shall negotiate the percentage allocation annually based on the most recent low income population figures.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.

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**CHAPTER 340 — H.F.No. 1106**

*An act relating to insurance; correcting certain errors; removing certain deficiencies and ambiguities; correcting certain omissions; expanding certain insurers' investment authority; providing standards for application or reporting requirements; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules; providing for miscellaneous changes and clarifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 60A.11, subdivisions 9, 10, 14, 18, 20, 21, 23, and 24; 60A.111, subdivision 2, and by adding subdivisions; 61A.28, subdivisions 3, 6, and 12; 61A.29, subdivision 2; 61A.31, subdivision 3; 62A.32; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.111, subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 60A.11, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.** The following considerations shall apply in the interpretation of this section:

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