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362.01 CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Minnesota Resources Commission".

[1945 c. 468 s. 1]

362.02 RESOURCES DEFINED. The term "resources" as used in this chapter shall be taken in its broad sense as including not only the natural physical resources, but also the people themselves, their industries, employments, income, institutions, and public services of all kinds.

[1945 c. 468 s. 2]

362.03 DUTIES OF COMMISSION. It shall be the duty of the commission and it shall have power:

(a) To promote, encourage, and where desirable to undertake investigations into the nature, extent, location, distribution, value, protection, development, and utilization of the resources of Minnesota;

(b) To coordinate as far as possible, through conferences and the clearance of information, the studies made from time to time by national, state, and local agencies with respect to the resources of the state;

(c) To make a biennial report and such reports of its findings from time to time to the governor, the legislature, or the appropriate departments of government, and where possible and desirable to publish them for the information of the people of the entire state as will in its judgments be conducive to the conservation, the increase and the intelligent utilization of the state's resources;

(d) To make such recommendations to the state legislature and the governor for legislative action as its findings of fact seem to indicate to be necessary to the welfare of the state;

(e) To do all other things that may be necessary to carry out the duties stated in this chapter;

(f) To cooperate with the advisory commission to the council of national defense through its division of state and local cooperation, or with any similar federal agencies, and with any departments, or other federal agencies engaged in defense activities; to cooperate with similar councils of defense in other states; to cooperate with local defense councils.

[1945 c. 468 s. 3]

362.04 APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. The commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the governor and the commissioner of administration ex officio. The members appointed by the governor shall be citizens who hold no other state office. The term of office of these members shall be four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and have qualified; provided, first, that the first appointments shall be deemed to have been made as of July 1, 1945, and all regular terms shall be deemed to begin and end on July 1 of the appropriate odd-numbered year; and provided, second, that of the members first appointed, six shall be appointed for the full term of four years, and four for the term of two years. Thereafter all regular appointments to these positions shall be for the term of four years. In case of vacancy the governor shall make an appointment for the unexpired term.

The governor shall designate the chairman of the commission. The commission shall elect its own vice chairman. The terms of the chairman and vice chairman shall be for two years.

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The members of the commission shall serve without compensation for such service, but shall be reimbursed for any lawful expense actually and necessarily incurred in travel and subsistence in the performance of their duties.

[1945 c. 468 s. 4]

362.05 RULES AND REGULATIONS; RECORDS; REPORT. The commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business, and shall keep records of its proceedings, hearings, orders, and decisions. Such records shall be open to public inspection under reasonable regulations of the commission. It shall prepare a biennial report of its work at the end of each even-numbered year, and shall present the same to the governor and to the two houses of the legislature.

[1945 c. 468 s. 5]

362.06 DIRECTOR TO BE EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY; DUTIES. The commission shall employ a director who shall be ex-officio the secretary of the commission and administrative head of all investigations and surveys undertaken by the commission. The director shall appoint all technical and clerical assistants as he may deem necessary. All appointments shall be made in accordance with the civil service regulations of the state. No member of the commission shall be employed in any paid position under the commission.

[1945 c. 468 s. 6]