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Section

- 1** **Membership; Pension Commission.** Increases the membership of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement so that it will include seven (instead of five) members from each chamber. Provides that no more than five members from each chamber may be from the majority caucus in that chamber.
- 2** **Powers; Council on Black Minnesotans.** Authorizes the Council on Black Minnesotans to accept payments for advertising, use of exhibition space or commemorative videos or other items in connections with council publications, events, and programs. Appropriates these revenues to the council. Provides that the council may not publish advertising or provide exhibition space for any elected official or candidate for elective office.
- 3** **Payment from heritage funds for audit costs.** Requires the outdoor heritage fund, the clean water fund, the parks and trails fund, and the arts and cultural heritage fund to pay the legislative auditor for costs incurred by the auditor to examine financial activities of the funds. Appropriates the amount required to make these payments from each fund. Requires the auditor to report annually on past and projected future expenditure of funds under this section.
- 4** **Two-sided printing.** Requires state printers to be configured, if feasible, so that the default option is for two-sided printing.
- 5** **Mapped data on expenditures.** Provides that data on expenditure of money from dedicated legacy funds and from LCCMR funds may be made available on the Web in a manner that allows the public to obtain information by clicking on a map. Authorizes the Legislative Coordinating Commission to share public geospatial data with executive agencies.
- 6** **Agency receipts.** Provides that state agencies must make daily deposits of receipts totaling \$1,000 or more (instead of the \$250 in current law).

- 7 **Disposal of old buildings.** Upon request of an agency with control of a state-owned building, authorizes the commissioner of administration to sell, demolish, or otherwise dispose of buildings with an estimated market value of less than \$50,000.
- 8 **Fleet management.** Requires the Department of Administration to ensure optimum efficiency and economy in fleet management activities of all state agencies. Requires the commissioner to develop an inventory, uniform policies and guidelines, and to study cost-effectiveness of consolidating or privatizing some or all of the state vehicle fleet. Provides that state agencies authorized by the Department of Administration may operate a vehicle fleet management program in accordance with policies and guidelines developed by the Department of Administration.
- 9 **Reports.** Requires state agency reports on professional or technical service contracts to be submitted to ranking minority members of specified committees (in addition to the chairs of these committees, specified in current law). Provides that agencies must submit reports on contracts valued over \$25,000 (instead of the \$50,000 in current law). Requires the commissioner of administration to make the reports available online.
- 10 **Office management and structure.** Requires the state chief information officer in the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) to appoint a Webmaster responsible for supervision and development of state Web sites under control of the office. Requires the Webmaster to ensure that sites under control of the office are maintained in an easily accessible format consistent throughout state government and consistent with accessibility standards. Requires the Webmaster to assist other state agencies in regard to sites maintained by those agencies.
- 11 **Responsibilities.** Requires OET, in establishing state information architecture, to ensure enhanced public access to data on Web sites, consistent with standards to be developed by OET.
- 12 **Standards for transparency.** Requires the state chief information officer to develop and maintain standards and guidelines for enhanced public access to electronic data maintained by state government, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Requires the standards to ensure that: public access to agency data is facilitated; publicly available data is managed using an approved state metadata model; and that geospatial data conform to an approved state geocode model.
- 13 **Registration.** Provides that fees collected from federated funding organizations participating in the state employee combined charitable campaign are appropriated to the commissioner of MMB, to be expended with approval of the Combined Charities Board, for costs associated with administering the annual campaign.
- 14 **Conditions requiring membership; WCRA.** Provides that the commissioner of administration, rather than the commissioner of management and budget, represents the state on the Workers Compensation Reinsurance Association.
- 15 **Staff; resource recovery.** Provides that the commissioner of administration may (instead of shall) employ an administrator to manage the resource recovery program.
- 16 **Recycling goal.** States as a goal (rather than a mandate) of the state recycling program to recycle at least 60 percent of the solid waste generated by state offices and other state

operations. Makes this goal apply to all state offices (the current mandate applies only to state offices in the metropolitan area). Strikes language requiring the commissioner of administration to notify and provide information to agencies whose goal has not been met, and instead requires the commissioner to provide agencies with their performance against the goal, along with information about recycling opportunities to increase performance.

- 17 Materials recovery facility.** Provides that the commissioner of administration may, instead of shall, perform audits on solid waste and recyclable materials collected. Strikes references to specified measurements.
- 18 Definition.** Eliminates a \$150 filing fee for declarations of trust. (The Secretary of State’s office says these documents are rarely filed and that the cost of programming the payment and tracking software to deal with this type of document exceeds the fees collected. So, this bill makes the fee zero.)
- 19 Nonresident; agent to accept service.** Changes the filing fee charged to a nonresident of this state who owns an interest in Minnesota real estate and who files a document appointing an agent to accept service of process on the nonresident in regard to the real estate. This would involve a situation in which the nonresident is sued or otherwise becomes involved in litigation or other court proceeding involving the real estate. The existing fee of 15 cents per “folio” on this now rarely-filed type of document was set prior to 1906 on the archaic “folio” basis, which is difficult and costly to administer. A “folio” is 100 words, so determining the fee requires counting the number of words in the document. This section changes the fee to a flat \$50.
- 20 Cooperative local facilities grant.** Amends a section enacted in the 2010 bonding bill, which requires the commissioner of administration to make grants to local government units. The governor item-vetoed the appropriation in the bonding bill for this function, so this bill amends the section to provide that the commissioner shall make the grants only within the limits of available appropriations.
- 21 Study of depository accounts.** Requests the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota to study specified issues relating to potential transfer of state depository accounts to community financial institutions.
- 22 Transparency standards report.** Requires the chief information officer to report by January 15, 2011, regarding development of standards for enhanced public access to data.
- 23 Request for proposals.** Requires the commissioner of revenue to issue an RFP for a contract to implement a system of tax analytics and business intelligence tools to improve and prioritize audit and collection activities.
- 24 Commission on Service Innovation.** Requires the governor to appoint a Commission on Service Innovation to produce a strategic plan to reengineer the delivery of state and local government services.
- 25 Cost recovery.** Authorizes the office of enterprise technology to bill executive branch state agencies and offices during the biennium ending June 30, 2011, for increased costs the offices incurs in implementing amendments to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16E, as a result of this act.

- 26 Business intelligence and information analytics.** Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to issue a request for information or a request for proposals for the legislature to obtain business intelligence and information analytics software or software services.
- 27 Appropriations; assistive voting equipment.** Appropriates \$300,000 from the HAVA account to the Secretary of State for grants to counties to defray operating costs of assistive voting equipment and vote-counting equipment in polling places. Provides that grants are up to \$300 per polling place, until this appropriation is exhausted, and requires proration of grant amounts to match the amount available. Specifies eligibility and application criteria. Requires reporting.
- 28 Appropriations; optical scan equipment.** Appropriates \$2.1 million from the HAVA account to the Secretary of State for grants to counties to purchase optical scan voting equipment. Specifies eligibility and application criteria. Requires reporting.
- 29 Repealer.** Repeals a 2005 law (amended in 2009) dealing with appropriations from the HAVA account for grants to purchase optical scan voting equipment. Repeals section 645.44, subdivision 19 (requiring a fee to be treated as a tax).