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### Article 1: State Government Appropriations

See the spreadsheet prepared by fiscal analyst Helen Roberts for a list of the appropriations in this article.

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/states07.pdf>

<b>1</b>	<b>Summary of Appropriations.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>State Government Appropriations.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Legislature.</b> Requires legislative offices, when possible, to implement information technology systems that are compatible and work across the legislature. Requires reports on this issue. Specifies a planning process for issues relating to renovation of the Capitol building and related campus planning

issues.

4 **Governor and Lieutenant Governor.** Requires an annual report on personnel costs supported by appropriations to other agencies.

5 **State Auditor.**

6 **Attorney General.**

7 **Secretary of State.**

8 **Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.**

9 **Investment Board.**

10 **Office of Enterprise Technology.**

11 **Administrative Hearings.**

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21 **Minnesota State Retirement System.**

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25 **Amateur Sports Commission**

26 **Council on Black Minnesotans.**

27 **Council on Chicano/Latino Affairs.**

28 **Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.**

29 **Indian Affairs Council.**

30 **General Contingent Accounts.**

31 **Carryforward authorization for technology.** Authorizes agencies to carry forward \$5.76 million of unexpended funds from the current biennium to the next, to be spent for one-time costs associated with technology projects.

32 **Balance Carried Forward.** Provides that any positive unrestricted general fund budgetary balance as of June 30, 2007, is carried forward.

## **Article 2: State Government Operations**

- 1 **Ethnic Heritage and New Americans.** Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to undertake activities it determines are necessary to assist state government to foster an understanding and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity in Minnesota, to identify underutilized sources within the immigrant community, and to facilitate full participation of immigrants in social, cultural, and political life in the state. Authorizes creation of a working group for this purpose. Requires collaboration with councils of color. Provides a June 30, 2009, expiration date.
- 2 **Preparedness for terrorism and disasters.** Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to undertake activities it determines are necessary to advise the legislature and oversee executive activities on issues related to homeland security, emergency management, man-made and natural disasters,

terrorism, bioterrorism, public health emergencies, and vulnerabilities in public and private infrastructures. Authorizes creation of a working group for this purpose. Provides a June 30, 2011 expiration date.

- 3 **Executive Orders.** Clarifies that executive orders expire 90 days after the governor who issued the order leaves office.
- 4 **Poet Laureate.** Requires the Governor to appoint a poet laureate.
- 5 **Assumed Name Fee.** Requires the Secretary of State to charge a \$3 fee for a copy of a subsequent filing of an assumed name.
- 6 **Temporary Technology Surcharge.** Imposes technology surcharges on specified filing fees associated with the Secretary of State business functions. This section expires June 30, 2009.
- 7 **State Board of Investment.** Requires the SBI to report annually on the activities and work product of investment consultants retained by the board. The report must include fees paid, projects on which the consultant was involved, and examples of the written work products.
- 8 **Grants; Data.** Adds a new section to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to deal with the status of data relating to grants. Key points include:
  - Data created by a granting agency to create a request for proposal is nonpublic until the request for proposal is published.
  - Responses submitted by a grantee are not public until opened. Once opened, the name and address of the grantee and the amount requested is public. After the government agency's evaluation process is complete, all other data in the response is public, except for trade secret data. If all responses are rejected, data that is not made public at the initial opening remains private until the evaluation process is completed or the grant is abandoned.
  - Data that a government agency maintains as part of the evaluation process are not public until completion of the evaluation process.
- 9 **Terms for Commissioners.** Clarifies that terms of commissioners end with the term of the appointing governor or if the governor vacates office.
- 10 **CAAPB Revenues.** Under current law, when a public body submits a proposal for review by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the body must provide enough money for the board's review. This section appropriates the money received by the board under this subdivision to the board in the upcoming biennium.
- 11 **Price of Government.** Requires the Department of Finance to report on the share of personal income to be collected in taxes and other revenues to pay for state and local government services and the division of that revenue between state and local government revenues. This section is related to the repeal of other parts of section 16A.102 later in the bill.
- 12 **Economic Information.** Provides that certain information must be submitted to the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, instead of the State Government Finance Committee.
- 13 **Billing Procedures.** Current law allows the commissioner of finance to bill state agencies for statewide system services provided to the agencies. This section

strikes a requirement that billing be based only on usage of services relating to statewide systems provided by the Intertechnologies division.

- 14** Sections 14 to 19 amend Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695, which governs lease and management agreements involving state bond financed property. It was originally enacted in 1994, and implementation of the statute has been guided by an order of the Commissioner of Finance relating to the use and sale of state bond-financed property, dated July 20, 1995.

**Lease and management contracts.** Allows renewal of a lease or management contract beyond a term that is substantially less than the useful life of the property if the lessor (public entity) determines that the lessee (private) demonstrates that it is continuing to carry out the governmental program. Provides that if the contract is not renewed and the lessee contributed to the land and capital improvements, the lessor may agree to reimburse the lessee for its investment. Provides that the end of the lease or management agreement does not require repayment of the state bonds or sale of the property as long as the property is used for the intended governmental program.

Effective retroactively from January 1, 2006, and applies to leases, grant agreements, or management agreements entered into on or after that date.

- 15 Sale of property.** Adds a third priority for distribution of sale proceeds when nonstate money was contributed to the acquisition and betterment of state bond financed property that is sold.

Under current law, the sale proceeds are used first, to repay the state the amount it contributed in bond funds, and second, to pay in full any outstanding public or private debt. If there is any excess, it is shared among the public and private entities that contributed in proportion to the amount each contributed.

This provision requires that public and private entities get repaid their contributions before any excess is apportioned.

Effective retroactively from January 1, 2006, and applies to leases, grant agreements, or management agreements entered into on or after that date.

- 16 Match requirements.** Permits matching funds to be pledged payments that have been deposited into a segregated account and multiyear pledges converted to cash or cash equivalent through a loan or irrevocable letter of credit. Permits the loan or letter of credit to be secured by a lien on the state bond financed property.

Effective retroactively from January 1, 2006, and applies to leases, grant agreements, or management agreements entered into on or after that date.

- 17 Ground lease for state bond financed property.** Permits a public entity as lessee to lease real property and improvements acquired or improved with state bond funds if the lease term is for at least 125 percent of the useful life of the property. Provides that expiration of the lease term does not require the state to be repaid or that the property be sold before the property is deemed no longer state bond financed property.

Effective retroactively from January 1, 2006, and applies to leases, grant

agreements, or management agreements entered into on or after that date.

- 18 General applicability.** Inserts sections 1.01, 1.02, 3.01, and 4.01 of the Commissioner's Order, and the remedy for violation of this section from the generic grant agreement currently used. Clarifies that this section does not create any new authority for a public officer or agency to operate a program or enter into a lease or management contract; the public officer or agency must have that authority independently.

Effective on and after July 1, 2007.

- 19 Grant agreement.** Inserts section 6.01 of the Commissioner's Order, requiring a grant agreement and specifying basic provisions.

Effective on and after July 1, 2007.

- 20 Andersen and Freeman Buildings.** Provides for deposit and expenditure of money collected as rent for the Andersen and Freeman buildings.
- 21 Percent for Arts.** Strikes the \$100,000 per building limit that applies under the "percent for art" law applicable to buildings paid for by the state.
- 22 Grant Management.** This section establishes procedures governing management of grants made by state agencies.

**Subd. 1. Grant agreement.** Defines a "grant agreement." Provides that this section does not apply to capital project grants to political subdivisions.

**Subd. 2. Grant governance.** Requires the commissioner of administration to provide direction and leadership for executive agency grants management, and requires executive agencies to do what the commissioner requires.

**Subd. 3. Powers.** Authorizes the commissioner of administration to review grants management policies and practices, recommend alternative strategies, collect information and issue reports, and participate in conferences and other activities.

**Subd. 4. Duties.** Requires the commissioner of administration to create general grants management policies and procedures for executive agencies. Authorizes the commissioner to grant exceptions. Provides that executive agencies retain management of individual grants programs.

Requires the commissioner to serve as a resource to executive agencies and as a central contact point for statewide grants management policies and procedures.

Requires the commissioner to ensure grants management needs are considered in statewide administrative systems, and to approve professional and technical service contracts and other information technology spending related to executive agency grants management activities.

Requires the commissioner to provide a single listing of all available executive agency competitive grant opportunities and resulting grant recipients.

Provides that the commissioner may determine it is cost-effective for

agencies to develop and use shared grant management technology systems. Provides that duties in this subdivision with respect to grants also apply to easements granted by executive agencies.

## **23 Grant Management Process.**

**Subd. 1. Limit.** Requires state grant recipients to agree to minimize administrative costs.

**Subd. 2. Ethical practices and conflicts of interest.** Provides that an executive employee involved in the grants process is subject to the state employee code of ethics in current law.

**Subd. 3. Conflict of interest.** Requires the commissioner to develop policies regarding ethics and conflicts of interests for employees, committee members or others involved in recommendation, award, and administration of grants. Specifies certain topics to be covered.

**Subd. 4. Reporting.** Encourages a state employee who discovers evidence of violation of law or rules governing grants to report to the employee's supervisor, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, or the legislative auditor. Requires the legislative auditor to report to the Legislative Audit Commission if there are multiple complaints about the same agency. Provides protection under the state whistle-blower law for employees making a good faith report under this section.

**Subd. 5. Creation and validity of grant agreements.** States conditions for validity of grant agreements. Provides an agreement (including amendments) must not exceed five years without specific written approval of the commissioner. Requires agreements to be kept on file for at least six years. Requires agreements to comply with the commissioner's policies. Authorizes the Attorney General to periodically review and evaluate a sample of agreements.

**Subd. 6. Grant administration.** Requires a granting agency to diligently administer and monitor grants.

**Subd. 7. Grants payments.** Provides that payments to a grantee may not be issued until the grant agreement is fully executed.

**Subd. 8. Audit.** Requires grant agreements to include audit clauses, authorizing examination of records for at least six years from the end of the grant agreement. For local government grants, specifies when the granting agency and when the grantee pay for State Auditor costs.

**Subd. 9. Authority of Attorney General.** Authorizes the Attorney General to take action (notwithstanding the wishes of the granting agency) to void agency obligations to pay a grant (or to recover payments made) if activities under the grant are such that payment would involve unjust enrichment.

**Subd. 10. Grants with Indian tribes and bands.** Forbids an agency from requiring an Indian tribe or band to deny its sovereignty as a requirement or condition of a grant.

## **24 Best and Final Offer.** Adds a new definition of "best and final offer" to state

purchasing laws, as an optional step in the purchasing process in which responders are requested to improve their response.

- 25 **Best Value.** Amends the current definition of “best value” in state purchasing laws, to authorize the commissioner of administration to use strategic sourcing tools in achieving best value.
- 26 **Enterprise Procurement.** Adds a new definition of “enterprise procurement” to mean the process the commissioner of administration uses to leverage economies of scale to achieve costs savings and other favorable terms in state contracts.
- 27 **RFP.** Amends the definition of “request for proposal” to refer to negotiations to achieve best value for the state.
- 28 **Response.** Amends the definition of “response” to include “best and final offers” or “negotiated offers.”
- 29 **Strategic Sourcing.** Defines “strategic sourcing” to mean methods used to analyze and reduce spending on goods and services.
- 30 **Rulemaking Authority.** Amends the commissioner of administration’s existing rulemaking authority to refer to the “procurement process” instead of only referring to specified topics relating to the process.
- 31 **Contracting Authority.** Authorizes the commissioner to require that executive agency staff participate in development of enterprise procurement.
- 32 **Policies and Procedures.** Requires the commissioner to develop and implement policies, procedures, and standards ensuring optimal use of strategic sourcing.
- 33 **Delegation of Duties.** Authorizes the commissioner of administration to require another agency to accept delegated responsibility to procure goods or services intended for the exclusive use of that agency.
- 34 **Web Site with Searchable Database.** Requires the Commissioner of Administration to maintain a Web site with a searchable database providing the public with information on state contracts, including grants. Requires the database to include the following information for each contract over \$25,000:

- name and address of the entity receiving the contract and the name of the agency entering into the contract;
- whether the contract is for goods, professional services, other services, or is a grant;
- a statement of the purpose of the contract or grant;
- the amount of the contract or grant; and
- the dollar value of state contracts and state grants the entity has received in each of the last 10 fiscal years (starting with fiscal year 2008).

Requires information to be on the database within 30 days of entering into a contract.

This section is effective January 1, 2008.

- 35 **Agency Cooperation.** Requires executive agencies to cooperate with the commissioner of administration in development and implementation of strategic

sourcing techniques.

- 36 **Creation and Validity of Contracts.** Allows the commissioners of administration and finance to approve policies under which routine, low-dollar procurements can occur before the state accounting system shows an encumbrance for the amount of contract liability.
- 37 **Enterprise Procurement.** Provides that notwithstanding a law authorizing heads of state agencies to enter into contracts for professional or technical services, the commissioner of administration must, to the fullest extent practicable, conduct enterprise procurements that result in professional or technical contracts for use by multiple agencies. Provides that the commissioner may mandate use of an enterprise procurement contract. Requires agencies to cooperate in development and use of these contracts.
- 38 **Duties of Contracting Agencies.** Requires an agency seeking approval of a contract for professional or technical services to explain why the procurement is being pursued unilaterally, and not as an enterprise procurement. Provides that an agency may not contract out previously eliminated jobs without first considering the former employees who are on the seniority unit layoff list who meet minimum qualifications determined by the agency.
- 39 **Reports.** Provides that an agency report on a professional/technical contract over \$50,000 (required by current law) include a written performance evaluation of the work done under the contract.
- 40 **Limitation on Actions.** Provides that a current or former professional/technical contractor may not maintain an action against an employee or agency who discloses information about the contractor as part of the statutorily-required report on the contract, unless the contractor demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that: (1) the information was false and defamatory; (2) the employee or agency knew or should have known the information was false and acted with malicious intent to injure the current or former contractor; and (3) the information was acted upon in a manner that caused harm to the current or former contractor.
- 41 **Call Center.** Provides that a state agency must not enter into a contract for a call-center or similar purposes without determining if state employees can provide the services.
- 42 **Reverse Auction.** Specifies that reverse auctions may be used for services (not just for computer services), but not to procure engineering design services or architectural services or for building and construction contracts.
- 43 **Document Imaging.** Requires the commissioner of administration to promote use of persons with developmental disabilities to provide document imaging services to government.
- 44 **Best and Final Offer.** Provides that a “best and final offer” solicitation process may not be used for state building and construction contracts.
- 45 **Phased Retirement.** Includes legislative employees in an existing phased retirement program.
- 46 **Mississippi River Parkway Commission.** Extends the expiration date for the commission from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2012.
- 47 **Disclosure to Finance.** Authorizes the commissioner of revenue to disclose tax return data to the commissioner of finance as necessary for revenue forecasts.
- 48 **Toll-free access.** Requires the commissioner of revenue to maintain toll-free telephone access for taxpayer assistance.

- 49 **Taxpayer assistance grants.** Requires the commissioner of revenue to provide public notice of taxpayer assistance grants and to notify prior recipients.
- 50 **Penalty; Corporate Registration.** Requires the Secretary of State to issue a certificate of administrative dissolution for a corporation that has not filed a registration during any calendar year (instead of for two consecutive years). Strikes provisions relating to notice to dissolved corporations.
- 51 **Dissolution.** Strikes a requirement that the Secretary of State inform the Attorney General and Commissioner of Revenue of methods by which names of dissolved cooperatives under chapter 308A may be determined.
- 52 **Dissolution.** Strikes language requiring that the Secretary of State inform the Attorney General and Commissioner of Revenue of methods by which names of dissolved cooperatives under chapter 308B may be determined.
- 53 **Filing.** Removes requirement that a cooperative under chapter 308B file its annual registration form with the original articles.
- 54 **Notice of Intent to Dissolve.** Requires that before a cooperative under chapter 308B begins dissolution, it must file notice of intent to dissolve with the Secretary of State.
- 55 **Annual Registration; Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association.** Strikes language from nonprofit corporation registration law that provides separate treatment for volunteer firefighter relief associations.
- 56 **Limited Partnerships.** Provides that no fee is due for a limited partnership filing a required annual report. Provides that fee for filing a name reservation for a foreign limited partnership is \$35.
- 57 **Annual report for Secretary of State.** Requires a limited partnership's annual registration to include the name, street and mailing address and telephone number of an individual who may be contacted for purposes other than service of process with respect to the limited partnership.
- 58 **Name Change Filed in Home State.** Requires a foreign limited partnership to notify the Secretary of State of changes to partnership name filed in another state.
- 59 **Annual registration.** Requires a limited liability partnership's annual registration to include the name, street and mailing address and telephone number of an individual who may be contacted for purposes other than service of process with respect to the limited liability partnership.
- 60 **UCC Account.** Expands purposes for which the Secretary of State may spend money is the Uniform Commercial Code account, to include online or remote lien and business entity filing, retrieval and payment method services.
- 61 **UCC Filing.** Authorizes transmission of UCC records using XML format upon determination of the Secretary of State that the central filing system is capable of receiving and processing these records.
- 62 **UCC Fees.** Provides a fee of \$20, instead of \$15, for certain UCC records delivered by electronic means. Requires that \$5 of these fees be deposited in the UCC account.
- 63 **Acknowledgement.** Adds limited liability companies to list of entities that may sign in a representative capacity.
- 64 **Notarial Acts.** Provides that certain signatures must be made in the presence of a notary.
- 65 **Acknowledgement.** Adds limited liability companies to list of entities in the law governing the effect of acknowledgement in a representative capacity.
- 66 **Verifications.** Requires notary to be present when signatures are made.
- 67 **Witnessing or Attesting Signatures.** Requires notary to be present when

signature is made.

- 68 LGA Deduction.** Requires the State Auditor to bill the commissioner of revenue \$614,000 (instead of \$217,000) annually, and provides that this billing covers costs of required JOBZ auditing (as well as the billing required in current law for government information functions).
- 69 Representation.** Provides that the state may be represented in conciliation court by an employee of the Risk Management Division of the Department of Administration.
- 70 Real Estate Documents.** Provides that the Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force may amend standards set by a prior task force, and may set new or additional standards and implement pilot projects. Provides that documents recorded in conformity with those standards and projects meet requirements of this section.
- 71 Term of License; Fee; Premarital Education.** Increases marriage license fees by \$10. The new fee for a marriage license for parties without premarital education is \$110 and for those with premarital education is \$40. This is linked with a change in the next section, which captures the amount of the increase in this section for use by the county where the license is obtained.
- 72 Disposition of License Fee.** Increases the amount of the marriage license fee that may be retained by the county where the license is obtained to reflect the amount of the increase in the fee provided in the previous section.
- 73 Land Sales.** Extends deadline for required state land sales to June 30, 2009.
- 74 Genetic Information Work Group.** Provides that a report based on work of a genetic information work group is due January 15, 2009, instead of January 15, 2008.
- 75 Office of Administrative Hearings.** Provides that a 2006 appropriation does not cancel.
- 76 Ford Building.** Provides that the Ford Building at 117 University Avenue in St. Paul may not be demolished during the biennium ending June 30, 2009.
- 77 Electronic Documents Study and Report.** Requires the state's chief information officer to study how electronic documents and related mechanisms and processes can be created, maintained, exchanged, and preserved by the state in a manner that encourages appropriate government control, access, choice, and interoperability. Lists issues the study must consider, and people the chief information officer must solicit comments from in doing the study. Requires the chief information officer to report to specified legislative committee chairs by January 15, 2008.
- 78 State Employee Electronic Health Records Pilot Project.** Authorizes a pilot project to provide consumer-owned electronic personal health records to participants in the state employee group insurance program.
- 79 Training Services.** Requires that during the biennium ending June 30, 2009, state executive agencies must consider using services provided by Government Training Services before contracting with outside vendors for similar services.
- 80 DOER.** Abolishes the Department of Employee Relations and transfers duties.
- 81 Budget Trends Study.** Creates a state budget trends study commission. Specifies duties and requires reports.
- 82 Financing of electronic licensing system.** Requires the state's chief information officer to study the feasibility of alternative financing options for developing and maintaining an electronic system for business and occupational licenses. Requires a report to the legislature.

**83 Revisor Instruction.**

**84 Repealer.** Repeals the following sections of Minnesota Statutes:

- **Section 16A.102, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3:** Price of government resolution.
- **Section 16C.055, subdivision 1:** Requirement for the legislative auditor to report by January 15, 2002 on state barter arrangements.
- **Section 16C.08, subdivision 4a:** Requirement for a performance evaluation of work done on professional technical contracts.
- **Section 69.051, subdivision 1c:** Requirement for state auditor to send the secretary of state a list of names of volunteer fire relief associations meeting certain financial standards.
- **Section 359.085, subdivision 8:** Notarial office may not notarize signature of signer not in presence of the notary.

**Article 3: Best Value Contracting**

- 1 Best Value; Construction (state procurement).** Defines “best value” for the purposes of contracts for construction, building, alteration, improvement, or repair services, in the chapter of statutes that governs state government procurement. States that the definition does not apply to provisions governing design-build. This definition is applied in all the other construction contracting statutes included in this article.
- 2 Vendor (state procurement).** Defines “vendor” for the purposes of the chapter of statutes governing state procurement.
- 3 Acquisition Authority (state procurement).** Strikes language dealing with construction contracts, in conjunction with new language authorizing best value for these contracts.
- 4 Acquisition Authority; Construction Contracts (state procurement).** Requires the commissioner of administration to award contracts for building and construction projects under section 16C.28, and provides that best value is defined as provided in this bill.
- 5 Training.** Requires training in use of best value contracting for construction projects.
- 6 Competitive Bids or Proposals.** Defines competitive proposals, and reference proposals as well as bids in the law governing state construction contracts.
- 7 Single Source of Supply.** References proposals as well as bids.
- 8 Award Requirements (state procurement).** Strikes language requiring all state building and construction contracts to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and provides that a contract may be awarded to (1) the lowest responsible bidder or (2) the vendor or contractor offering the best value.

Requires the vendor or contractor under either approach to secure bonding, commercial general insurance, and workers’ compensation insurance. Requires solicitation documents to state the relative importance of price and other factors.

Defines best value, and specifies three phrases under which specified governments entities will be authorized to participate in best value procurement methods.

- 9 Awarding of Contract (watershed districts).** Authorizes use of best value.

- 10 **How Contract May Be Awarded (drainage authorities).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 11 **How Job May Be Let (public water and sewer systems).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 12 **Contracts (school districts).** Conforming language for best value.
- 13 **Best Value Alternative (school districts).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 14 **Best Value Alternative (county or town road construction).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 15 **Best Value Alternative (pedestrian and nonmotorized vehicle bridge projects).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 16 **Best Value Alternative (trunk highway projects).** Authorizes MnDOT to award construction contracts based on best value.
- 17 **Best Value Contracting (MnDOT).** Authorizes best value for projects other than design build (which are governed by the next section).
- 18 **Best Value Selection (design-build highway projects).** Inserts reference.
- 19 **Effects on Other Law of Public Contract with Commissioner.** Conforming amendment.
- 20 **Best Value Alternative (towns).** Authorizes towns to award construction projects based on best value.
- 21 **Best Value Alternative (city hall - county courthouse projects).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 22 **Best Value Alternative (counties).** Authorizes counties to award construction contracts based on best value.
- 23 **Contracts in Excess of \$500; Best Value Alternative (St. Louis County ditch repair).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 24 **Contracts; Best Value Alternative (statutory cities).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 25 **Best Value Alternative (local improvements, special assessments).** Authorizes municipalities to award construction contracts for local improvement projects based on best value.
- 26 **Contracts In Excess of \$5,000; Best Value Alternative (Western Lake Superior Sanitary District).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 27 **Best Value Alternative (HRAs).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 28 **Contracts; Bids; Bonds (port authorities).** Conforming amendment.
- 29 **Contracts; Best Value Alternative (port authorities).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 30 **Construction Contracts (Economic Development authorities).** Authorizes use of best value.
- 31 **Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.** Authorizes a municipality to award a construction contract based on best value for projects.

“Municipality” is defined under the uniform municipal contracting law to mean a county, town, city, school district or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state authorized by law to enter into contracts.

- 32 **Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.** Authorizes a municipality to award a construction contract based on best value for projects.
- 33 **Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.** Authorizes a municipality to award a construction contract based on best value for projects.
- 34 **Contracts Over \$50,000; Best Value Alternative (Metropolitan Council).** Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to award a construction contract for the metropolitan disposal system (regional wastewater collection and treatment) based on best value.
- 35 **Contracts (Minnesota Ballpark Authority).** Clarifies “best value” by inserting a cross reference to the definition.