

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE BIPARTISAN REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the strength of our republic rests on the principle of representative government, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Minnesota requires that "the representation in both houses shall be apportioned equally throughout the different sections of the state, in proportion to the population thereof," and

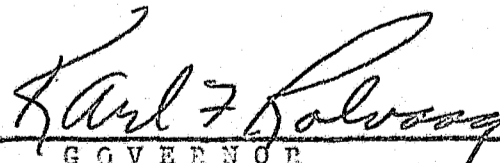
WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that the principle of equal representation for every citizen is a right guaranteed by the Federal Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the present reapportionment plan in effect in Minnesota contains many serious inequities, evidenced by the fact that senate districts vary in size from a low of 28,000 to a high of 100,000, and house districts vary in size from a low of 9,000 to a high of 40,000, based on the 1960 census, and

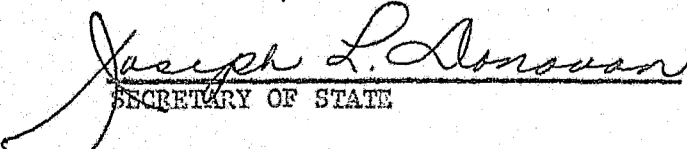
WHEREAS, the 120 day limit imposed on legislative sessions requires that a huge volume of business must be transacted in a sharply limited period of time, precluding the opportunity to give the attention in depth which is required by a matter as complex as reapportionment, and

WHEREAS, any consideration of reapportionment requires a bipartisan approach, with full opportunity for all political views to be heard and weighed;

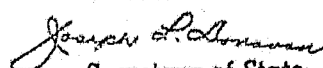
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, hereby create a Bipartisan Reapportionment Commission to give careful study to the problem of reapportionment and draw up a proposed reapportionment plan for presentation to the legislature by December, 1964; provided further that Franklin Rogers, Mankato, serve as chairman of this Commission.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated this 28 day of July, 1964.

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