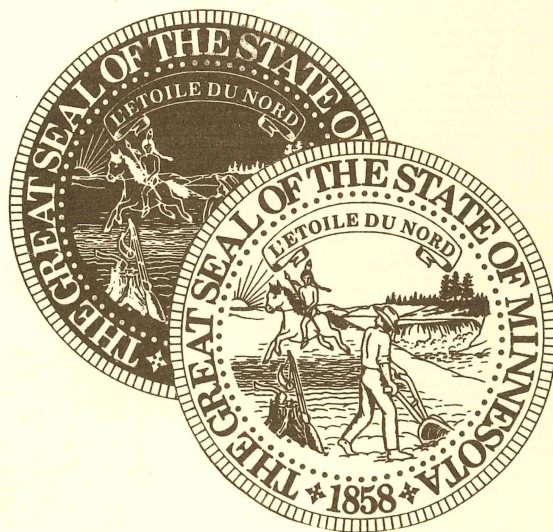




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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet includes descriptions of the legislative commissions and joint agencies for which the Legislative Coordinating Commission has authority to act in matters concerning employment, compensation, and budgets. This information is accurate as of December 1, 1986, and the statement of authority, services provided, and publications produced are included as appropriate for each agency or commission.

Additional information or copies of publications can be obtained by contacting the individual agency or the office of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

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## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION

First Floor, West Wing  
Veterans Service Building  
20 West 12th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

612-296-4708

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: James R. Nobles

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) and the Office of the Legislative Auditor are created by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.97. The Legislative Auditor serves a six year term and is removable only for cause. A Deputy Legislative Auditor for Financial Audits and a Deputy Legislative Auditor for Program Evaluation are appointed by the Legislative Auditor. The function of the Legislative Auditor is to provide objective, independent reports to the legislature and the public concerning the integrity, financial management and effectiveness of state officials and programs.

**SERVICES:** The Legislative Auditor conducts financial and compliance audits of state agencies, studies of state government programs, and investigations of fraud and misconduct on the part of state officials and employees. A substantial amount of financial information about state agencies is available in the files of the Legislative Auditor.

Financial and compliance audits are performed on a yearly schedule, planned in advance by the Legislative Auditor and Deputy for Financial Audits. Evaluations are recommended by the Legislative Auditor and Deputy for Program Evaluation to the Legislative Audit Commission for final authorization each year, usually near the end of the legislative session.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership of the Legislative Audit Commission consists of eight members from the House and eight members from the Senate. The leadership and the chairmen of major committees of both bodies are represented on the Commission. The chairman of the LAC is elected by the LAC membership.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** Various subcommittees of the LAC are formed from time to time to carry out specific functions. Current standing committees are the Personnel Subcommittee, the Topic Selection Subcommittee and the Executive Committee.



LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION (CONT.)

STAFF: The staff of the Legislative Auditor consists of:

- a Deputy Legislative Auditor for Financial Audits with a divisional staff of 42,
- a Deputy Legislative Auditor for Program Evaluation with a divisional staff of 14,
- 2 data processing support staff,
- an administrative support staff of 5.

The Legislative Auditor, the two Deputies, and their confidential secretaries are unclassified. All other employees are classified civil service employees.

PUBLICATIONS: The Office of the Legislative Auditor issues financial audit, investigation and evaluation reports to the Minnesota legislature.

MEETINGS: The Legislative Audit Commission meets as necessary, at the call of the chairman or the executive secretary.

REMARKS: As referenced above, the Legislative Audit Commission is referred to as the "LAC" (and, as a result is often confused with the Legislative Advisory Commission, also an "LAC"). The Office of the Legislative Auditor is occasionally referred to as the "OLA."



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The commission was created to review state economic development efforts and recommend a strategy for state economic development activities. (Minnesota Statutes, section 3.875)

**MEMBERSHIP:** The commission consists of ten members: five members of the Senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker.

The commission is not funded at the present time.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Room 85, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-2963

STAFF CONTACT: Jermaine Foslien

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Commission on Employee Relations was created in 1979 by Minnesota Statutes 1980, section 3.855. In general, the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations (LCER) assists the legislature by monitoring the collective bargaining process between the State and its employees and ratifying negotiated agreements, arbitrated awards and pay plans pursuant to statutory law. The commission also assures that State labor contracts are negotiated according to the Public Employee Labor Relations Act and that these negotiations are as free as possible from political interference.

**SERVICES:**

1. To ratify State negotiated agreements and arbitrated awards.
2. To review, approve, reject or modify the Commissioners' & Management Pay Plans and the Governor's salary proposal for state agency heads.
3. To ratify a list of state classifications eligible for comparability adjustments and recommend a specific amount to be appropriated for those adjustments.
4. To improve the State Civil Service System through intensive study and research.
5. To serve the legislature by performing related functions as they so delegate to LCER.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The commission consists of twelve members. Six are Senators, including four designated majority members and two members designated by minority party. Six are Representatives, including four designated majority members and two minority members.

**STAFF:** Jermaine Foslien, Director  
Barbara Patterson, Commission Secretary



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON ENERGY

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** Make a continuing study of matters relating to energy supply and use in the state; identify the potential for enhanced economic growth and job creation from increased energy efficiency and the production and utilization of renewable energy systems; identify ways to assure the provision of necessary energy supplies to all Minnesotans; coordinate resources and programs on energy conservation; review overall legislative policy concerning energy; and review and comment on receipt and expenditure of money received by the state under federal law for energy programs.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership consists of eight members of the Senate and eight members of the House of Representatives.

The commission is not funded at the present time.



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE

Room 323, State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-4261

CHAIRPERSON: Senator Linda Berglin

AUTHORITY & PURPOSE: The Legislative Commission on Long-Term Health Care was established pursuant to Laws 1983, chapter 199. The commission was created to (a) monitor the inspection and regulation activities, including rule developments, of the Departments of Health and Human Services with the goal of improving quality of care; (b) study and report on alternative long-term services and (c) study and report on alternatives to medical assistance funding for providing long-term health care services to the citizens of Minnesota. The commission shall consider the use of such alternatives as private insurance, private annuities, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, Medicare, and such other alternatives as the commission may deem worthy of study. Pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1984, chapter 654, the commission was given these additional duties (1) monitor the deinstitutionalization of state hospitals in accord with the plan developed by the interagency board, (2) study the impact of state hospital deinstitutionalization on affected communities, (3) ensure that displaced state hospital employees are provided opportunities for reemployment or retraining, and (4) evaluate the comparative costs to the state of institutional and noninstitutional care for mentally retarded persons.

MEMBERSHIP: The commission is composed of seven members of the Senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee of Rules and Administration and seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker. (Original act provided for six members from each body; a 1984 amendment changed that to seven from each body.) The commission selects its chairperson and other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

STAFF: The commission is directed to make use of existing legislative facilities and staffs of House Research and Senate Counsel and Research.

MEETINGS: Meetings and hearings are at times and places it designates to accomplish the purposes set forth.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

Room 65, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-2406

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Robert E. Hansen

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** As written in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86, the purpose of the LCMR is to "...provide the legislature with the background necessary to evaluate programs proposed to preserve, develop and maintain the natural resources of the state." Biennial appropriations laws periodically refine and more closely define the natural resource areas of LCMR involvement.

**SERVICES:** The commission is an advisory, oversight and monitoring body for the legislature. The commission acts as an information base for the legislature regarding various resource programs. The commission also has a role, implicit from the types of programs with which it is involved, to make inquiries and to investigate action designed to examine potential innovative and/or accelerative approaches to state policy.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As written in Minnesota Statutes, section 86.07, "The commission hereby created shall consist of 14 members appointed as follows: (1) Seven members of the Senate to be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration to be chosen before the close of each regular session of the legislature and to serve until their successors are appointed; (2) Seven members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker to be chosen before the close of each regular session of the legislature to serve until their successors are appointed; (3) Vacancies occurring on the commission shall not affect the authority of the remaining members of the commission to carry out the functions thereof, and such vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original positions."

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** The commission currently operates with eight committees; Executive, Recreation, Minerals, Energy and Forestry, Game and Fish, Agriculture, Land and Water, and Public Lands.

**STAFF:** David G. Flipp, Administrative Assistant  
Linda C. Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Director  
Mary Lou Kendle, Secretary

**PUBLICATIONS:** The LCMR regularly produces a biennial report, on file in the Legislative Reference Library. Each odd numbered year, the Commission recommends appropriations from the Natural Resources Acceleration Account in the form of a section of the State Departments Appropriation Bill. There are no other regular publications. Reports as produced are delivered to the Library.

**MEETINGS:** Full LCMR and subcommittee meetings are called by the respective Chairs. There are not regularly scheduled meetings.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

Room 55, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-2750

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Larry Martin

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement was established initially as an interim commission in 1955 and later as a permanent commission in 1967. The commission is established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.85. The commission is directed to make a continuing study and investigation of public employee retirement plans in Minnesota to make recommendations to establish and maintain sound public employee pension legislation. There are at least 640 public employee pension funds and plans in Minnesota, with more than 224,000 active members. The public employee pension funds and plans in the state range from three large statewide retirement funds to over 500 small municipal volunteer firefighters relief associations. While the commission plays no formal role in the legislative process under the rules of either the House or the Senate or the joint rules, it traditionally has functioned as the first legislative entity to consider and make recommendations concerning proposed pension legislation. There is a considerable amount of public employee pension legislation each legislative session because the benefit plans of many of the pension funds are entirely contained in statute.

**SERVICES:** The commission staff can: (1) provide background information on any public employee pension topic, any legislative bill or enactment relating to public employee pension funds or any constituent problem concerning public employee pensions; and (2) assist legislators in preparing legislation or amendments relating to public employee pensions.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement is composed of five members of the Senate, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and five members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Chair of the commission rotates between House members and the Senate members periodically. The term of membership on the commission is two years, and commences on January 16 of the first year of each regular legislative session.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** Subcommittees of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement are established periodically as the need for special studies arise.

**STAFF:** James E. Heidelberg; Assistant Director  
Jean Liebgott, Administrative Secretary  
Robert Perkins of the Wyatt Company, Consulting Actuary



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT (CONT.)

PUBLICATIONS: The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement issues a report to the legislature biennially and topical reports periodically.

MEETINGS: The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement meets frequently during the legislative session and as needed during the interim. All meetings are at the call of the Chair.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The commission was established by the legislature in Laws 1983, chapter 314, Article 7. The commission was directed to study Minnesota public education and report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the House and Senate by January 15 of each year. Study issues include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Education policy development and planning and recommendations for change to make education more effective.
2. Current and alternative financing formulas for education and recommendations for changes in the use of public money to fund education.
3. Current school district organization and administration and recommendations for more efficient use of available resources.
4. Current technology and alternative education delivery systems for Minnesota.
5. Teacher preparation, certification, salaries, employment policies, and retention.
6. Additional legislation passed in 1985 encourages the commission to study school district foundation and retirement revenue.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The commission is composed of 12 legislators, six each from the House and Senate, including minority caucus members in each chamber. By statute, the chairs of the House Education Committee, the House Education Finance Division, the Senate Education Committee, and the Senate Education Aids Subcommittee are members of the commission.

**MEETINGS:** Meetings are scheduled as needed and are open to the public.

The commission is not funded at the present time.



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN

Room 85, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-8590 (metro area)  
800-652-9747 (toll free)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Aviva Breen

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The commission was established by the legislature in Laws 1976, chapter 337 to "study all matters relating to the economic status of women in Minnesota," including employment, education, security of the homemaker, laws and business practices which constitute barriers to the full participation of women in the economy. The commission is to report and make recommendations to the legislature and the Governor.

**SERVICES:** Can provide basic information and statistics on women in Minnesota including population characteristics, educational attainment and enrollments, marital and parental status, household characteristics, labor force status and employment characteristics, referral to women's programs and services, and basic information on women's legal and economic rights.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Five Senators appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and five House members appointed by the Speaker of the House.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** None (except Task Forces as needed.)

**STAFF:** Cheryl Hoium and Lisa Cohen, Assistant Directors

**PUBLICATIONS:** (All are available to legislators and the public at no charge.)

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, issues on topics such as single-parents & rural women.

INFORMATION BROCHURES: "Employment Rights for Women," "Women and Finances," "Legal Rights of Pregnant Employees," and "The Legal Right to Child Support."

FACT SHEETS showing basic demographics and specialized data on women.

WOMEN IN MINNESOTA (45 pp), statistical reference book.

PAY EQUITY: THE MINNESOTA EXPERIENCE (36 pp), report on the implementation of pay equity in Minnesota.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TASK FORCE REPORT (20 pp), with sample policies.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, annual reports on sex equity in secondary and post-secondary vocational education.

EQUITY IN EDUCATION TASK FORCE REPORT (13 pp), report of a task force on equity in elementary and secondary education.

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, background information on commission legislative proposals.



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN (CONT.)

MINNESOTA WOMEN AND POVERTY (14 pp), statistical report on poverty.

MINORITY WOMEN IN MINNESOTA (51 pp), a statistical profile of minority women.

A WOMAN'S PLACE (43 pp), the third edition of a guide to women's legal and economic rights.

WELFARE IN MINNESOTA (10 pp), facts about Minnesota's public assistance programs.

OTHER REPORTS on special topics.

MEETINGS: A number of public hearings are held at the call of the Chair.

REMARKS: The commission endorses a legislative program each biennium with proposals to improve the economic status of Minnesota women.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

Room 85, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-297-3604

DIRECTOR: Susan P. Robertson

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Commission on Waste Management was established in the Waste Management Act (Laws, 1980, chapter 564). The Waste Management Act sets forth a comprehensive system for managing solid and hazardous waste both in the metro and outstate areas. The commission is charged with overseeing the implementation of the Act by the Waste Management Board, the Pollution Control Agency and the Metropolitan Council. The commission reviews work plans of these bodies and may direct such changes or additions as it deems fit. The Act directs the commission to prepare various studies and reports, such as a study of mechanisms for compensating victims of hazardous substance releases and alternative methods of insuring that an adequate supply of solid waste will be available to resource recovery facilities. The law also requires various state agencies, such as the Waste Management Board, Pollution Control Agency, Metropolitan Council and Department of Commerce to submit reports directly to LCWM. The commission also reviews the use of various state funds related to water management and makes recommendations on expenditures from them. Finally, the commission makes recommendations to the legislature on legislation which may be necessary to more effectively manage solid and hazardous waste.

**SERVICES:** Any member who has questions, comments or recommendations on solid and hazardous waste management issues may contact the commission staff for assistance.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The commission consists of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and five members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. Senator Gene Merriam is the Chair of the Commission; Representative Bob Anderson is Vice Chair.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** Executive Committee

**STAFF:** Sandra Labey, Research Assistant/Secretary



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT (CONT.)

PUBLICATIONS: A comprehensive summary and legislative history of the Waste Management Act is available to members as well as an up-to-date copy of the Act itself. A copy of the flow control report which was submitted to the legislature in January, 1982 is available as well as the study on compensation for victims of hazardous substance releases, which was submitted in December, 1984. Also available is a report on mechanisms to enable landfill operators to comply with financial assurance rules of the Pollution Control Agency, which was submitted in January, 1986.

MEETINGS: At the call of the Chair.

REMARKS: This commission is also referred to as LCWM.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Room 55, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-1143

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Maryanne V. Hruby

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1974 (Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.39 to 14.43) as a bipartisan, joint commisssion to "promote adequate and proper rules by state agencies and an understanding upon the part of the public respecting them."

The legislature has delegated to state agencies the authority to adopt rules in order to carry out specific legislation and these rules have the force and effect of law. The LCRAR is given oversight over state agencies to ensure that they are not exceeding their delegated authority in the rulemaking process. To carry out this function the LCRAR can investigate complaints, hold public hearings, request agencies to go to rules hearings, and, if the circumstances warrant, suspend a rule. The suspension of a rule must be subsequently ratified by the legislature and signed by the Governor.

**SERVICES:** The LCRAR can directly serve legislators by assisting them when they have concerns or complaints regarding an agency's rules (or lack of rules). Legislators may also forward constituents' rule complaints to the LCRAR. In addition to bringing formal complaints, legislators can request LCRAR staff to monitor rulemaking proceedings which are of particular interest to them.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Five Senators appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate and five Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The Chair of the commission alternates between the two houses of the legislature every two years.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** Not applicable.

**STAFF:** Paul M. Marinac, Counsel  
Betty Ann Burch, Research Assistant  
Andrea C. Perkins, Commission Secretary



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (CONT.)

PUBLICATIONS: Biennial Report; Reports on issues reviewed by the LCRAR.

MEETINGS: At the call of the Chair or upon a written call of two LCRAR members or five legislators.

REMARKS: The LCRAR was given additional authority and responsibility in 1980. An amendment to the Administrative Procedures Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 14.15, Subdivision 4) involves the LCRAR directly in the rulemaking process by allowing agencies to appeal to the LCRAR a decision of the Chief Administrative Law Judge regarding the need and reasonableness of a rule. If the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds that an agency has not sufficiently demonstrated the need and reasonableness of a rule, the agency must either correct the defects or submit the rule to the LCRAR for an advisory opinion, which must be rendered within 30 days.



## LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION

Room 85, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-297-3697

DIRECTOR: Janet Lund

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Legislative Coordinating Commission was created in 1973 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303 to coordinate certain joint activities of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The administrative budget requests of any statutory commission, the majority of whose members are members of the legislature, are submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) for review and comment prior to submission to the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. No such commission shall employ additional personnel without first having received the recommendation of the LCC. The commission establishes the compensation of all employees of any statutory commission under its jurisdiction, except the classified employees of the Legislative Audit Commission. The LCC oversees and coordinates all joint legislative studies mandated by the legislature. The LCC adopts plans pertaining to sick leave and annual leave which apply to all permanent employees of the legislature and of legislative committees and commissions. It determines the medical, dental, and hospital benefits for all employees and legislators.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership consists of the Majority Leader of the Senate, the President of the Senate, two senators appointed by the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and one senator appointed by the Minority Leader; and the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House, two representatives appointed by the Speaker, the Minority Leader of the House, and one representative appointed by the Minority Leader.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall alternate annually as Chair of the Commission.

**STAFF:** Sandra Gulbranson, Accountant  
Delores Stendahl, Assistant Accountant

**MEETINGS:** As scheduled.



## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Room 645, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-3398

DIRECTOR: Judith J. Field

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Library was established in 1969 by law (Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.302 to 3.3025) under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The Library, a non-partisan, confidential service, is directed to collect, index and disseminate information of "interest" to the legislature and legislative staff, so that the legislature can "efficiently and economically" execute its duties. In 1974, Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195, added to the Library's charge by requiring that state agencies deposit copies of all reports, publications, etc. in the Legislative Library and that the Library publish and distribute monthly a list of state documents. In 1978, copies of consultants' reports were added to those documents which are to be filed in the Library. In the 1982/83 biennium, the State Information Systems Project was established by law (Minnesota Statutes, section 3.3026). This legislation required the Library to locate, describe and prepare a listing of all data systems and files existent in Minnesota State agencies. In addition to those statutory obligations, the Director of the Library acts as the custodian for the legislative floor and committee tape recordings and minutes. Library obligations and requirements with respect to these materials are put forth in the rules of each house.

**SERVICES:** The Library's main functions are:

- answer questions by providing data, background materials, biographies, quotations, and other information as pertinent,
- make available reports, books, pamphlets, government documents, magazine articles and newspaper stories,
- provide a directory of manual and computerized information systems,
- provide personalized update and current contents services through which patrons are notified of new or recent magazine articles and books on topics of interest to them,
- provide access for Legislators, staff and the public to legislative tape recordings, journals and committee minutes,
- conduct interactive computer searches of textual, numeric, and data bases.



## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY (CONT.)

### UNIQUE COLLECTIONS

Depository collection of Minnesota state documents,  
Minnesota government history collection,  
Specialized clipping files by topic, legislative district and personality,  
Minnesota Session Laws from 1871,  
Minnesota Legislative Manuals from 1871,  
House and Senate Journals from 1909,  
Minutes of state boards, commissions and agencies,  
Interest group ratings of legislators,  
Speech and quotation collection,  
Statutory compliance for required reports.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Director of the Library is appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. A library subcommittee is usually appointed to provide direct contact with the office.

**STAFF:** The Library's staff includes seven librarians, a state document specialist, a state information systems project group, and support staff.

### PUBLICATIONS:

LRL RESOURCES - a monthly selected list of books received in the Library,

MINNESOTA RESOURCES - a monthly selected list of Minnesota state documents received by the library,

TOPICS IN THE NEWS - occasional bibliographies on topics of current interest,

A GUIDE TO MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY - an annotated list,

LRL SERIALS SUPPLEMENT - a listing of Minnesota periodicals received by the library.

**MEETINGS:** Not applicable.



MINNESOTA GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

Room 85, State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-297-3697

CHAIRMAN: Henry K. Hanka

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The Great Lakes Commission was established in 1955 by the approval of the Great Lakes Basin Compact found in Minnesota Statutes, sections 1.21 and 1.22. Its purpose is to promote the orderly, comprehensive use of the Great Lakes Basin; to plan for the welfare and development of the water resources of the basin in order to derive the maximum benefit from public works; to advise in securing and maintaining a proper balance among users of the water resources; and to maintain an intergovernmental agency to accomplish the purposes of the compact. The Great Lakes Basin consists of the eight Great Lakes states, Canada, and all water interconnections between them.

**SERVICES:** To perform the functions, through research, resolution and other activity, established by the compact of the eight Great Lakes States.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Minnesota delegation consists of five commissioners; two are House members appointed by the Speaker; two are Senators appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration; one member is appointed by the Governor. A chair is elected by the five commissioners.

**STAFF:** Administrative support is provided by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. Other staff support is located in the intergovernmental agency office in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**MEETINGS:** As necessary at the call of the delegation chair. Regular attendance by the commissioners to the Great Lakes Commission occurs twice yearly, in various cities within the Basin.

**REMARKS:** The commission is also commonly referred to as the GLC.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION

220 South Robert Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107

(612)224-9903

STAFF CONTACT: John Edman

**AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:** The Mississippi River Parkway Commission aids in the development of a scenic parkway and highway along the Mississippi River in Minnesota, and in the promotion of economic development opportunities along the Great River Road. Functioning under the terms of Minnesota Statutes, section 161.1419, subdivision 2, the commission serves in an advisory capacity to review and approve Great River Road segment plans and development projects.

**SERVICES:** The commission works with state and local agencies of the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission towards the development of the Great River Road, the promotion of tourism, and the enhancement of economic development in the Mississippi River Valley.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The commission is composed of ten members, of which three shall be members of the Senate to be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, three shall be members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, one shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, one shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, and one shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Economic Development. The tenth member shall be the Secretary, appointed by the commission and shall serve as a commission member.

**PUBLICATIONS:** The commission is required to report biennially to the legislature on any duplication of programs, funding needed and recommended new legislation.

**MEETINGS:** Quarterly as scheduled.



## OFFICE OF THE REVISOR OF STATUTES

700 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

612-296-2868

REVISOR OF STATUTES: Steven C. Cross

**AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** The office of the Revisor of Statutes is a joint legislative service agency providing nonpartisan professional drafting and publications services to the members and staff of the legislature, to the executive departments, and to the governor. The Revisor's office was established by law in 1939. The primary statutory authority is found in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3C. Other functions originate from legislative rules or custom.

**SERVICES:** The Revisor's office is the legislature's principal writing and publishing office. Its main functions are:

- drafting bills, amendments, resolutions, conference committee reports, bill comparisons, and Senate, House, or joint rules,
- drafting and reviewing state agency rules,
- preparing engrossments and enrollments,
- compiling, publishing, and indexing session laws, statutes, court rules, agency rules, supplements to statutes and rules, and drafting manuals for statutes and rules,
- maintaining the computer system that supports its drafting and publishing and the Senate and House Journals, Index, calendars, and agendas,
- answering constituents questions, providing statutory computer searches, providing help with questions on statutory history and construction.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Revisor is appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. A Revisor subcommittee is usually appointed to provide direct contact with the office.

**SUBORDINATE UNITS:** Not applicable.

**STAFF:** The Revisor's staff includes 12 drafting attorneys, a specialist in writing, drafting and administrative staff members, messengers, and computer analyst/programmers.



REVISOR'S OFFICE (CONT.)

PUBLICATIONS:

MINNESOTA STATUTES - all of the state's permanent and general laws compiled by subject matter, with an index, and other editorial features. A pocket-part supplement is published to update the main set.

LAWS OF MINNESOTA - all the laws adopted by a session of the legislature, with an index and tables to help you find out how a legislative session has changed the permanent law.

MINNESOTA RULES - the administrative rules of state agencies, together in one consistent compilation, with an index and other finding aids. The set is published every two years and supplemented with pocket parts.

REVISOR'S MANUAL - a complete guide to the drafting of bills for the Minnesota legislature, with many examples of correct form as well as information on clear drafting style, legal requirements for bills, statutory construction and special subject areas.

RULES DRAFTING MANUAL - a handbook of drafting form for agency rules.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.