

3.886 LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A Legislative Water Commission is established.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The Legislative Water Commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

(1) six members of the senate, including three majority party members appointed by the majority leader and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader; and

(2) six members of the house of representatives, including three majority party members appointed by the speaker of the house and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader.

(b) Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and continue to serve until their successors are appointed or until a member is no longer a member of the legislative body that appointed the member to the commission. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original positions. Vacancies occurring on the commission do not affect the authority of the remaining members of the Legislative Water Commission to carry out the function of the commission.

(c) Members shall elect a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the commission. The chair may convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

Subd. 3. **Commission staffing.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must employ staff and contract with consultants as necessary to enable the Legislative Water Commission to carry out its duties and functions.

Subd. 4. **Powers and duties.** (a) The Legislative Water Commission shall review water policy reports and recommendations of the Environmental Quality Board, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Metropolitan Council, and other water-related reports as may be required by law or the legislature.

(b) The commission may conduct public hearings and otherwise secure data and comments.

(c) The commission shall make recommendations as it deems proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation.

(d) Data or information compiled by the Legislative Water Commission or its subcommittees shall be made available to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Clean Water Council, and standing and interim committees of the legislature on request of the chair of the respective commission, council, or committee.

(e) The commission shall coordinate with the Clean Water Council.

Subd. 5. **Compensation.** Members of the commission may receive per diem and expense reimbursement incurred doing the work of the commission in the manner and amount prescribed for per diem and expense payments by the senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the house of representatives Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** This section expires July 1, 2019.

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(12) renewal of registered accounting practitioner firm permits, except for sole practitioners, \$100 per year;

(13) renewal of registered accounting practitioner firm permits for sole practitioners, \$35 per year;

(14) CPA examination application, \$40;

(15) CPA examination, fee determined by third-party examination administrator;

(16) renewal of certificates with an inactive status, \$25 per year; and

(17) renewal of CPA firm permits for firms that have one or more offices located in another state, \$68 per year.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.44, subdivision 1, as added by Laws 2014, chapter 239, article 2, section 6, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** (a) No department, agency of the state, the Metropolitan Council, or an agency subject to section 473.143, subdivision 1, shall execute a contract for goods or services or an agreement for goods or services in excess of \$500,000 with a business that has 40 or more full-time employees in this state or a state where the business has its primary place of business on a single day during the prior 12 months, unless the business has an equal pay certificate or it has certified in writing that it is exempt. A certificate is valid for four years.

(b) This section does not apply to a business with respect to a specific contract if the commissioner of administration determines that application of this section would cause undue hardship to the contracting entity. This section does not apply to a contract to provide goods and services to individuals under chapters 43A, 62A, 62C, 62D, 62E, 256B, 256I, 256L, and 268A, with a business that has a license, certification, registration, provider agreement, or provider enrollment contract that is prerequisite to providing those goods and services. This section does not apply to contracts entered into by the State Board of Investment for investment options under section 352.965, subdivision 4.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2014.

Sec. 25. LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION INITIAL APPOINTMENTS AND FIRST MEETING.

Initial appointments to the Legislative Water Commission established in section 3 must be made by September 1, 2014. The first meeting of the Legislative Water Commission shall be convened by the chair or a designee of the Legislative Coordinating Commission by October 15, 2014. The Legislative Water Commission shall select a chair from its membership at its first meeting.

Sec. 26. STUDY OF SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR CENTRAL ACCOMMODATION.

The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate Finance Committee, the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee, the house of representatives State Government Finance Committee, the senate State Departments and Veterans Budget Division, and the governor by January 5, 2015, on advantages and disadvantages of creating an account for the special