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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Minnesota Heritage Finance Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to Minnesota heritage; adopting a state anthem; establishing a Minnesota
1.3 State Song Commission; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[1.1499] STATE ANTHEM.**

1.7 "Hail Minnesota," adopted by the legislature as the state song in 1945, is adopted
1.8 as the official anthem of the state of Minnesota, provided that the lyrics of the anthem
1.9 adopted by the legislature are gender neutral.

1.10 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA STATE SONG COMMISSION.**

1.11 (a) The legislature finds and declares that it is in the interest of the state of Minnesota
1.12 to adopt an official and unique state song.

1.13 (b) A Minnesota State Song Commission is established to recommend an official
1.14 state song for adoption by the legislature. The commission shall consist of nine members.
1.15 Four members must be appointed by the president of the Minnesota Music Educators
1.16 Association in consultation with that organization's board of directors; four members must
1.17 be appointed by the executive director of the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission
1.18 in consultation with Sesquicentennial Commission members; and one member must be
1.19 appointed by the governor. Members of the commission must be appointed and the
1.20 commission must convene its first meeting within 30 days of enactment of this section.
1.21 Members of the commission serve without compensation.

1.22 (c) The commission shall solicit musical compositions from the public.

2.1 (d) The commission must recommend a new state song to the chairs of the standing
2.2 committees of the house of representatives and senate having jurisdiction over state
2.3 governmental operations by December 31, 2008.

2.4 (e) The state Humanities Commission shall provide meeting space and administrative
2.5 support to the Minnesota State Song Commission.

2.6 (f) The Minnesota State Song Commission expires January 1, 2009.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.