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Overview

This bill makes changes to the statute that authorizes and governs the Port Authority of the city of Saint Paul.

Section

- 1** **Establishment; characteristics.** Provides that the Port Authority of Saint Paul may be known as the Saint Paul Port Authority and it may file certificates of assumed name with the secretary of state. States that a port authority is a political subdivision.
Effective upon local approval.
- 2** **Term, vacancies.** Provides that Saint Paul Port Authority commissioner terms begin on August 1 and end on July 31.
Effective upon local approval.
- 3** **Consent for city land.** Clarifies that the port authority cannot take lands owned, controlled, or used by Ramsey County without consent of the county board, which is consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 469.055, subdivision 8.
Effective upon local approval.
- 4** **Port jurisdiction.** Clarifies that the area in which the port authority has jurisdiction is within its port district. Minnesota Statutes, section 469.048, subdivision 4, defines “port district” as “the total area of operations of a port authority.”
Effective upon local approval.

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- 5** **Relation to industrial development provisions.** Provides that the port authority may work with and provide services to any federal, state, or local government unit with the written consent of that governmental unit.
Effective upon local approval.
- 6** **May join in supplying small business capital.** Technical. Effective upon local approval.
- 7** **Recreation facilities on Mississippi River.** Adds Ramsey County to the list of governmental units with which the port authority may cooperate in establishing rules on the use of the river and abutting land.
Effective upon local approval.
- 8** **Bond for treasurer and assistant treasurer.** Technical. Effective upon local approval.
- 9** **Repealer.** Repeals the provision requiring Saint Paul City Council consent for the port authority to issue revenue bonds. Also repeals the provision that allows the city of Saint Paul to place any port authority employee under the direction, supervision, or control of the mayor or a department of the city.