

**CHAPTER 248—S.F.No. 2939**

*An act relating to local government; restricting the sale or lease of certain property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; authorizing the city of Kiester to operate a grocery store; authorizing the city of Pennock to acquire a certain parcel of real estate and appurtenant building and to expend city funds to improve the building and convey the parcel to a private entity; authorizing the city of Pennock to issue bonds; providing for conveyance of certain surplus state land to a local government unit; requiring a study for Grand Mound State Historic Site; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.*

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

**Section 1. [15.995] HISTORIC PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDINGS.**

A city located within 150 miles of the Minnesota State Capitol that has a population, according to the 2000 census, of more than 7,000 and less than 8,000 and is located in a county that has a population according to that census of more than 31,000 and less than 32,000 must not sell, lease, or contract property it owns that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, unless the political subdivision first:

(1) notifies the Minnesota Historical Society and waits at least two years, during which the political subdivision must request of and receive from the Historical Society a study of the best use of the property in order to ascertain and preserve the historical value of the property and ensure public use; and

(2) requests of and receives from the Department of Administration an inventory and appraisal of the affected real and personal property to determine its value.

The Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society must jointly report their findings to the chairs and ranking minority members of legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance. The requesting political subdivision must pay the Minnesota Historical Society and the Department of Administration for services provided under this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

**Sec. 2. CITY OF PENNOCK; ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE, EXPEND CITY FUNDS, AND CONVEY TO PRIVATE ENTITY.**

The city of Pennock may purchase a certain parcel of real estate in the city consisting of four city lots and an appurtenant building formerly operated as a convenience store known as Phil's Corner on the terms and conditions that may be agreed upon between the city and the current owner of the parcel, and the city may expend city funds to make necessary improvements to the building. Once acquired and improved and in order to ensure the continued economic vitality of the city, the city may convey the parcel and building by sale or lease to a private person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity for a nominal consideration or on whatever terms and conditions the city and the private entity may agree upon in order for the building to be operated as a commercial establishment.

**Sec. 3. BONDS.**

The city of Pennock may issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000 to finance the project authorized by section 2. The bonds must be issued in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 475, except that a referendum under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, is not required. The debt represented by the bonds is not included in computing any debt limitations applicable to the city, and the levy of taxes required by Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds is not subject to any levy limitation otherwise applicable to the city.

Sec. 4. **CITY OF KIESTER; OPERATION OF A GROCERY STORE.**

The city of Kiester may acquire inventory for and operate a grocery store in the city on property owned by the city. The city may issue capital notes of the city in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150,000 to finance acquisition of inventory and operation of the store. The capital notes must be issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 412.301, for the purposes permitted in this section. The debt represented by the notes is not included in computing any debt limitations applicable to the city.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Under Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 645.023, subdivision 1a, this section is effective without local approval on the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. **CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND AT BRAINERD REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER.**

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.281 to 16B.287, or any other law, administrative rule, or commissioner's order to the contrary, the commissioner of administration may convey to a local unit of government for no consideration all or part of the real property at the Brainerd Regional Treatment Center for public purposes consistent with the master plan and reuse study. The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695.

(b) The commissioner may require the local unit of government to reimburse the state for all or part of any campus redevelopment funded and completed by the state.

(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.23, the commissioner of administration may convey to one or more local units of government for no consideration all or part of the personal property determined by the commissioner of human services to be no longer needed for human services operations.

(d) If a local unit of government sells any property conveyed under this section to a private entity, the sale must be at fair market value.

Sec. 6. **GRAND MOUND STATE HISTORIC SITE STUDY.**

Subdivision 1. **Study.** The Minnesota Historical Society, in consultation with Koochiching County, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, interested Indian tribes, and other interested groups and individuals, shall study the future of the Grand Mound State Historic Site.

Subd. 2. **Report to legislature.** The Minnesota Historical Society shall report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees by January 30, 2007.

Sec. 7. **NO LOCAL APPROVAL; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Under Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 645.023, subdivision 1a, section 2 is effective without local approval on the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2006

Signed by the governor June 2, 2006, 11:58 a.m.