

DEPARTMENT Governor's Office

## Office Memorandum

TO : ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

DATE: August 6, 1970

FROM : Harold LeVander  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

SUBJECT: Development Regions. Executive Order No. 60

Attached is a copy of Executive Order No. 60. This is the culmination of the process of regional delineation begun in 1966 including my earlier Executive Orders 9 and 37.

Although I have provided for flexibility in that counties may ask for a change in assignment or the creation of a new region, it is my intent that these regions be used for:

- (1) All federal multi-county planning and development programs;
- (2) The creation of Regional Development Commissions as provided for in Ch. 1122, Laws 1969;
- (3) Planning and administration of state programs.

On this last point, I am reaffirming the charge originally given to state departments and agencies in Executive Order No. 37. In order to carry out the intent of Executive Order 37, the State Planning Agency will be convening a meeting of all state departments and agencies concerned with regionalization. Please assign the responsibility for this matter to a responsible person in your department and ask him to be prepared to represent the department in the forthcoming meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Development Director, State Planning Agency -3091.



HAROLD LEVANDER  
GOVERNOR

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60

I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to the authority and responsibility assigned to me by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 4, and Laws 1969, Chapter 1122, do hereby issue this Executive Order in regard to the delineation of Development Regions and the formation of Regional Development Commissions.

WHEREAS the twelve month period specified in Executive Order 37, during which "transitional" counties were to evaluate their logical association with a region has passed; and

WHEREAS the State Planning Agency has conducted the public hearings specified in Executive Order 37 and Section 5, Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act; and

WHEREAS information has been gathered and evaluated from the transitional counties and other counties relative to regional assignment; and

WHEREAS insofar as possible, the known desires of transitional and other counties have been recognized; and

WHEREAS Section 5, Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, requires that the Governor designate Development Regions by Executive Order; and

WHEREAS the Regional Development Act provides for the re-assignment of counties between Development Regions and for the modification of regional boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor and State Planning Officer of the State of Minnesota, I hereby designate the following Development Regions and provide procedures for reassignment of counties to Development Regions, for designation of new Development Regions, and for the creation of Regional Development Commissions.

### I. Development Regions

Development Regions for Minnesota for purposes of Section 5, Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional

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Development Act and United States Bureau of the Budget Circular A-80, Coordination of development planning for programs based on multi-jurisdictional areas and A-95 Evaluation, review and coordination of federal assistance programs and projects, and for the purposes enumerated in Executive Order No. 37 shall be those shown on the attached map and list entitled, Development Regions, and designated as Appendix I.

## II. Procedure for Change in Regional Assignment

Counties may be assigned to different regions by the following procedure:

- A. Any county, after substantial consultation with other local governments, desiring to be assigned to a region other than the one to which it was assigned by this Executive Order may request reassignment by means of a formal resolution of the County Board of Commissioners addressed to the Governor. For the purpose of reassignment, all resolutions passed before the date of this Order will not be considered.
- B. The request will be approved or denied within 60 days of receipt of the resolution of the County Board requesting reassignment. In order to determine the appropriateness and public sentiment in regard to the request, meetings, as deemed desirable, will be held with local elected officials and interested citizens in the county and the affected regions. A request for reassignment will not be approved if the Development Region remaining after reassignment is: 1) smaller than 4 counties; 2) has an assessed valuation of less than \$30,000,000. The county requesting reassignment must be contiguous to the region to which it is seeking reassignment.
- C. If a Regional Development Commission exists in either or both of the affected regions, the Commissions must be consulted within the 60 day period.
- D. If the request for reassignment is denied, the requesting county and the House and Senate will be notified in accordance with law.

## III. Procedure for Designation of a New Development Region

New Development Regions may be created by the following procedures:

- A. Any county or municipality may request designation of a new Development Region by means of a formal resolution adopted by the governing body of the county or municipality addressed to the Governor. County board will be

expected to consult with township officials in the preparation and submission of such resolutions.

When requests are received from the governing boards of counties and municipalities representing the majority of the population\*, the Governor will begin the procedures outlined in paragraph III-C. The resolution shall contain a list of contiguous counties to be included in the proposed Development Region. For the purpose of requesting a new region, no resolutions passed before the date of this Order will be considered.

- B. The proposed Development Region shall consist of at least four (4) counties and have an assessed valuation of at least \$30,000,000. The proposed Development Region shall encompass a whole functional area that has a community of interests, with common natural, social and economic characteristics. The proposed Development Region shall not reduce any existing Development Region to: (1) less than 4 counties (2) less than \$30,000,000 in assessed valuation.
- C. When uniform requests are received from the governing bodies of counties and municipalities which represent a majority of the population in the proposed Development Region, meetings, as deemed appropriate, shall be held with local elected officials and interested citizens affected by the proposed change. The State Urban Affairs Council shall be consulted to obtain state department viewpoint on the request. The request shall be approved or denied within 90 days of receipt of requests that represent a majority of the population in the proposed Development Region. Counties and municipalities within the proposed Development Region shall be notified as requests for the new region are received.
- D. If a Regional Development Commission exists in either or both of the affected regions, the Commission must be consulted within the 90 day period.
- E. If the request for a new region is denied, the counties and municipalities and the House and Senate will be notified.

#### IV. Creation of a Regional Development Commission

A Regional Development Commission may be created in accord with Section 7, Subdivision 1, Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, by the following procedure:

- A. Counties and municipalities may request creation of a Regional Development Commission by a formal resolution


adopted by the governing body of the county or municipality addressed to the Governor. The resolution shall designate the Development Region for which the Regional Development Commission is requested.

- B. When formal requests from county boards and municipal councils which represent a majority of the population in the Development Region for which a Regional Development Commission is proposed are received, meetings as deemed appropriate will be held with local elected officials and interested citizens within the Development Region.
- C. If, within 60 days after following the procedures provided herein, it is determined that there is broad public support, and that sufficient need exists for the proposed Regional Development Commission, it shall be established pursuant to Section 7, Subdivision 3, Chapter 122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, by the appointment of the chairman. Prior to appointing a Chairman, broad consultation with elected officials and citizens of the region shall be held to seek out a chairman who will be able to establish good working relationships with the local governments, members of the Commission and citizens of the region. In addition, assurance will be sought from county and municipal officials that townships will be accorded increased representation through the "citizen representation" clause. (Sec. 8, Subd. 1 [9], Chapter 1122, Laws of 1969.)
- D. If it is deemed that a Regional Development Commission is not needed nor desired, no Regional Development Commission will be established. The creation of a Regional Development Commission will not be initiated without first receiving requests from counties and municipalities representing a majority of the population as specified above.\*

\* For this purpose, resolutions from county boards represent the population residing in the unincorporated parts of the county, resolutions from village or city councils represent the population residing within the village or city.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1970.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Department of State  
Filed June 12, 1970  
/s/ JOSEPH L. DONOVAN  
Secretary of State

  
Harold Levander  
G O V E R N O R

REGION 1

Kittson  
Roseau  
Marshall  
Pennington  
Red Lake  
Polk  
Norman

REGION 2

Lake of the Woods  
Beltrami  
Clearwater  
Mahnomen  
Hubbard

REGION 3

Koochiching  
Itasca  
Aitkin  
Carlton  
St. Louis  
Lake  
Cook

REGION 4

Clay  
Wilkin  
Traverse  
Becker  
Ottertail  
Grant  
Stevens  
Douglas  
Pope

REGION 5

Wadena  
Cass  
Crow Wing  
Morrison  
Todd

REGION 6

Big Stone  
Swift  
Lac Qui Parle  
Yellow Medicine  
Renville  
Chippewa  
Kandiyohi  
Meeker  
McLeod

REGION 7

Stearns  
Wright  
Benton  
Sherburne  
Mille Lacs  
Kanabec  
Isanti  
Pine  
Chisago

REGION 8

Lincoln  
Pipestone  
Rock  
Lyon  
Murray  
Redwood  
Cottonwood  
Jackson  
Nobles

REGION 9

Sibley  
Nicollet  
Brown  
Watsonwan  
Martin  
Faribault  
Blue Earth  
Waseca  
LeSueur

REGION 10

Rice  
Steele  
Freeborn  
Goodhue  
Dodge  
Mower  
Wabasha  
Olmsted  
Fillmore  
Winona  
Houston

REGION 11

Anoka  
Hennepin  
Ramsey  
Washington  
Carver  
Scott  
Dakota

# DEVELOPMENT REGIONS

## Appendix 1

