

**Sec. 2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

A joint legislative committee on agricultural land preservation and soil and water conservation shall be established by July 1, 1979, and shall expire by June 30, 1994, unless extended by legislative action. The committee shall be composed of eight members of the house of representatives from the transportation, agriculture, environment and natural resources, local and urban affairs, and tax committees appointed by the speaker and the chairman of the committee on rules and legislative administration; and eight members of the senate from the transportation, agriculture and natural resources, local government, tax, and governmental operations committees appointed by the subcommittee on committees. The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members. The expenses of and per diem payments to committee members shall be paid from the legislative expense fund of their respective body upon approval of the chairman of the joint committee. Other expenses of the committee shall be evenly divided between the house of representatives and the senate.

**Sec. 25. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 40.19, subdivisions 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, and 15, and section 40.24 are repealed.

**Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective July 1, 1985.

Approved May 29, 1985

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**CHAPTER 257 — S.F.No. 647**

*An act relating to education; Minnesota Educational Computing Corporation; removing some limits on its powers; providing for compliance with certain bidding laws for management computing services; limiting the salary of the chief officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 119.04, subdivision 2; 119.05, subdivision 2; and 119.07.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 119.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **POWERS.** The board of directors has the authority to engage in all activities which carry out the public purpose expressed in section 119.01 and which are consistent with sections 119.01 to 119.09. This authority includes but is not limited to acquiring, leasing, and disposing of real and personal property, establishing banking relationships, borrowing funds, establishing policies relating to personnel and compensation of personnel, and purchasing insurance. The board of directors may form wholly-owned subsidiaries. A subsidiary

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shall be under the management control of the MECC board of directors. The board of directors shall employ and set the compensation for the chief officer of MECC ~~within the limits established for the commissioner of finance in section 15A.081, subdivision 1, who at not to exceed 95 percent of the salary of the governor as provided by section 15A.081, subdivision 6.~~ The chief officer shall direct and carry on the work of MECC and assignments of the board. The board may establish by-laws and elect an executive committee.

The board of directors does not have the power to ~~form a subsidiary or to sell or offer for sale all or substantially all of the assets or any of the ownership of MECC.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 119.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **SERVICES TO OTHERS.** MECC may provide its products and services to other than Minnesota educational institutions. ~~To further the public purpose expressed in section 119.01, MECC shall establish prices based on market considerations.~~ These Prices shall not be less than prices to Minnesota educational institutions. MECC may purchase products and services developed by Minnesota educational institutions using resources of the institutions.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 119.07, is amended to read:

**119.07 MINNESOTA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; POWERS.**

Minnesota educational institutions are not required to use any MECC products or services. Any Minnesota educational institution may designate MECC as its purchasing agent for computer hardware, software, and development of software. Minnesota educational institutions ~~are authorized may,~~ notwithstanding the requirements of section ~~16.07~~ 16B.07, 123.37, or 471.345, ~~to~~ contract directly with the corporation for the development of computer programs and documentation, and for instructional and management computing services for educational institutions except for administrative microcomputer software products developed by the corporation.

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**CHAPTER 258 — S.F.No. 1140**

*An act relating to agriculture; requiring swine herd identification for disease control and meat inspection; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17A.*

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