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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
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A bill for an act

relating to the financing and operation of state and local government; making changes to individual income, corporate franchise, property, aids, credits, payments, refunds, sales and use, tax increment financing, aggregate material, minerals, local, and other taxes and tax-related provisions; making changes to the green acres and rural preserve programs; authorizing border city development zone powers and local taxes; extending levy limits; modifying regional railroad authority provisions; repealing sustainable forest resource management incentive; authorizing grants to local governments for cooperation, consolidation, and service innovation; providing a science and technology program; reducing certain income rates; allowing capital equipment exemption at time of purchase; directing commissioner of revenue to negotiate a reciprocity agreement with state of Wisconsin and permitting its termination only by law; requiring studies; requiring reports; canceling amounts in the cash flow account; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 97A.061, subdivisions 1, 3; 126C.01, subdivision 3; 270A.03, subdivision 7; 270B.12, by adding a subdivision; 270C.13, subdivision 1; 272.02, by adding a subdivision; 273.111, subdivision 9, by adding a subdivision; 273.114, subdivisions 2, 5, 6; 273.121, subdivision 1; 273.13, subdivisions 21b, 25, 34; 273.1384, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 273.1393; 273.1398, subdivision 3; 275.025, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 275.066; 275.08, subdivisions 1a, 1d; 275.70, subdivision 5; 275.71, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 276.04, subdivision 2; 279.01, subdivision 1; 289A.20, subdivision 4; 289A.50, subdivision 1; 290.01, subdivisions 6, 19b; 290.06, subdivision 2c; 290.068, subdivision 1; 290.081; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290A.03, subdivisions 11, 13; 297A.61, subdivision 3; 297A.62, by adding a subdivision; 297A.63, by adding a subdivision; 297A.668, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.70, subdivision 3; 297A.75; 297A.99, subdivision 1; 298.01, subdivision 3; 298.015, subdivision 1; 298.018, subdivision 1; 298.28, subdivision 3; 298.75, by adding a subdivision; 398A.04, subdivision 8; 398A.07, subdivision 2; 469.1763, subdivision 2; 473.757, subdivisions 2, 11; 477A.011, by adding a subdivision; 477A.0124, by adding a subdivision; 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9, by adding a subdivision; 477A.03; 477A.11, subdivision 1; 477A.12, subdivision 1; 477A.14, subdivision 1; 477A.17; Laws 1996, chapter 471, article 2, section 29, subdivision 1, as amended; Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 8, section 43, subdivisions 3, as amended, 4, as amended, 5, as amended; Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 7, section 19, subdivision 3; Laws 2010, chapter 389, article 7, section 22; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116W; 275; 373; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 10A.322, subdivision 4; 13.4967, subdivision 2; 273.114,

2.1 subdivision 1; 273.1384, subdivision 6; 279.01, subdivision 4; 289A.60,
2.2 subdivision 31; 290.06, subdivision 23; 290C.01; 290C.02; 290C.03; 290C.04;
2.3 290C.05; 290C.055; 290C.06; 290C.07; 290C.08; 290C.09; 290C.10; 290C.11;
2.4 290C.12; 290C.13; 477A.145.

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

2.6 **ARTICLE 1**

2.7 **INDIVIDUAL INCOME AND CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAXES**

2.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 270B.12, is amended by adding a
2.9 subdivision to read:

2.10 Subd. 14. **Wisconsin secretary of revenue; income tax reciprocity benchmark**
2.11 **study.** The commissioner may disclose return information to the secretary of revenue
2.12 of the state of Wisconsin for the purpose of conducting a joint individual income tax
2.13 reciprocity study.

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

2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.01, subdivision 19b, is amended to read:

2.16 Subd. 19b. **Subtractions from federal taxable income.** For individuals, estates,
2.17 and trusts, there shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:

2.18 (1) net interest income on obligations of any authority, commission, or
2.19 instrumentality of the United States to the extent includable in taxable income for federal
2.20 income tax purposes but exempt from state income tax under the laws of the United States;

2.21 (2) if included in federal taxable income, the amount of any overpayment of income
2.22 tax to Minnesota or to any other state, for any previous taxable year, whether the amount
2.23 is received as a refund or as a credit to another taxable year's income tax liability;

2.24 (3) the amount paid to others, less the amount used to claim the credit allowed under
2.25 section 290.0674, not to exceed \$1,625 for each qualifying child in grades kindergarten
2.26 to 6 and \$2,500 for each qualifying child in grades 7 to 12, for tuition, textbooks, and
2.27 transportation of each qualifying child in attending an elementary or secondary school
2.28 situated in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin, wherein a
2.29 resident of this state may legally fulfill the state's compulsory attendance laws, which
2.30 is not operated for profit, and which adheres to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act
2.31 of 1964 and chapter 363A. For the purposes of this clause, "tuition" includes fees or
2.32 tuition as defined in section 290.0674, subdivision 1, clause (1). As used in this clause,
2.33 "textbooks" includes books and other instructional materials and equipment purchased
2.34 or leased for use in elementary and secondary schools in teaching only those subjects

legally and commonly taught in public elementary and secondary schools in this state. Equipment expenses qualifying for deduction includes expenses as defined and limited in section 290.0674, subdivision 1, clause (3). "Textbooks" does not include instructional books and materials used in the teaching of religious tenets, doctrines, or worship, the purpose of which is to instill such tenets, doctrines, or worship, nor does it include books or materials for, or transportation to, extracurricular activities including sporting events, musical or dramatic events, speech activities, driver's education, or similar programs. No deduction is permitted for any expense the taxpayer incurred in using the taxpayer's or the qualifying child's vehicle to provide such transportation for a qualifying child. For purposes of the subtraction provided by this clause, "qualifying child" has the meaning given in section 32(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) income as provided under section 290.0802;

(5) to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, income realized on disposition of property exempt from tax under section 290.491;

(6) to the extent not deducted or not deductible pursuant to section 408(d)(8)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal taxable income by an individual who does not itemize deductions for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, an amount equal to 50 percent of the excess of charitable contributions over \$500 allowable as a deduction for the taxable year under section 170(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, under the provisions of Public Law 109-1 and Public Law 111-126;

(7) for individuals who are allowed a federal foreign tax credit for taxes that do not qualify for a credit under section 290.06, subdivision 22, an amount equal to the carryover of subnational foreign taxes for the taxable year, but not to exceed the total subnational foreign taxes reported in claiming the foreign tax credit. For purposes of this clause, "federal foreign tax credit" means the credit allowed under section 27 of the Internal Revenue Code, and "carryover of subnational foreign taxes" equals the carryover allowed under section 904(c) of the Internal Revenue Code minus national level foreign taxes to the extent they exceed the federal foreign tax credit;

(8) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19a, clause (7), or 19c, clause (15), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, an amount equal to one-fifth of the delayed depreciation. For purposes of this clause, "delayed depreciation" means the amount of the addition made by the taxpayer under subdivision 19a, clause (7), or subdivision 19c, clause (15), in the case of a shareholder of an S corporation, minus the positive value of any net operating loss under section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code

generated for the tax year of the addition. The resulting delayed depreciation cannot be less than zero;

(9) job opportunity building zone income as provided under section 469.316;

(10) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of compensation paid to members of the Minnesota National Guard or other reserve components of the United States military for active service performed in Minnesota, excluding compensation for services performed under the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program. For purposes of this clause, "active service" means (i) state active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5a, clause (1); (ii) federally funded state active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b; or (iii) federal active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c, but "active service" excludes service performed in accordance with section 190.08, subdivision 3;

(11) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of compensation paid to Minnesota residents who are members of the armed forces of the United States or United Nations for active duty performed outside Minnesota under United States Code, title 10, section 101(d); United States Code, title 32, section 101(12); or the authority of the United Nations;

(12) an amount, not to exceed \$10,000, equal to qualified expenses related to a qualified donor's donation, while living, of one or more of the qualified donor's organs to another person for human organ transplantation. For purposes of this clause, "organ" means all or part of an individual's liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung, or bone marrow; "human organ transplantation" means the medical procedure by which transfer of a human organ is made from the body of one person to the body of another person; "qualified expenses" means unreimbursed expenses for both the individual and the qualified donor for (i) travel, (ii) lodging, and (iii) lost wages net of sick pay, except that such expenses may be subtracted under this clause only once; and "qualified donor" means the individual or the individual's dependent, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. An individual may claim the subtraction in this clause for each instance of organ donation for transplantation during the taxable year in which the qualified expenses occur;

(13) in each of the five tax years immediately following the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision 19a, clause (8), or 19c, clause (16), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, an amount equal to one-fifth of the addition made by the taxpayer under subdivision 19a, clause (8), or 19c, clause (16), in the case of a shareholder of a corporation that is an S corporation, minus the positive value of any net operating loss under section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code generated for the

tax year of the addition. If the net operating loss exceeds the addition for the tax year, a subtraction is not allowed under this clause;

(14) to the extent included in federal taxable income, compensation paid to a service member as defined in United States Code, title 10, section 101(a)(5), for military service as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189, section 101(2);

(15) international economic development zone income as provided under section 469.325;

(16) to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of national service educational awards received from the National Service Trust under United States Code, title 42, sections 12601 to 12604, for service in an approved Americorps National Service program; ~~and~~

(17) to the extent included in federal taxable income, discharge of indebtedness income resulting from reacquisition of business indebtedness included in federal taxable income under section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. This subtraction applies only to the extent that the income was included in net income in a prior year as a result of the addition under section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clause (16); and

(18) to the extent not deducted in computing federal taxable income, charitable contributions of food inventory as determined under the provisions of section 170(e)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code, determined without regard to the termination date under section 170(e)(3)(C)(iv).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.06, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

Subd. 2c. **Schedules of rates for individuals, estates, and trusts.** (a) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon married individuals filing joint returns and surviving spouses as defined in section 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code must be computed by applying to their taxable net income the following schedule of rates:

(1) On the first \$25,680, ~~5.35~~ 4.75 percent;

(2) On all over \$25,680, but not over \$102,030, ~~7.05~~ 6.75 percent;

(3) On all over \$102,030, 7.85 percent.

Married individuals filing separate returns, estates, and trusts must compute their income tax by applying the above rates to their taxable income, except that the income brackets will be one-half of the above amounts.

(b) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon unmarried individuals must be computed by applying to taxable net income the following schedule of rates:

6.1 (1) On the first \$17,570, ~~5.35~~ 4.75 percent;

6.2 (2) On all over \$17,570, but not over \$57,710, ~~7.05~~ 6.75 percent;

6.3 (3) On all over \$57,710, 7.85 percent.

6.4 (c) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon unmarried individuals qualifying
6.5 as a head of household as defined in section 2(b) of the Internal Revenue Code must be
6.6 computed by applying to taxable net income the following schedule of rates:

6.7 (1) On the first \$21,630, ~~5.35~~ 4.75 percent;

6.8 (2) On all over \$21,630, but not over \$86,910, ~~7.05~~ 6.75 percent;

6.9 (3) On all over \$86,910, 7.85 percent.

6.10 (d) In lieu of a tax computed according to the rates set forth in this subdivision, the
6.11 tax of any individual taxpayer whose taxable net income for the taxable year is less than
6.12 an amount determined by the commissioner must be computed in accordance with tables
6.13 prepared and issued by the commissioner of revenue based on income brackets of not
6.14 more than \$100. The amount of tax for each bracket shall be computed at the rates set
6.15 forth in this subdivision, provided that the commissioner may disregard a fractional part of
6.16 a dollar unless it amounts to 50 cents or more, in which case it may be increased to \$1.

6.17 (e) An individual who is not a Minnesota resident for the entire year must compute
6.18 the individual's Minnesota income tax as provided in this subdivision. After the
6.19 application of the nonrefundable credits provided in this chapter, the tax liability must
6.20 then be multiplied by a fraction in which:

6.21 (1) the numerator is the individual's Minnesota source federal adjusted gross income
6.22 as defined in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code and increased by the additions
6.23 required under section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clauses (1), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (12),
6.24 (13), (16), and (17), and reduced by the Minnesota assignable portion of the subtraction
6.25 for United States government interest under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clause
6.26 (1), and the subtractions under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clauses (8), (9), (13),
6.27 (14), (15), and (17), after applying the allocation and assignability provisions of section
6.28 290.081, clause (a), or 290.17; and

6.29 (2) the denominator is the individual's federal adjusted gross income as defined in
6.30 section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, increased by the amounts specified in
6.31 section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clauses (1), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (12), (13), (16), and
6.32 (17), and reduced by the amounts specified in section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clauses (1),
6.33 (8), (9), (13), (14), (15), and (17).

6.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after
6.35 December 31, 2011, except that the 4.75 percent rates in paragraphs (a), clause (1), (b),
6.36 clause (1), and (c), clause (1), are 5.25 percent for taxable years beginning after December

7.1 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2013, and 5.15 percent for taxable years beginning after
7.2 December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014, and the 6.75 percent rates in paragraphs
7.3 (a), clause (2), (b), clause (2), and (c), clause (2), are 6.85 percent for taxable years
7.4 beginning after December 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2014.

7.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.068, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.6 Subdivision 1. **Credit allowed.** A corporation, partners in a partnership, or
7.7 shareholders in a corporation treated as an "S" corporation under section 290.9725 are
7.8 allowed a credit against the tax computed under this chapter for the taxable year equal to:

7.9 (a) ~~ten~~ 12.5 percent of the first \$2,000,000 of the excess (if any) of

7.10 (1) the qualified research expenses for the taxable year, over

7.11 (2) the base amount; and

7.12 (b) ~~2.5~~ five percent on all of such excess expenses over \$2,000,000.

7.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after
7.14 December 31, 2010, except that for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, and
7.15 before January 1, 2012, the five percent rate in clause (b) is reduced to 3.7 percent.

7.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.081, is amended to read:

7.17 **290.081 INCOME OF NONRESIDENTS, RECIPROCITY.**

7.18 Subdivision 1. Reciprocity with other states. (a) The compensation received for
7.19 the performance of personal or professional services within this state by an individual
7.20 whose residence, place of abode, and place customarily returned to at least once a month
7.21 is in another state, shall be excluded from gross income to the extent such compensation is
7.22 subject to an income tax imposed by the state of residence; provided that such state allows
7.23 a similar exclusion of compensation received by residents of Minnesota for services
7.24 performed therein.

7.25 (b) When it is deemed to be in the best interests of the people of this state, the
7.26 commissioner may determine that the provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply, as they
7.27 relate to all states except Wisconsin. The provisions of paragraph (a) apply with respect
7.28 to Wisconsin only for taxable years in which a reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin is
7.29 in effect as provided by this section. As long as the provisions of paragraph (a) apply
7.30 between Minnesota and Wisconsin, the provisions of paragraph (a) shall apply to any
7.31 individual who is domiciled in Wisconsin.

7.32 (c) For the purposes of paragraph (a), whenever the Wisconsin tax on Minnesota
7.33 residents which would have been paid Wisconsin without paragraph (a) exceeds the

Minnesota tax on Wisconsin residents which would have been paid Minnesota without paragraph (a), or vice versa, then the state with the net revenue loss resulting from paragraph (a) must be compensated by the other state as provided in the agreement under paragraph (d). This provision shall be effective for all years beginning after December 31, 1972. The data used for computing the loss to either state shall be determined on or before September 30 of the year following the close of the previous calendar year.

(d) Interest is payable on all amounts calculated under paragraph (c) relating to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000 and before January 1, 2010. Interest accrues from July 1 of the taxable year.

~~(e) The commissioner of revenue is authorized to enter into agreements~~ reciprocity agreement with the state of Wisconsin ~~specifying~~ must specify the compensation required under paragraph (b), ~~the one or more~~ reciprocity payment due date, dates for the revenue loss relating to each taxable year, with one or more estimated payment due dates in the same fiscal year in which the revenue loss occurred, and a final payment in the following fiscal year, conditions constituting delinquency, interest rates, and a method for computing interest due. Interest is payable from July 1 of the taxable year on final payments made in the following fiscal year. Calculation of compensation under the agreement must specify if the revenue loss is determined before or after the allowance of each state's credit for taxes paid to the other state.

~~(f)~~ (f) If an agreement cannot be reached as to the amount of the loss, the commissioner of revenue and the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin shall each appoint a member of a board of arbitration and these members shall appoint the third member of the board. The board shall select one of its members as chair. Such board may administer oaths, take testimony, subpoena witnesses, and require their attendance, require the production of books, papers and documents, and hold hearings at such places as are deemed necessary. The board shall then make a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state which determination shall be final and conclusive.

~~(g)~~ (g) The commissioner may furnish copies of returns, reports, or other information to the taxing official of the state of Wisconsin, a member of the board of arbitration, or a consultant under joint contract with the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin for the purpose of making a determination as to the amount to be paid the other state under the provisions of this section. Prior to the release of any information under the provisions of this section, the person to whom the information is to be released shall sign an agreement which provides that the person will protect the confidentiality of the returns and information revealed thereby to the extent that it is protected under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

9.1 (h) Any reciprocity agreement entered into under this section continues in effect
9.2 until terminated by Minnesota or Wisconsin law. The commissioner may agree to modify
9.3 the timing or method of calculating the state payments to be made under the agreement,
9.4 consistent with the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (e), but may not terminate the
9.5 agreement.

9.6 Subd. 2. **New reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin.** (a) The commissioner of
9.7 revenue is directed to initiate negotiations with the secretary of revenue of Wisconsin,
9.8 with the objective of entering into an income tax reciprocity agreement effective for tax
9.9 years beginning after December 31, 2011. The agreement must satisfy the conditions of
9.10 subdivision 1, with one or more estimated payment due dates and a final payment due
9.11 date specified so that the state with a net revenue loss as a result of the agreement receives
9.12 estimated payments from the other state, in the same fiscal year as that in which the net
9.13 revenue loss occurred and a final payment with interest in the following fiscal year.

9.14 (b) The commissioner may not enter into an income tax reciprocity agreement
9.15 with Wisconsin under this section until after Wisconsin has paid in full with interest the
9.16 amount due to Minnesota under the income tax reciprocity agreement in effect for taxable
9.17 years beginning before January 1, 2010.

9.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 2 is effective the day following final enactment.
9.19 The changes to subdivision 1 are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31
9.20 of the year of the agreement, contingent upon agreement from the state of Wisconsin to a
9.21 reciprocity arrangement in which estimated payments are made in the same fiscal year in
9.22 which a change in revenue occurs, and a final payment is made in the following fiscal year.

9.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.24 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of the tax imposed by this section, the following
9.25 terms have the meanings given:

9.26 (a) "Alternative minimum taxable income" means the sum of the following for
9.27 the taxable year:

9.28 (1) the taxpayer's federal alternative minimum taxable income as defined in section
9.29 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code;

9.30 (2) the taxpayer's itemized deductions allowed in computing federal alternative
9.31 minimum taxable income, but excluding:

9.32 (i) the charitable contribution deduction under section 170 of the Internal Revenue
9.33 Code, including any additional subtraction for charitable contributions of food inventory
9.34 under section 290.01, subdivision 19b;

9.35 (ii) the medical expense deduction;

10.1 (iii) the casualty, theft, and disaster loss deduction; and

10.2 (iv) the impairment-related work expenses of a disabled person;

10.3 (3) for depletion allowances computed under section 613A(c) of the Internal

10.4 Revenue Code, with respect to each property (as defined in section 614 of the Internal

10.5 Revenue Code), to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income,

10.6 the excess of the deduction for depletion allowable under section 611 of the Internal

10.7 Revenue Code for the taxable year over the adjusted basis of the property at the end of the

10.8 taxable year (determined without regard to the depletion deduction for the taxable year);

10.9 (4) to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income, the

10.10 amount of the tax preference for intangible drilling cost under section 57(a)(2) of the

10.11 Internal Revenue Code determined without regard to subparagraph (E);

10.12 (5) to the extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable income, the

10.13 amount of interest income as provided by section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clause (1); and

10.14 (6) the amount of addition required by section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clauses (7)

10.15 to (9), (12), (13), (16), and (17);

10.16 less the sum of the amounts determined under the following:

10.17 (1) interest income as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clause (1);

10.18 (2) an overpayment of state income tax as provided by section 290.01, subdivision

10.19 19b, clause (2), to the extent included in federal alternative minimum taxable income;

10.20 (3) the amount of investment interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on

10.21 indebtedness to the extent that the amount does not exceed net investment income, as

10.22 defined in section 163(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Interest does not include

10.23 amounts deducted in computing federal adjusted gross income; and

10.24 (4) amounts subtracted from federal taxable income as provided by section 290.01,

10.25 subdivision 19b, clauses (6), (8) to (15), and (17).

10.26 In the case of an estate or trust, alternative minimum taxable income must be

10.27 computed as provided in section 59(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

10.28 (b) "Investment interest" means investment interest as defined in section 163(d)(3)

10.29 of the Internal Revenue Code.

10.30 (c) "Net minimum tax" means the minimum tax imposed by this section.

10.31 (d) "Regular tax" means the tax that would be imposed under this chapter (without

10.32 regard to this section and section 290.032), reduced by the sum of the nonrefundable

10.33 credits allowed under this chapter.

10.34 (e) "Tentative minimum tax" equals 6.4 percent of alternative minimum taxable

10.35 income after subtracting the exemption amount determined under subdivision 3.

11.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after
11.2 December 31, 2010.

11.3 Sec. 7. **INCOME TAX RECIPROCITY BENCHMARK STUDY.**

11.4 (a) The Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of
11.5 Revenue, must conduct a study to determine at least the following:

11.6 (1) the number of residents of each state who earn income from personal services in
11.7 the other state;

11.8 (2) the total amount of income earned by residents of each state who earn income
11.9 from personal services in the other state; and

11.10 (3) the change in tax revenue in each state if an income tax reciprocity arrangement
11.11 were resumed between the two states under which the taxpayers were required to pay
11.12 income taxes on the income only in their state of residence.

11.13 (b) The study must be conducted as soon as practicable, using information obtained
11.14 from each state's income tax returns for tax year 2011, and from any other source of
11.15 information the departments determine is necessary to complete the study.

11.16 (c) No later than March 1, 2013, the Department of Revenue must submit a report
11.17 containing the results of the study to the governor and to the chairs and ranking minority
11.18 members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over taxes.

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

11.20 **ARTICLE 2**

11.21 **SALES AND USE TAXES**

11.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 289A.20, subdivision 4, is amended to
11.23 read:

11.24 Subd. 4. **Sales and use tax.** (a) The taxes imposed by chapter 297A are due and
11.25 payable to the commissioner monthly on or before the 20th day of the month following
11.26 the month in which the taxable event occurred, or following another reporting period
11.27 as the commissioner prescribes or as allowed under section 289A.18, subdivision 4,
11.28 paragraph (f) or (g), except that:

11.29 ~~(1) use taxes due on an annual use tax return as provided under section 289A.11,~~
11.30 ~~subdivision 1, are payable by April 15 following the close of the calendar year; and~~

11.31 ~~(2) except as provided in paragraph (f), for a vendor having a liability of \$120,000~~
11.32 ~~or more during a fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and fiscal years thereafter, the taxes~~

12.1 ~~imposed by chapter 297A, except as provided in paragraph (b), are due and payable to the~~
12.2 ~~commissioner monthly in the following manner:~~

12.3 ~~(i) On or before the 14th day of the month following the month in which the taxable~~
12.4 ~~event occurred, the vendor must remit to the commissioner 90 percent of the estimated~~
12.5 ~~liability for the month in which the taxable event occurred.~~

12.6 ~~(ii) On or before the 20th day of the month in which the taxable event occurs, the~~
12.7 ~~vendor must remit to the commissioner a prepayment for the month in which the taxable~~
12.8 ~~event occurs equal to 67 percent of the liability for the previous month.~~

12.9 ~~(iii) On or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the taxable~~
12.10 ~~event occurred, the vendor must pay any additional amount of tax not previously remitted~~
12.11 ~~under either item (i) or (ii) or, if the payment made under item (i) or (ii) was greater than~~
12.12 ~~the vendor's liability for the month in which the taxable event occurred, the vendor may~~
12.13 ~~take a credit against the next month's liability in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.~~

12.14 ~~(iv) Once the vendor first pays under either item (i) or (ii), the vendor is required to~~
12.15 ~~continue to make payments in the same manner, as long as the vendor continues having a~~
12.16 ~~liability of \$120,000 or more during the most recent fiscal year ending June 30.~~

12.17 ~~(v) Notwithstanding items (i), (ii), and (iv), if a vendor fails to make the required~~
12.18 ~~payment in the first month that the vendor is required to make a payment under either item~~
12.19 ~~(i) or (ii), then the vendor is deemed to have elected to pay under item (ii) and must make~~
12.20 ~~subsequent monthly payments in the manner provided in item (ii).~~

12.21 ~~(vi) For vendors making an accelerated payment under item (ii), for the first month~~
12.22 ~~that the vendor is required to make the accelerated payment, on the 20th of that month, the~~
12.23 ~~vendor will pay 100 percent of the liability for the previous month and a prepayment for~~
12.24 ~~the first month equal to 67 percent of the liability for the previous month.~~

12.25 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), A vendor having a liability of \$120,000 or more~~
12.26 ~~during a fiscal year ending June 30 must remit the June liability for the next year in the~~
12.27 ~~following manner:~~

12.28 ~~(1) Two business days before June 30 of the year, the vendor must remit 90 percent~~
12.29 ~~of the estimated June liability to the commissioner.~~

12.30 ~~(2) On or before August 20 of the year, the vendor must pay any additional amount~~
12.31 ~~of tax not remitted in June.~~

12.32 ~~(c) A vendor having a liability of:~~

12.33 ~~(1) \$10,000 or more, but less than \$120,000 during a fiscal year ending June 30,~~
12.34 ~~2009, and fiscal years thereafter, must remit by electronic means all liabilities on returns~~
12.35 ~~due for periods beginning in the subsequent calendar year on or before the 20th day of~~
12.36 ~~the month following the month in which the taxable event occurred, or on or before the~~

13.1 20th day of the month following the month in which the sale is reported under section
13.2 289A.18, subdivision 4; or

13.3 (2) \$120,000 or more, during a fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and fiscal years
13.4 thereafter, must remit by electronic means all liabilities in the manner provided in
13.5 paragraph (a), ~~clause (2)~~; on returns due for periods beginning in the subsequent calendar
13.6 year, except for 90 percent of the estimated June liability, which is due two business days
13.7 before June 30. The remaining amount of the June liability is due on August 20.

13.8 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) or (c), a person prohibited by the person's
13.9 religious beliefs from paying electronically shall be allowed to remit the payment by mail.
13.10 The filer must notify the commissioner of revenue of the intent to pay by mail before
13.11 doing so on a form prescribed by the commissioner. No extra fee may be charged to a
13.12 person making payment by mail under this paragraph. The payment must be postmarked
13.13 at least two business days before the due date for making the payment in order to be
13.14 considered paid on a timely basis.

13.15 ~~(e) Whenever the liability is \$120,000 or more separately for: (1) the tax imposed~~
13.16 ~~under chapter 297A; (2) a fee that is to be reported on the same return as and paid with the~~
13.17 ~~chapter 297A taxes; or (3) any other tax that is to be reported on the same return as and~~
13.18 ~~paid with the chapter 297A taxes, then the payment of all the liabilities on the return must~~
13.19 ~~be accelerated as provided in this subdivision.~~

13.20 ~~(f) At the start of the first calendar quarter at least 90 days after the cash flow~~
13.21 ~~account established in section 16A.152, subdivision 1, and the budget reserve account~~
13.22 ~~established in section 16A.152, subdivision 1a, reach the amounts listed in section~~
13.23 ~~16A.152, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), the remittance of the accelerated payments required~~
13.24 ~~under paragraph (a), clause (2), must be suspended. The commissioner of management~~
13.25 ~~and budget shall notify the commissioner of revenue when the accounts have reached~~
13.26 ~~the required amounts. Beginning with the suspension of paragraph (a), clause (2), for a~~
13.27 ~~vendor with a liability of \$120,000 or more during a fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,~~
13.28 ~~and fiscal years thereafter, the taxes imposed by chapter 297A are due and payable to the~~
13.29 ~~commissioner on the 20th day of the month following the month in which the taxable~~
13.30 ~~event occurred. Payments of tax liabilities for taxable events occurring in June under~~
13.31 ~~paragraph (b) are not changed.~~

13.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes due and payable after
13.33 July 1, 2011.

13.34 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.61, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

14.1 Subd. 3. **Sale and purchase.** (a) "Sale" and "purchase" include, but are not limited
14.2 to, each of the transactions listed in this subdivision.

14.3 (b) Sale and purchase include:

14.4 (1) any transfer of title or possession, or both, of tangible personal property, whether
14.5 absolutely or conditionally, for a consideration in money or by exchange or barter; and

14.6 (2) the leasing of or the granting of a license to use or consume, for a consideration
14.7 in money or by exchange or barter, tangible personal property, other than a manufactured
14.8 home used for residential purposes for a continuous period of 30 days or more.

14.9 (c) Sale and purchase include the production, fabrication, printing, or processing of
14.10 tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or
14.11 indirectly the materials used in the production, fabrication, printing, or processing.

14.12 (d) Sale and purchase include the preparing for a consideration of food.

14.13 Notwithstanding section 297A.67, subdivision 2, taxable food includes, but is not limited
14.14 to, the following:

14.15 (1) prepared food sold by the retailer;

14.16 (2) soft drinks;

14.17 (3) candy;

14.18 (4) dietary supplements; and

14.19 (5) all food sold through vending machines.

14.20 (e) A sale and a purchase includes the furnishing for a consideration of electricity,
14.21 gas, water, or steam for use or consumption within this state.

14.22 (f) A sale and a purchase includes the transfer for a consideration of prewritten
14.23 computer software whether delivered electronically, by load and leave, or otherwise.

14.24 (g) A sale and a purchase includes the furnishing for a consideration of the following
14.25 services:

14.26 (1) the privilege of admission to places of amusement, recreational areas, or athletic
14.27 events, and the making available of amusement devices, tanning facilities, reducing
14.28 salons, steam baths, Turkish baths, health clubs, and spas or athletic facilities;

14.29 (2) lodging and related services by a hotel, rooming house, resort, campground,
14.30 motel, or trailer camp, including furnishing the guest of the facility with access to
14.31 telecommunication services, and the granting of any similar license to use real property
14.32 in a specific facility, other than the renting or leasing of it for a continuous period of
14.33 30 days or more under an enforceable written agreement that may not be terminated
14.34 without prior notice;

14.35 (3) nonresidential parking services, whether on a contractual, hourly, or other
14.36 periodic basis, except for parking at a meter;

15.1 (4) the granting of membership in a club, association, or other organization if:

15.2 (i) the club, association, or other organization makes available for the use of its
15.3 members sports and athletic facilities, without regard to whether a separate charge is
15.4 assessed for use of the facilities; and

15.5 (ii) use of the sports and athletic facility is not made available to the general public
15.6 on the same basis as it is made available to members.

15.7 Granting of membership means both onetime initiation fees and periodic membership
15.8 dues. Sports and athletic facilities include golf courses; tennis, racquetball, handball, and
15.9 squash courts; basketball and volleyball facilities; running tracks; exercise equipment;
15.10 swimming pools; and other similar athletic or sports facilities;

15.11 (5) delivery of aggregate materials by a third party, excluding delivery of aggregate
15.12 material used in road construction, and delivery of concrete block by a third party if
15.13 the delivery would be subject to the sales tax if provided by the seller of the concrete
15.14 block; and

15.15 (6) services as provided in this clause:

15.16 (i) laundry and dry cleaning services including cleaning, pressing, repairing, altering,
15.17 and storing clothes, linen services and supply, cleaning and blocking hats, and carpet,
15.18 drapery, upholstery, and industrial cleaning. Laundry and dry cleaning services do not
15.19 include services provided by coin operated facilities operated by the customer;

15.20 (ii) motor vehicle washing, waxing, and cleaning services, including services
15.21 provided by coin operated facilities operated by the customer, and rustproofing,
15.22 undercoating, and towing of motor vehicles;

15.23 (iii) building and residential cleaning, maintenance, and disinfecting services and
15.24 pest control and exterminating services;

15.25 (iv) detective, security, burglar, fire alarm, and armored car services; but not
15.26 including services performed within the jurisdiction they serve by off-duty licensed peace
15.27 officers as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, or services provided by a nonprofit
15.28 organization for monitoring and electronic surveillance of persons placed on in-home
15.29 detention pursuant to court order or under the direction of the Minnesota Department
15.30 of Corrections;

15.31 (v) pet grooming services;

15.32 (vi) lawn care, fertilizing, mowing, spraying and sprigging services; garden planting
15.33 and maintenance; tree, bush, and shrub pruning, bracing, spraying, and surgery; indoor
15.34 plant care; tree, bush, shrub, and stump removal, except when performed as part of a land
15.35 clearing contract as defined in section 297A.68, subdivision 40; and tree trimming for

16.1 public utility lines. Services performed under a construction contract for the installation of
16.2 shrubbery, plants, sod, trees, bushes, and similar items are not taxable;

16.3 (vii) massages, except when provided by a licensed health care facility or
16.4 professional or upon written referral from a licensed health care facility or professional for
16.5 treatment of illness, injury, or disease; and

16.6 (viii) the furnishing of lodging, board, and care services for animals in kennels and
16.7 other similar arrangements, but excluding veterinary and horse boarding services.

16.8 In applying the provisions of this chapter, the terms "tangible personal property"
16.9 and "retail sale" include taxable services listed in clause (6), items (i) to (vi) and (viii),
16.10 and the provision of these taxable services, unless specifically provided otherwise.

16.11 Services performed by an employee for an employer are not taxable. Services performed
16.12 by a partnership or association for another partnership or association are not taxable if
16.13 one of the entities owns or controls more than 80 percent of the voting power of the
16.14 equity interest in the other entity. Services performed between members of an affiliated
16.15 group of corporations are not taxable. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "affiliated
16.16 group of corporations" means those entities that would be classified as members of an
16.17 affiliated group as defined under United States Code, title 26, section 1504, disregarding
16.18 the exclusions in section 1504(b).

16.19 For purposes of clause (5), "road construction" means construction of (1) public
16.20 roads, (2) cartways, and (3) private roads in townships located outside of the seven-county
16.21 metropolitan area up to the point of the emergency response location sign.

16.22 (h) A sale and a purchase includes the furnishing for a consideration of tangible
16.23 personal property or taxable services by the United States or any of its agencies or
16.24 instrumentalities, or the state of Minnesota, its agencies, instrumentalities, or political
16.25 subdivisions.

16.26 (i) A sale and a purchase includes the furnishing for a consideration of
16.27 telecommunications services, ancillary services associated with telecommunication
16.28 services, cable television services, and direct satellite services, ~~and ring tones.~~

16.29 Telecommunication services include, but are not limited to, the following services,
16.30 as defined in section 297A.669: air-to-ground radiotelephone service, mobile
16.31 telecommunication service, postpaid calling service, prepaid calling service, prepaid
16.32 wireless calling service, and private communication services. The services in this
16.33 paragraph are taxed to the extent allowed under federal law.

16.34 (j) A sale and a purchase includes the furnishing for a consideration of installation if
16.35 the installation charges would be subject to the sales tax if the installation were provided
16.36 by the seller of the item being installed.

17.1 (k) A sale and a purchase includes the rental of a vehicle by a motor vehicle dealer
17.2 to a customer when (1) the vehicle is rented by the customer for a consideration, or (2)
17.3 the motor vehicle dealer is reimbursed pursuant to a service contract as defined in section
17.4 59B.02, subdivision 11.

17.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after
17.6 June 30, 2011.

17.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.62, is amended by adding a subdivision
17.8 to read:

17.9 **Subd. 5. Transitional period for services.** When there is a change in the rate of tax
17.10 imposed by this section, the following transitional period shall apply to the retail sale of
17.11 services covering a billing period starting before and ending after the statutory effective
17.12 date of the rate change:

17.13 (1) for a rate increase, the new rate shall apply to the first billing period starting
17.14 on or after the effective date; and

17.15 (2) for a rate decrease, the new rate shall apply to bills rendered on or after the
17.16 effective date.

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

17.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.63, is amended by adding a subdivision
17.19 to read:

17.20 **Subd. 3. Transitional period for services.** When there is a change in the rate of
17.21 tax imposed by this section, the following transitional period shall apply to the taxable
17.22 services purchased for use, storage, distribution, or consumption in this state when the
17.23 service purchased covers a billing period starting before and ending after the statutory
17.24 effective date of the rate change:

17.25 (1) for a rate increase, the new rate shall apply to the first billing period starting
17.26 on or after the effective date; and

17.27 (2) for a rate decrease, the new rate shall apply to bills rendered on or after the
17.28 effective date.

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

17.30 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.668, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

17.31 **Subd. 7. Advertising and promotional direct mail.** (a) Notwithstanding other
17.32 subdivisions of this section, the provisions in paragraphs (b) to (e) apply to the sale of

18.1 advertising and promotional direct mail. "Advertising and promotional direct mail" means
18.2 printed material that is direct mail as defined in section 297A.61, subdivision 35, the
18.3 primary purpose of which is to attract public attention to a product, person, business, or
18.4 organization, or to attempt to sell, popularize, or secure financial support for a person,
18.5 business, organization, or product. "Product" includes tangible personal property, a digital
18.6 product transferred electronically, or a service.

18.7 (b) A purchaser of advertising and promotional direct mail ~~that is not a holder of~~
18.8 ~~a direct pay permit shall provide to the seller, in conjunction with the purchase, either a~~
18.9 ~~direct mail form or~~ may provide the seller with either:

18.10 (1) a fully completed exemption certificate as described in section 297A.72
18.11 indicating that the purchaser is authorized to pay any sales or use tax due on purchases
18.12 made by the purchaser directly to the commissioner under section 297A.89;

18.13 (2) a fully completed exemption certificate claiming an exemption for direct mail; or

18.14 (3) information to show showing the jurisdictions to which the advertising and
18.15 promotional direct mail is to be delivered to recipients.

18.16 ~~(1) Upon receipt of the direct mail form;~~ (c) In the absence of bad faith, if the
18.17 purchaser provides one of the exemption certificates indicated in paragraph (b), clauses (1)
18.18 and (2), the seller is relieved of all obligations to collect, pay, or remit the applicable tax
18.19 and the purchaser is obligated to pay or remit the applicable tax on a direct pay basis. A
18.20 ~~direct mail form remains in effect for all future sales of direct mail by the seller to the~~
18.21 ~~purchaser until it is revoked in writing.~~ tax on any transaction involving advertising and
18.22 promotional direct mail to which the certificate applies. The purchaser shall source the
18.23 sale to the jurisdictions to which the advertising and promotional direct mail is to be
18.24 delivered to the recipients of the mail, and shall report and pay any applicable tax due.

18.25 ~~(2) Upon receipt of~~ (d) If the purchaser provides the seller information from the
18.26 ~~purchaser~~ showing the jurisdictions to which the advertising and promotional direct mail
18.27 is to be delivered to recipients, the seller shall source the sale to the jurisdictions to which
18.28 the advertising and promotional direct mail is to be delivered and shall collect and remit
18.29 the applicable tax according to the delivery information provided by the purchaser. In
18.30 the absence of bad faith, the seller is relieved of any further obligation to collect any
18.31 additional tax on any transaction for which the sale of advertising and promotional direct
18.32 mail where the seller has collected tax pursuant sourced the sale according to the delivery
18.33 information provided by the purchaser.

18.34 ~~(b) (e) If the purchaser of direct mail does not have a direct pay permit and does~~
18.35 ~~not provide the seller with either a direct mail form or delivery information, as required~~
18.36 ~~by paragraph (a), the seller shall collect the tax according to~~ any of the items listed in

19.1 paragraph (b), the sale shall be sourced under subdivision 2, paragraph (f). Nothing in
19.2 this paragraph limits a purchaser's obligation for sales or use tax to any state to which the
19.3 direct mail is delivered.

19.4 ~~(c) If a purchaser of direct mail provides the seller with documentation of direct~~
19.5 ~~pay authority, the purchaser is not required to provide a direct mail form or delivery~~
19.6 ~~information to the seller.~~

19.7 (f) This subdivision does not apply to printed materials that result from developing
19.8 billing information or providing any data processing service that is more than incidental
19.9 to producing the printed materials, regardless of whether advertising and promotional
19.10 direct mail is included in the same mailing.

19.11 (g) If a transaction is a bundled transaction that includes advertising and promotional
19.12 direct mail, this subdivision applies only if the primary purpose of the transaction is the sale
19.13 of products or services that meet the definition of advertising and promotional direct mail.

19.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after
19.15 June 30, 2011.

19.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.668, is amended by adding a
19.17 subdivision to read:

19.18 Subd. 7a. **Other direct mail.** (a) Notwithstanding other subdivisions of this section,
19.19 the provisions in paragraphs (b) and (c) apply to the sale of other direct mail. "Other direct
19.20 mail" means printed material that is direct mail as defined in section 297A.61, subdivision
19.21 35, but is not advertising and promotional direct mail as described in subdivision 7,
19.22 regardless of whether advertising and promotional direct mail is included in the same
19.23 mailing. Other direct mail includes, but is not limited to:

19.24 (1) direct mail pertaining to a transaction between the purchaser and addressee,
19.25 where the mail contains personal information specific to the addressee including, but not
19.26 limited to, invoices, bills, statements of account, and payroll advices;

19.27 (2) any legally required mailings including, but not limited to, privacy notices,
19.28 tax reports, and stockholder reports; and

19.29 (3) other nonpromotional direct mail delivered to existing or former shareholders,
19.30 customers, employees, or agents including, but not limited to, newsletters and
19.31 informational pieces.

19.32 Other direct mail does not include printed materials that result from developing
19.33 billing information or providing any data processing service that is more than incidental to
19.34 producing the other direct mail.

20.1 (b) A purchaser of other direct mail may provide the seller with either a fully
20.2 completed exemption certificate as described in section 297A.72 indicating that the
20.3 purchaser is authorized to pay any sales or use tax due on purchases made by the purchaser
20.4 directly to the commissioner under section 297A.89, or a fully completed exemption
20.5 certificate claiming an exemption for direct mail. If the purchaser provides one of the
20.6 exemption certificates listed, then the seller, in the absence of bad faith, is relieved of all
20.7 obligations to collect, pay, or remit the tax on any transaction involving other direct mail
20.8 to which the certificate applies. The purchaser shall source the sale to the jurisdictions to
20.9 which the other direct mail is to be delivered to the recipients of the mail, and shall report
20.10 and pay any applicable tax due.

20.11 (c) If the purchaser does not provide the seller with a fully completed exemption
20.12 certificate claiming either exemption listed in paragraph (b), the sale shall be sourced
20.13 according to subdivision 2, paragraph (d).

20.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after
20.15 June 30, 2011.

20.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.68, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

20.17 Subd. 5. **Capital equipment.** (a) Capital equipment is exempt. ~~The tax must be~~
20.18 ~~imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied, and~~
20.19 ~~then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.~~

20.20 "Capital equipment" means machinery and equipment purchased or leased, and used
20.21 in this state by the purchaser or lessee primarily for manufacturing, fabricating, mining,
20.22 or refining tangible personal property to be sold ultimately at retail if the machinery and
20.23 equipment are essential to the integrated production process of manufacturing, fabricating,
20.24 mining, or refining. Capital equipment also includes machinery and equipment
20.25 used primarily to electronically transmit results retrieved by a customer of an online
20.26 computerized data retrieval system.

20.27 (b) Capital equipment includes, but is not limited to:

20.28 (1) machinery and equipment used to operate, control, or regulate the production
20.29 equipment;

20.30 (2) machinery and equipment used for research and development, design, quality
20.31 control, and testing activities;

20.32 (3) environmental control devices that are used to maintain conditions such as
20.33 temperature, humidity, light, or air pressure when those conditions are essential to and are
20.34 part of the production process;

20.35 (4) materials and supplies used to construct and install machinery or equipment;

- 21.1 (5) repair and replacement parts, including accessories, whether purchased as spare
21.2 parts, repair parts, or as upgrades or modifications to machinery or equipment;
- 21.3 (6) materials used for foundations that support machinery or equipment;
- 21.4 (7) materials used to construct and install special purpose buildings used in the
21.5 production process;
- 21.6 (8) ready-mixed concrete equipment in which the ready-mixed concrete is mixed
21.7 as part of the delivery process regardless if mounted on a chassis, repair parts for
21.8 ready-mixed concrete trucks, and leases of ready-mixed concrete trucks; and
- 21.9 (9) machinery or equipment used for research, development, design, or production
21.10 of computer software.
- 21.11 (c) Capital equipment does not include the following:
- 21.12 (1) motor vehicles taxed under chapter 297B;
- 21.13 (2) machinery or equipment used to receive or store raw materials;
- 21.14 (3) building materials, except for materials included in paragraph (b), clauses (6)
21.15 and (7);
- 21.16 (4) machinery or equipment used for nonproduction purposes, including, but not
21.17 limited to, the following: plant security, fire prevention, first aid, and hospital stations;
21.18 support operations or administration; pollution control; and plant cleaning, disposal of
21.19 scrap and waste, plant communications, space heating, cooling, lighting, or safety;
- 21.20 (5) farm machinery and aquaculture production equipment as defined by section
21.21 297A.61, subdivisions 12 and 13;
- 21.22 (6) machinery or equipment purchased and installed by a contractor as part of an
21.23 improvement to real property;
- 21.24 (7) machinery and equipment used by restaurants in the furnishing, preparing, or
21.25 serving of prepared foods as defined in section 297A.61, subdivision 31;
- 21.26 (8) machinery and equipment used to furnish the services listed in section 297A.61,
21.27 subdivision 3, paragraph (g), clause (6), items (i) to (vi) and (viii);
- 21.28 (9) machinery or equipment used in the transportation, transmission, or distribution
21.29 of petroleum, liquefied gas, natural gas, water, or steam, in, by, or through pipes, lines,
21.30 tanks, mains, or other means of transporting those products. This clause does not apply to
21.31 machinery or equipment used to blend petroleum or biodiesel fuel as defined in section
21.32 239.77; or
- 21.33 (10) any other item that is not essential to the integrated process of manufacturing,
21.34 fabricating, mining, or refining.
- 21.35 (d) For purposes of this subdivision:

22.1 (1) "Equipment" means independent devices or tools separate from machinery but
22.2 essential to an integrated production process, including computers and computer software,
22.3 used in operating, controlling, or regulating machinery and equipment; and any subunit or
22.4 assembly comprising a component of any machinery or accessory or attachment parts of
22.5 machinery, such as tools, dies, jigs, patterns, and molds.

22.6 (2) "Fabricating" means to make, build, create, produce, or assemble components or
22.7 property to work in a new or different manner.

22.8 (3) "Integrated production process" means a process or series of operations through
22.9 which tangible personal property is manufactured, fabricated, mined, or refined. For
22.10 purposes of this clause, (i) manufacturing begins with the removal of raw materials
22.11 from inventory and ends when the last process prior to loading for shipment has been
22.12 completed; (ii) fabricating begins with the removal from storage or inventory of the
22.13 property to be assembled, processed, altered, or modified and ends with the creation
22.14 or production of the new or changed product; (iii) mining begins with the removal of
22.15 overburden from the site of the ores, minerals, stone, peat deposit, or surface materials and
22.16 ends when the last process before stockpiling is completed; and (iv) refining begins with
22.17 the removal from inventory or storage of a natural resource and ends with the conversion
22.18 of the item to its completed form.

22.19 (4) "Machinery" means mechanical, electronic, or electrical devices, including
22.20 computers and computer software, that are purchased or constructed to be used for the
22.21 activities set forth in paragraph (a), beginning with the removal of raw materials from
22.22 inventory through completion of the product, including packaging of the product.

22.23 (5) "Machinery and equipment used for pollution control" means machinery and
22.24 equipment used solely to eliminate, prevent, or reduce pollution resulting from an activity
22.25 described in paragraph (a).

22.26 (6) "Manufacturing" means an operation or series of operations where raw materials
22.27 are changed in form, composition, or condition by machinery and equipment and which
22.28 results in the production of a new article of tangible personal property. For purposes of
22.29 this subdivision, "manufacturing" includes the generation of electricity or steam to be
22.30 sold at retail.

22.31 (7) "Mining" means the extraction of minerals, ores, stone, or peat.

22.32 (8) "Online data retrieval system" means a system whose cumulation of information
22.33 is equally available and accessible to all its customers.

22.34 (9) "Primarily" means machinery and equipment used 50 percent or more of the time
22.35 in an activity described in paragraph (a).

23.1 (10) "Refining" means the process of converting a natural resource to an intermediate
23.2 or finished product, including the treatment of water to be sold at retail.

23.3 (11) This subdivision does not apply to telecommunications equipment as
23.4 provided in subdivision 35, and does not apply to wire, cable, fiber, poles, or conduit
23.5 for telecommunications services.

23.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after
23.7 June 30, 2013.

23.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

23.9 Subd. 3. **Sales of certain goods and services to government.** (a) The following
23.10 sales to or use by the specified governments and political subdivisions of the state are
23.11 exempt:

23.12 (1) repair and replacement parts for emergency rescue vehicles, fire trucks, and
23.13 fire apparatus to a political subdivision;

23.14 (2) machinery and equipment, except for motor vehicles, used directly for mixed
23.15 municipal solid waste management services at a solid waste disposal facility as defined in
23.16 section 115A.03, subdivision 10;

23.17 (3) chore and homemaking services to a political subdivision of the state to be
23.18 provided to elderly or disabled individuals;

23.19 (4) telephone services to the Office of Enterprise Technology that are used to provide
23.20 telecommunications services through the enterprise technology revolving fund;

23.21 (5) firefighter personal protective equipment as defined in paragraph (b), if purchased
23.22 or authorized by and for the use of an organized fire department, fire protection district, or
23.23 fire company regularly charged with the responsibility of providing fire protection to the
23.24 state or a political subdivision;

23.25 (6) bullet-resistant body armor that provides the wearer with ballistic and trauma
23.26 protection, if purchased by a law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision
23.27 of the state, or a licensed peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1;

23.28 (7) motor vehicles purchased or leased by political subdivisions of the state if the
23.29 vehicles are exempt from registration under section 168.012, subdivision 1, paragraph (b),
23.30 exempt from taxation under section 473.448, or exempt from the motor vehicle sales tax
23.31 under section 297B.03, clause (12);

23.32 (8) equipment designed to process, dewater, and recycle biosolids for wastewater
23.33 treatment facilities of political subdivisions, and materials incidental to installation of
23.34 that equipment;

24.1 (9) sales to a town of gravel and of machinery, equipment, and accessories, except
 24.2 motor vehicles, used exclusively for road and bridge maintenance, and leases by a town of
 24.3 motor vehicles exempt from tax under section 297B.03, clause (10);

24.4 (10) the removal of trees, bushes, or shrubs for the construction and maintenance
 24.5 of roads, trails, or firebreaks when purchased by an agency of the state or a political
 24.6 subdivision of the state; ~~and~~

24.7 (11) purchases by the Metropolitan Council or the Department of Transportation of
 24.8 vehicles and repair parts to equip operations provided for in section 174.90, including, but
 24.9 not limited to, the Northstar Corridor Rail project; and

24.10 (12) purchases of water used directly in providing public safety services by an
 24.11 organized fire department, fire protection district, or fire company regularly charged with
 24.12 the responsibility of providing fire protection to the state or a political subdivision.

24.13 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "firefighters personal protective equipment"
 24.14 means helmets, including face shields, chin straps, and neck liners; bunker coats and
 24.15 pants, including pant suspenders; boots; gloves; head covers or hoods; wildfire jackets;
 24.16 protective coveralls; goggles; self-contained breathing apparatus; canister filter masks;
 24.17 personal alert safety systems; spanner belts; optical or thermal imaging search devices;
 24.18 and all safety equipment required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

24.19 (c) For purchases of items listed in paragraph (a), clause (11), the tax must be
 24.20 imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and
 24.21 then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

24.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively for sales and purchases
 24.23 made after June 30, 2007; however, no refunds may be made for amounts already paid on
 24.24 water purchased between June 30, 2007, and January 30, 2010.

24.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.75, is amended to read:

24.26 **297A.75 REFUND; APPROPRIATION.**

24.27 Subdivision 1. **Tax collected.** The tax on the gross receipts from the sale of the
 24.28 following exempt items must be imposed and collected as if the sale were taxable and the
 24.29 rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied. The exempt items include:

24.30 ~~(1) capital equipment exempt under section 297A.68, subdivision 5;~~

24.31 ~~(2)~~ (1) building materials for an agricultural processing facility exempt under section
 24.32 297A.71, subdivision 13;

24.33 ~~(3)~~ (2) building materials for mineral production facilities exempt under section
 24.34 297A.71, subdivision 14;

- 25.1 ~~(4)~~ (3) building materials for correctional facilities under section 297A.71,
- 25.2 subdivision 3;
- 25.3 ~~(5)~~ (4) building materials used in a residence for disabled veterans exempt under
- 25.4 section 297A.71, subdivision 11;
- 25.5 ~~(6)~~ (5) elevators and building materials exempt under section 297A.71, subdivision
- 25.6 12;
- 25.7 ~~(7)~~ (6) building materials for the Long Lake Conservation Center exempt under
- 25.8 section 297A.71, subdivision 17;
- 25.9 ~~(8)~~ (7) materials and supplies for qualified low-income housing under section
- 25.10 297A.71, subdivision 23;
- 25.11 ~~(9)~~ (8) materials, supplies, and equipment for municipal electric utility facilities
- 25.12 under section 297A.71, subdivision 35;
- 25.13 ~~(10)~~ (9) equipment and materials used for the generation, transmission, and
- 25.14 distribution of electrical energy and an aerial camera package exempt under section
- 25.15 297A.68, subdivision 37;
- 25.16 ~~(11)~~ (10) tangible personal property and taxable services and construction materials,
- 25.17 supplies, and equipment exempt under section 297A.68, subdivision 41;
- 25.18 ~~(12)~~ (11) commuter rail vehicle and repair parts under section 297A.70, subdivision
- 25.19 3, clause (11);
- 25.20 ~~(13)~~ (12) materials, supplies, and equipment for construction or improvement of
- 25.21 projects and facilities under section 297A.71, subdivision 40;
- 25.22 ~~(14)~~ (13) materials, supplies, and equipment for construction or improvement of a
- 25.23 meat processing facility exempt under section 297A.71, subdivision 41; and
- 25.24 ~~(15)~~ (14) materials, supplies, and equipment for construction, improvement, or
- 25.25 expansion of an aerospace defense manufacturing facility exempt under section 297A.71,
- 25.26 subdivision 42.
- 25.27 Subd. 2. **Refund; eligible persons.** Upon application on forms prescribed by the
- 25.28 commissioner, a refund equal to the tax paid on the gross receipts of the exempt items
- 25.29 must be paid to the applicant. Only the following persons may apply for the refund:
- 25.30 (1) for subdivision 1, clauses (1) ~~to (3)~~ and (2), the applicant must be the purchaser;
- 25.31 (2) for subdivision 1, clauses ~~(4)~~ (3) and ~~(7)~~ (6), the applicant must be the
- 25.32 governmental subdivision;
- 25.33 (3) for subdivision 1, clause ~~(5)~~ (4), the applicant must be the recipient of the
- 25.34 benefits provided in United States Code, title 38, chapter 21;
- 25.35 (4) for subdivision 1, clause ~~(6)~~ (5), the applicant must be the owner of the
- 25.36 homestead property;

26.1 (5) for subdivision 1, clause ~~(8)~~ (7), the owner of the qualified low-income housing
26.2 project;

26.3 (6) for subdivision 1, clause ~~(9)~~ (8), the applicant must be a municipal electric utility
26.4 or a joint venture of municipal electric utilities;

26.5 (7) for subdivision 1, clauses (9), (10), ~~(11)~~, (13), and (14), and ~~(15)~~; the owner
26.6 of the qualifying business; and

26.7 (8) for subdivision 1, clauses (11) and (12) and ~~(13)~~, the applicant must be the
26.8 governmental entity that owns or contracts for the project or facility.

26.9 Subd. 3. **Application.** (a) The application must include sufficient information
26.10 to permit the commissioner to verify the tax paid. If the tax was paid by a contractor,
26.11 subcontractor, or builder, under subdivision 1, clause (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10),
26.12 (11), (12), (13), or (14), or ~~(15)~~, the contractor, subcontractor, or builder must furnish to
26.13 the refund applicant a statement including the cost of the exempt items and the taxes paid
26.14 on the items unless otherwise specifically provided by this subdivision. The provisions of
26.15 sections 289A.40 and 289A.50 apply to refunds under this section.

26.16 ~~(b) An applicant may not file more than two applications per calendar year for~~
26.17 ~~refunds for taxes paid on capital equipment exempt under section 297A.68, subdivision 5.~~

26.18 ~~(c)~~ (b) Total refunds for purchases of items in section 297A.71, subdivision 40,
26.19 must not exceed \$5,000,000 in fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Applications for refunds for
26.20 purchases of items in sections 297A.70, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (11), and
26.21 297A.71, subdivision 40, must not be filed until after June 30, 2009.

26.22 Subd. 4. **Interest.** Interest must be paid on the refund at the rate in section 270C.405
26.23 from 90 days after the refund claim is filed with the commissioner for taxes paid under
26.24 subdivision 1.

26.25 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** The amount required to make the refunds is annually
26.26 appropriated to the commissioner.

26.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales and purchases made after
26.28 June 30, 2013.

26.29 Sec. 10. **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT.**

26.30 Upon implementation of section 7, the commissioner of management and budget
26.31 shall reduce the base budget of the Department of Revenue by \$140,000, beginning in
26.32 fiscal year 2015.

26.33 Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**

26.34 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 289A.60, subdivision 31, is repealed.

27.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes due and payable after
27.2 July 1, 2011.

27.3 **ARTICLE 3**

27.4 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

27.5 Section 1. **[116W.25] CITATION.**

27.6 Sections 116W.26 to 116W.34 may be cited as the "Minnesota science and
27.7 technology program."

27.8 Sec. 2. **[116W.26] DEFINITIONS.**

27.9 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of sections 116W.26 to 116W.34,
27.10 the terms in this section have the meanings given them.

27.11 Subd. 2. **Authority.** "Authority" means the Minnesota Science and Technology
27.12 Authority established under this chapter.

27.13 Subd. 3. **College or university.** "College or university" means an institution of
27.14 postsecondary education, public or private, that grants undergraduate or postgraduate
27.15 academic degrees, conducts significant research or development activities in the areas of
27.16 science and technology.

27.17 Subd. 4. **Commercialization.** "Commercialization" means any of the full spectrum
27.18 of activities required for a new technology, product, or process to be developed from
27.19 its basic research of conceptual stage through applied research or development to the
27.20 marketplace including, without limitation, the steps leading up to and including licensure,
27.21 sales, and services.

27.22 Subd. 5. **Commercialized research project.** "Commercialized research project"
27.23 means research conducted within a college or university or nonprofit research institution
27.24 or by a qualified science and technology company that has shown advanced commercial
27.25 potential through license agreements, patents, or other forms of invention disclosure, and
27.26 by which a qualified science and technology company has been or is being currently
27.27 formed.

27.28 Subd. 6. **Fund.** "Fund" means the Minnesota science and technology fund.

27.29 Subd. 7. **Nonprofit research institution.** "Nonprofit research institution" means an
27.30 entity with its principle place of business in Minnesota, that qualifies under section 501(c)
27.31 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that conducts significant research or development
27.32 activities in this state in the areas of science and technology.

27.33 Subd. 8. **Program.** "Program" means the Minnesota science and technology
27.34 program.

28.1 **Subd. 9. Qualified science and technology company.** "Qualified science and
28.2 technology company" means a corporation, limited liability company, S corporation,
28.3 partnership, limited liability partnership, or sole proprietorship with fewer than 100
28.4 employees that is engaged in research, development, or production of science or
28.5 technology in this state including, without limitation, research, development, or production
28.6 directed toward developing or providing science and technology products, processes, or
28.7 services for specific commercial or public purposes.

28.8 **Sec. 3. [116W.27] MINNESOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUND.**

28.9 (a) A Minnesota science and technology fund is created in the state treasury. The
28.10 fund is a direct-appropriated special revenue fund. Money of the authority must be
28.11 paid to the commissioner of management and budget as agent of the authority and the
28.12 commissioner shall not commingle the money with other money. The money in the fund
28.13 must be paid out only on warrants drawn by the commissioner of management and budget
28.14 on requisition of the executive director of the authority or designee.

28.15 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, \$1,500,000 is appropriated per year for
28.16 fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year thereafter, from the general
28.17 fund to the Minnesota science and technology fund.

28.18 **Sec. 4. [116W.28] MINNESOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUND;**
28.19 **AUTHORIZED USES.**

28.20 The Minnesota science and technology fund may be used for the following to:

28.21 (1) establish the commercialized research program authorized under section
28.22 116W.29;

28.23 (2) establish the federal research and development support program under section
28.24 116W.30;

28.25 (3) establish the industry technology and competitiveness program under section
28.26 116W.31; and

28.27 (4) carry out the powers of the authority authorized under sections 116W.04 and
28.28 116W.32 that are in support of the programs in clauses (1) to (3).

28.29 **Sec. 5. [116W.29] COMMERCIALIZED RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

28.30 (a) The authority may establish a commercialized research program. The purpose of
28.31 the program is to accelerate the commercialization of science and technology products,
28.32 processes, or services from colleges or universities, nonprofit research institutions or

29.1 qualified science and technology companies that lead to an increase in science and
29.2 technology businesses and jobs. The program shall:

29.3 (1) provide science and technology gap funding of up to \$250,000 per science and
29.4 technology research project to assist in the commercialization and transfer of science and
29.5 technology research projects from a college or university or nonprofit research institution
29.6 to a qualified science and technology company; and

29.7 (2) provide funding of up to \$250,000 for early stage development for qualified
29.8 science and technology companies to conduct commercialized research projects.

29.9 (b) All activities under the commercialized research program must require:

29.10 (1) written criteria set by the authority for the application, award, and use of the
29.11 funds;

29.12 (2) matching funds by the participating qualified science and technology company,
29.13 college or university, or nonprofit research institution;

29.14 (3) no more than 15 percent of the funds awarded by the authority may be used
29.15 for overhead costs; and

29.16 (4) a report by the participating qualified science and technology company, college
29.17 or university, or nonprofit research institution that provides documentation of the use of
29.18 funds and outcomes of the award. The report must be submitted to the authority within
29.19 one calendar year of the date of the award.

29.20 **Sec. 6. [116W.30] FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**
29.21 **PROGRAM.**

29.22 The authority may establish a federal research and development support program.
29.23 The purpose of the program is to increase and coordinate efforts to procure federal funding
29.24 for research projects of primary benefit to qualified science and technology companies,
29.25 colleges or universities, and nonprofit research institutions. The program shall:

29.26 (1) develop and execute a strategy to identify specific federal agencies and programs
29.27 that support the growth of science and technology industries in this state; and

29.28 (2) provide grants to qualified science and technology companies:

29.29 (i) to assist in the development of federal Small Business Innovation (SBIR) or
29.30 Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) proposals; and

29.31 (ii) to match funds received through SBIR or STTR awards. No more than
29.32 \$1,500,000 may be awarded in a year for matching grants under this clause.

29.33 **Sec. 7. [116W.31] INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS**
29.34 **PROGRAM.**

30.1 (a) The authority may establish an industry technology and competitiveness program.
 30.2 The purpose of the program is to advance the technological capacity and competitiveness
 30.3 of existing and emerging science and technology industries. The program shall:

30.4 (1) provide matching funds to programs and organizations that assist entrepreneurs
 30.5 in starting and growing qualified science and technology companies including, but not
 30.6 limited to, matching funds for mentoring programs, consulting and technical services,
 30.7 and related activities;

30.8 (2) fund initiatives that retain engineering, science, technology, and mathematical
 30.9 occupations in the state including, but not limited to, internships, mentoring, and support
 30.10 of industry and professional organizations; and

30.11 (3) fund initiatives that support the growth of targeted industry clusters and the
 30.12 competitiveness of existing qualified science and technology companies in developing
 30.13 and marketing new products and services.

30.14 (b) All activities under the industry innovation and competitiveness program shall
 30.15 require:

30.16 (i) written criteria set by the authority for the application, award, and use of the funds;

30.17 (ii) matching funds by the participating qualified science and technology company,
 30.18 college or university, or nonprofit research institution; and

30.19 (iii) a report by the participating qualified science and technology company, college
 30.20 or university, or nonprofit research institution providing documentation on the use of the
 30.21 funds and outcomes of the award. The report must be submitted to the authority within
 30.22 one calendar year from the date of the award.

30.23 **Sec. 8. [116W.32] MINNESOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY;**
 30.24 **POWERS UNDER FUND.**

30.25 Subdivision 1. **General powers.** The authority shall have all of the powers
 30.26 necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of sections 116W.26 to 116W.34,
 30.27 including, but not limited to, those provided under section 116W.04 and the following:

30.28 (1) The authority may make awards in the forms of grants or loans, and charge and
 30.29 receive a reasonable interest for the loans, or take an equity position in form of stock, a
 30.30 convertible note, or other securities in consideration of an award. Interests, revenues, or
 30.31 other proceeds received as a result of a transaction authorized by use of this fund shall be
 30.32 deposited to the corpus of the fund and used in the same manner as the corpus of the fund.

30.33 (2) In awarding money from the fund, priority shall be given to proposals from
 30.34 qualified science and technology companies that have demonstrable economic benefit to

31.1 the state in terms of the formation of a new private sector business entity, the creation of
31.2 jobs, or the attraction of federal and private funding.

31.3 (3) In awarding money from the fund, priority shall be given to proposals from
31.4 colleges or universities and nonprofit research institutions that:

31.5 (i) promote collaboration between any combination of colleges or universities,
31.6 nonprofit research institutions, and private industry;

31.7 (ii) enhance existing research superiority by attracting new research entities,
31.8 research talent, or resources to the state; and

31.9 (iii) create new research superiority that attracts significant researchers and resources
31.10 from outside the state.

31.11 (4) Subject to the limits in this clause, money within the fund may be used
31.12 for reasonable administrative expenses by the authority including staffing and direct
31.13 operational expenses, and professional fees for accounting, legal, and other technical
31.14 services required to carry out the intent of the program and administration of the fund.
31.15 Administrative expenses may not exceed five percent of the first \$5,000,000 in the fund
31.16 and two percent of any amount in excess of \$5,000,000.

31.17 (5) Before making an award, the authority shall enter into a written agreement with
31.18 the entity receiving the award that specifies the uses of the award.

31.19 (6) If the award recipient has not used the award received for the purposes intended,
31.20 as of the date provided in the agreement, the recipient shall repay that amount and any
31.21 interest applicable under the agreement to the authority. All repayments must be deposited
31.22 to the corpus of the fund.

31.23 Subd. 2. **Rules.** The authority may adopt rules to implement the programs
31.24 authorized under sections 116W.29 to 116W.31.

31.25 **Sec. 9. [116W.33] REPAYMENT.**

31.26 An entity must repay all or a portion of the amount of any award, grant, loan, or
31.27 financial assistance of any type paid by the authority under sections 116W.29 to 116W.32
31.28 if the entity relocates outside the state or ceases operation in Minnesota within three years
31.29 from the date the authority provided the financial award. If the entity relocates outside of
31.30 this state or ceases operation in Minnesota within two years of the financial award, the
31.31 entity must repay 100 percent of the award. If the entity relocates or ceases operation in
31.32 Minnesota after a period of two years but before three years from the date of the financial
31.33 award, the entity must repay 75 percent of the financial award.

31.34 **Sec. 10. [116W.34] EXPIRATION.**

32.1 Sections 116W.26 to 116W.33 expire on the expiration date of the authority under
32.2 section 116W.03, subdivision 7. Any unused money in the fund shall be deposited in the
32.3 general fund.

32.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 469.1763, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.5 Subd. 2. **Expenditures outside district.** (a) For each tax increment financing
32.6 district, an amount equal to at least 75 percent of the total revenue derived from tax
32.7 increments paid by properties in the district must be expended on activities in the district
32.8 or to pay bonds, to the extent that the proceeds of the bonds were used to finance activities
32.9 in the district or to pay, or secure payment of, debt service on credit enhanced bonds.
32.10 For districts, other than redevelopment districts for which the request for certification
32.11 was made after June 30, 1995, the in-district percentage for purposes of the preceding
32.12 sentence is 80 percent. Not more than 25 percent of the total revenue derived from tax
32.13 increments paid by properties in the district may be expended, through a development fund
32.14 or otherwise, on activities outside of the district but within the defined geographic area of
32.15 the project except to pay, or secure payment of, debt service on credit enhanced bonds.
32.16 For districts, other than redevelopment districts for which the request for certification was
32.17 made after June 30, 1995, the pooling percentage for purposes of the preceding sentence is
32.18 20 percent. The revenue derived from tax increments for the district that are expended on
32.19 costs under section 469.176, subdivision 4h, paragraph (b), may be deducted first before
32.20 calculating the percentages that must be expended within and without the district.

32.21 (b) In the case of a housing district, a housing project, as defined in section 469.174,
32.22 subdivision 11, is an activity in the district.

32.23 (c) All administrative expenses are for activities outside of the district, except that
32.24 if the only expenses for activities outside of the district under this subdivision are for
32.25 the purposes described in paragraph (d), administrative expenses will be considered as
32.26 expenditures for activities in the district.

32.27 (d) The authority may elect, in the tax increment financing plan for the district,
32.28 to increase by up to ten percentage points the permitted amount of expenditures for
32.29 activities located outside the geographic area of the district under paragraph (a). As
32.30 permitted by section 469.176, subdivision 4k, the expenditures, including the permitted
32.31 expenditures under paragraph (a), need not be made within the geographic area of the
32.32 project. Expenditures that meet the requirements of this paragraph are legally permitted
32.33 expenditures of the district, notwithstanding section 469.176, subdivisions 4b, 4c, and 4j.
32.34 To qualify for the increase under this paragraph, the expenditures must:

- 33.1 (1) be used exclusively to assist housing that meets the requirement for a qualified
33.2 low-income building, as that term is used in section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
33.3 (2) not exceed the qualified basis of the housing, as defined under section 42(c) of
33.4 the Internal Revenue Code, less the amount of any credit allowed under section 42 of
33.5 the Internal Revenue Code; and
33.6 (3) be used to:
33.7 (i) acquire and prepare the site of the housing;
33.8 (ii) acquire, construct, or rehabilitate the housing; or
33.9 (iii) make public improvements directly related to the housing; or
33.10 (4) be used to develop housing:
33.11 (i) if the market value of the housing does not exceed the lesser of:
33.12 (A) 150 percent of the average market of single-family homes in that municipality; or
33.13 (B) \$200,000 for municipalities located in the metropolitan area, as defined in
33.14 section 473.121, or \$125,000 for all other municipalities; and
33.15 (ii) if the expenditures are used to pay the cost of site acquisition, relocation,
33.16 demolition of existing structures, site preparation, and pollution abatement on one or
33.17 more parcels, if the parcel:
33.18 (A) contains a residence containing one to four family dwelling units that has been
33.19 vacant for six or more months;
33.20 (B) contains a residence containing one to four family dwelling units that is
33.21 structurally substandard, as defined in section 469.174, subdivision 10;
33.22 (C) is in foreclosure as defined in section 325N.10, subdivision 7, but without regard
33.23 to whether the residence is the owner's principal residence, and a notice of pendency of the
33.24 foreclosure has been recorded under section 580.032, except a notice of pendency is not
33.25 required for a delinquency or default that relates to a contract for deed payment; or
33.26 (D) is a vacant site, if the authority uses the parcel in connection with the
33.27 development or redevelopment of a parcel qualifying under subitems (A) to (C).
33.28 (e) For a district created within a biotechnology and health sciences industry zone
33.29 as defined in section 469.330, subdivision 6, or for an existing district located within
33.30 such a zone, tax increment derived from such a district may be expended outside of the
33.31 district but within the zone only for expenditures required for the construction of public
33.32 infrastructure necessary to support the activities of the zone, land acquisition, and other
33.33 redevelopment costs as defined in section 469.176, subdivision 4j. These expenditures are
33.34 considered as expenditures for activities within the district.
33.35 (f) The authority under paragraph (d), clause (4), expires on December 31, 2016.
33.36 Increments may continue to be expended under this authority after that date, if they are

34.1 used to pay bonds or binding contracts that would qualify under subdivision 3, paragraph
34.2 (a), if December 31, 2016, is considered to be the last date of the five-year period after
34.3 certification under that provision.

34.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for any district that is subject to the
34.5 provisions of section 469.1763, regardless of when the request for certification of the
34.6 district was made.

34.7 Sec. 12. Laws 2010, chapter 389, article 7, section 22, is amended to read:

34.8 Sec. 22. **CITY OF RAMSEY; TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT;**
34.9 **SPECIAL RULES.**

34.10 (a) If the city of Ramsey or an authority of the city elects upon the adoption of a tax
34.11 increment financing plan for a district, the rules under this section apply to a redevelopment
34.12 tax increment financing district established by the city or an authority of the city. The
34.13 redevelopment tax increment district includes parcels within the area bounded on the east
34.14 by Ramsey Boulevard, on the north by Bunker Lake Boulevard as extended west to Llama
34.15 Street, on the west by Llama Street, and on the south by a line running parallel to and
34.16 600 feet south of the southerly right-of-way for U.S. Highway 10, but including Parcels
34.17 28-32-25-43-0007 and 28-32-25-34-0002 in their entirety, and excluding the Anoka
34.18 County Regional Park property in its entirety. A parcel within this area that is included in
34.19 a tax increment financing district that was certified before the date of enactment of this act
34.20 may be included in the district created under this act if the initial district is decertified.

34.21 (b) The requirements for qualifying a redevelopment tax increment district under
34.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 469.174, subdivision 10, do not apply to the parcels located
34.23 within the district.

34.24 (c) ~~In addition to the costs permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 469.176,~~
34.25 ~~subdivision 4j, does not apply to the district.~~ Eligible expenditures within the district
34.26 include but are not limited to (1) the city's share of the costs necessary to provide for
34.27 the construction of the Northstar Transit Station and related infrastructure, including
34.28 structured parking, a pedestrian overpass, and roadway improvements, (2) the cost of
34.29 land acquired by the city or the housing and redevelopment authority in and for the city
34.30 of Ramsey within the district prior to the establishment of the district, and (3) the cost
34.31 of public improvements installed within the tax increment financing district prior to the
34.32 establishment of the district.

34.33 (d) The requirement of Minnesota Statutes, section 469.1763, subdivision 3, that
34.34 activities must be undertaken within a five-year period from the date of certification of a

35.1 tax increment financing district, is considered to be met for the district if the activities
35.2 were undertaken within ten years from the date of certification of the district.

35.3 (e) Except for administrative expenses, the in-district percentage for purposes of
35.4 the restriction on pooling under Minnesota Statutes, section 469.1763, subdivision 2, for
35.5 this district is 100 percent.

35.6 (f) The four-year period under Minnesota Statutes, section 469.176, subdivision
35.7 6, is extended to six years for the district.

35.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the governing
35.9 body of the city of Ramsey, and upon compliance by the city with Minnesota Statutes,
35.10 section 645.021, subdivision 3.

35.11 Sec. 13. **CITY OF LINO LAKES; TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.**

35.12 Subdivision 1. **Duration of district.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota
35.13 Statutes, section 469.176, subdivision 1b, the city of Lino Lakes may collect tax
35.14 increments from tax increment financing district no. 1-10 through December 31, 2023,
35.15 subject to the conditions in subdivision 2.

35.16 Subd. 2. **Conditions for extension.** All tax increments remaining in the account
35.17 for the district after February 1, 2011, and all tax increments collected thereafter, must
35.18 be used only to pay debt service on bonds issued to finance the interchange of Anoka
35.19 County Highway 23 and marked Interstate Highway 35W, bonds issued to finance public
35.20 improvements serving the development known as Legacy at Woods Edge, and any bonds
35.21 issued to refund those bonds. Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.176, subdivision 4c, and
35.22 469.1763 do not apply to expenditures made under this section.

35.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon compliance by the governing
35.24 body of the city of Lino Lakes with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, sections
35.25 469.1782, subdivision 2, and 645.021, subdivision 3.

35.26 Sec. 14. **CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS; BORDER CITY DEVELOPMENT ZONE.**

35.27 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The governing body of the city of Taylors Falls may
35.28 designate all or any part of the city as a border city development zone.

35.29 Subd. 2. **Application of general law.** (a) Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.1731 to
35.30 469.1735, apply to the border city development zones designated under this section. The
35.31 governing body of the city may exercise the powers granted under Minnesota Statutes,
35.32 sections 469.1731 to 469.1735, including powers that apply outside of the zones.

36.1 (b) The allocation under subdivision 3 for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
36.2 469.1735, subdivision 2, is appropriated to the commissioner of revenue.

36.3 Subd. 3. **Allocation of state tax reductions.** (a) The cumulative total amount of the
36.4 state portion of the tax reductions for all years of the program under Minnesota Statutes,
36.5 sections 469.1731 to 469.1735, for the city of Taylors Falls, is limited to \$100,000.

36.6 (b) This allocation may be used for tax reductions provided in Minnesota Statutes,
36.7 section 469.1732 or 469.1734, or for reimbursements under Minnesota Statutes, section
36.8 469.1735, subdivision 3, but only if the governing body of the city of Taylors Falls
36.9 determines that the tax reduction or offset is necessary to enable a business to expand
36.10 within the city or to attract a business to the city.

36.11 (c) The commissioner of revenue may waive the limit under this subdivision using
36.12 the same rules and standards provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 469.169, subdivision
36.13 12, paragraph (b).

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

36.15 Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATION.**

36.16 Of the amount appropriated under Minnesota Statutes, section 116W.27, in fiscal
36.17 year 2012 only, \$200,000 is for a onetime grant to Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small
36.18 business growth acceleration program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. The
36.19 grant is available until expended.

36.20 Of the amount appropriated under Minnesota Statutes, section 116W.27, in fiscal
36.21 year 2013 only:

36.22 (1) \$475,000 is for a onetime grant to the BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota for
36.23 bioscience business development programs to promote and position the state as a global
36.24 leader in bioscience business activities. These funds may be used to create, recruit, retain,
36.25 and expand biobusiness activity in Minnesota; implement the destination 2025 statewide
36.26 plan; update a statewide assessment of the bioscience industry and the competitive position
36.27 of Minnesota-based bioscience businesses relative to other states and other nations; and
36.28 develop and implement business and scenario-planning models to create, recruit, retain,
36.29 and expand biobusiness activity in Minnesota. The BioBusiness Alliance must report each
36.30 year by February 15 to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate
36.31 having jurisdiction over bioscience industry activity in Minnesota on the use of funds;
36.32 the number of bioscience businesses and jobs created, recruited, retained, or expanded
36.33 in the state since the last reporting period; the competitive position of the biobusiness
36.34 industry; and utilization rates and results of the business and scenario-planning models
36.35 and outcomes resulting from utilization of the business and scenario-planning models;

37.1 (2) \$50,000 is for a onetime grant to the Minnesota Inventors Congress, of which at
37.2 least \$5,000 must be used for youth inventors; and
37.3 (3) notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, \$107,000 is for administrative
37.4 expenses of the Science and Technology Authority.

37.5 **ARTICLE 4**

37.6 **LOCAL TAXES**

37.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.99, subdivision 1, is amended to
37.8 read:

37.9 Subdivision 1. **Authorization; scope.** (a) A political subdivision of this state may
37.10 impose a general sales tax (1) under section 297A.992, (2) under section 297A.993, (3) if
37.11 permitted by special law enacted prior to May 20, 2008, or (4) if the political subdivision
37.12 enacted and imposed the tax before January 1, 1982, and its predecessor provision.

37.13 (b) This section governs the imposition of a general sales tax by the political
37.14 subdivision. The provisions of this section preempt the provisions of any special law:

37.15 (1) enacted before June 2, 1997, or

37.16 (2) enacted on or after June 2, 1997, that does not explicitly exempt the special law
37.17 provision from this section's rules by reference.

37.18 (c) This section does not apply to or preempt a sales tax on motor vehicles or a
37.19 special excise tax on motor vehicles.

37.20 (d) Until after May 31, ~~2010~~ 2013, a political subdivision may not ~~advertise,~~
37.21 ~~promote, expend funds, or hold a referendum to support imposing~~ impose a local option
37.22 sales tax unless it is for extension of an existing tax or the tax was authorized by a special
37.23 law enacted prior to ~~May 20, 2008~~ May 24, 2011.

37.24 (e) A political subdivision may not advertise or expend funds for the promotion of a
37.25 referendum to support imposing a local option sales tax. A political subdivision may only
37.26 expend funds to conduct the referendum.

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

37.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 298.75, is amended by adding a subdivision
37.29 to read:

37.30 **Subd. 12. Tax may be imposed; Pope County.** (a) If Pope County does not
37.31 impose a tax under this section and approves imposition of the tax under this subdivision,
37.32 Glenwood Township in Pope County may impose the aggregate materials tax under this
37.33 section.

38.1 (b) For purposes of exercising the powers contained in this section, the "township" is
38.2 deemed to be the "county."

38.3 (c) All provisions in this section apply to Glenwood Township, except that all
38.4 proceeds of the tax must be retained by the township and used for the purposes described
38.5 in subdivision 7.

38.6 (d) If Pope County imposes an aggregate materials tax under this section, the tax
38.7 imposed by Glenwood Township under this subdivision is repealed on the effective date
38.8 of the Pope County tax.

38.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body
38.10 of Glenwood Township and its chief clerical officer comply with section 645.021,
38.11 subdivisions 2 and 3.

38.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 473.757, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

38.13 Subd. 2. **Youth sports; library.** To the extent funds are available from collections
38.14 of the tax authorized by subdivision 10 after payment each year of debt service on the
38.15 bonds authorized and issued under subdivision 9 and payments for the purposes described
38.16 in subdivision 1, the county may also authorize, by resolution, and expend or make
38.17 grants to the authority and to other governmental units and nonprofit organizations in an
38.18 aggregate amount of up to \$4,000,000 annually, ~~increased by up to 1.5 percent annually~~
38.19 to fund equally: (1) youth activities and youth and amateur sports within Hennepin
38.20 County; and (2) the cost of extending the hours of operation of Hennepin County libraries
38.21 and Minneapolis public libraries.

38.22 The money provided under this subdivision is intended to supplement and not
38.23 supplant county expenditures for these purposes as of May 27, 2006.

38.24 Hennepin County must provide reports to the chairs of the committees and budget
38.25 divisions in the senate and the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over
38.26 education policy and funding, describing the uses of the money provided under this
38.27 subdivision. The first report must be made by January 15, 2009, and subsequent reports
38.28 must be made on January 15 of each subsequent odd-numbered year.

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

38.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 473.757, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

38.31 Subd. 11. **Uses of tax.** (a) Revenues received from the tax imposed under
38.32 subdivision 10 may be used:

38.33 (1) to pay costs of collection;

39.1 (2) to pay or reimburse or secure the payment of any principal of, premium, or
39.2 interest on bonds issued in accordance with this act;

39.3 (3) to pay costs and make expenditures and grants described in this section, including
39.4 financing costs related to them;

39.5 (4) to maintain reserves for the foregoing purposes deemed reasonable and
39.6 appropriate by the county;

39.7 (5) to pay for operating costs of the ballpark authority other than the cost of
39.8 operating or maintaining the ballpark; and

39.9 (6) to make expenditures and grants for youth activities and amateur sports and
39.10 extension of library hours as described in subdivision 2;
39.11 and for no other purpose.

39.12 (b) Revenues from the tax designated for use under paragraph (a), clause (5), must
39.13 be deposited in the operating fund of the ballpark authority.

39.14 (c) After completion of the ballpark and public infrastructure, the tax revenues not
39.15 required for current payments of the expenditures described in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to
39.16 (6), shall be used to (i) redeem or defease the bonds and (ii) prepay or establish a fund for
39.17 payment of future obligations under grants or other commitments for future expenditures
39.18 which are permitted by ~~this section~~ paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), but no additional tax
39.19 revenues may be deposited in the fund when its balance exceeds \$20,000,000. Upon the
39.20 redemption or defeasance of the bonds and the establishment of reserves adequate to meet
39.21 such future obligations, the taxes shall terminate and shall not be reimposed.

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

39.23 Sec. 5. Laws 1996, chapter 471, article 2, section 29, subdivision 1, as amended by
39.24 Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

39.25 Subdivision 1. **Sales tax authorized.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
39.26 section 477A.016, or any other contrary provision of law, ordinance, or city charter, the
39.27 city of Hermantown may, by ordinance, impose an additional sales tax of up to one
39.28 percent on sales transactions taxable pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297A, that
39.29 occur within the city. The proceeds of the tax imposed under this section must be used to
39.30 meet the costs of:

39.31 (1) extending a sewer interceptor line;

39.32 (2) construction of a booster pump station, reservoirs, and related improvements
39.33 to the water system; and

(3) construction of a building containing a police and fire station and an administrative services facility.

(b) If the city imposed a sales tax of only one-half of one percent under paragraph (a), it may increase the tax to one percent to fund the purposes under paragraph (a) provided it is approved by the voters at a general election held before December 31, 2012.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following compliance by the city of Hermantown with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Sec. 6. Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 8, section 43, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 28, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Use of revenues.** (a) Revenues received from the taxes authorized by subdivisions 1 and 2 must be used by the city to pay for the cost of collecting and administering the taxes and to pay for the following projects:

(1) transportation infrastructure improvements including regional highway and airport improvements;

(2) improvements to the civic center complex;

(3) a municipal water, sewer, and storm sewer project necessary to improve regional ground water quality; and

(4) construction of a regional recreation and sports center and other higher education facilities available for both community and student use.

(b) The total amount of capital expenditures or bonds for these projects listed in paragraph (a) that may be paid from the revenues raised from the taxes authorized in this section may not exceed \$111,500,000. The total amount of capital expenditures or bonds for the project in clause (4) that may be paid from the revenues raised from the taxes authorized in this section may not exceed \$28,000,000.

(c) In addition to the projects authorized in paragraph (a) and not subject to the amount stated in paragraph (b), the city of Rochester may, if approved by the voters at an election under subdivision 5, paragraph (c), use the revenues received from the taxes and bonds authorized in this section to pay the costs of or bonds for the following purposes:

(1) \$17,000,000 for capital expenditures and bonds for the following Olmsted County transportation infrastructure improvements:

(i) County State Aid Highway 34 reconstruction;

(ii) Trunk Highway 63 and County State Aid Highway 16 interchange;

(iii) phase II of the Trunk Highway 52 and County State Aid Highway 22 interchange;

(iv) widening of County State Aid Highway 22 West Circle Drive; and

- 41.1 (v) 60th Avenue Northwest corridor preservation;
 41.2 (2) \$30,000,000 for city transportation projects including:
 41.3 (i) Trunk Highway 52 and 65th Street interchange;
 41.4 (ii) NW transportation corridor acquisition;
 41.5 (iii) Phase I of the Trunk Highway 52 and County State Aid Highway 22 interchange;
 41.6 (iv) Trunk Highway 14 and Trunk Highway 63 intersection;
 41.7 (v) Southeast transportation corridor acquisition;
 41.8 (vi) Rochester International Airport expansion; and
 41.9 (vii) a transit operations center bus facility;
 41.10 (3) \$14,000,000 for the Minnesota Rochester academic and complementary facilities;
 41.11 (4) \$6,500,000 for the Rochester Community Center and Technical College/Winona
 41.12 State University career technical education and science and math facilities;
 41.13 (5) \$6,000,000 for the Rochester Community Center and Technical College regional
 41.14 recreation facilities at University Center Rochester;
 41.15 (6) \$20,000,000 for the Destination Medical Community Initiative; and
 41.16 (7) \$8,000,000 for the regional public safety and 911 dispatch center facilities.
 41.17 (d) No revenues from the taxes raised from the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1
 41.18 and 2 may be used to fund transportation improvements related to a railroad bypass that
 41.19 would divert traffic from the city of Rochester.

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

41.21 Sec. 7. Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 8, section 43, subdivision 4, as amended by
 41.22 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 29, is amended to read:

41.23 Subd. 4. **Bonding authority.** (a) The city may issue bonds under Minnesota
 41.24 Statutes, chapter 475, to finance the capital expenditure and improvement projects.
 41.25 An election to approve up to \$71,500,000 in bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section
 41.26 475.58, may be held in combination with the election to authorize imposition of the tax
 41.27 under subdivision 1. Whether to permit imposition of the tax and issuance of bonds
 41.28 may be posed to the voters as a single question. The question must state that the sales
 41.29 tax revenues are pledged to pay the bonds, but that the bonds are general obligations
 41.30 and will be guaranteed by the city's property taxes. An election to approve up to an
 41.31 additional \$40,000,000 of bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, may be held
 41.32 in combination with the election to authorize extension of the tax under subdivision 5,
 41.33 paragraph (b). An election to approve bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58,
 41.34 in an amount not to exceed \$101,500,000 plus an amount equal to the costs of issuance

42.1 of the bonds, may be held in combination with the election to authorize the extension of
42.2 the tax under subdivision 5, paragraph (c).

42.3 (b) The city ~~may~~ shall enter into an agreement with Olmsted County under which the
42.4 city and the county agree to jointly undertake and finance certain roadway infrastructure
42.5 improvements. The agreement ~~may~~ shall provide that the city will make available to the
42.6 county a portion of the sales tax revenues collected pursuant to the authority granted in
42.7 this section and the bonding authority provided in this subdivision. The county may,
42.8 pursuant to the agreement, issue its general obligation bonds in a principal amount not
42.9 exceeding the amount authorized by its agreement with the city payable primarily from
42.10 the sales tax revenues from the city under the agreement. The county's bonds must be
42.11 issued in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 475, except that
42.12 no election is required for the issuance of the bonds and the bonds are not included in
42.13 the net debt of the county.

42.14 ~~(b)~~ (c) The issuance of bonds under this subdivision is not subject to Minnesota
42.15 Statutes, section 275.60.

42.16 ~~(c)~~ (d) The bonds are not included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the
42.17 city, and the levy of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay principal of
42.18 and interest on the bonds is not subject to any levy limitation.

42.19 (e) The aggregate principal amount of bonds, plus the aggregate of the taxes used
42.20 directly to pay eligible capital expenditures and improvements for projects listed in
42.21 subdivision 3, paragraph (a), may not exceed \$111,500,000, plus an amount equal to the
42.22 costs related to issuance of the bonds. The aggregate principal amount of bonds plus the
42.23 aggregate of the taxes used directly to pay the costs of eligible projects under subdivision
42.24 3, paragraph (c), may not exceed \$101,500,000 plus an amount equal to the costs of
42.25 issuance of the bonds.

42.26 ~~(d)~~ (f) The taxes may be pledged to and used for the payment of the bonds and
42.27 any bonds issued to refund them, only if the bonds and any refunding bonds are general
42.28 obligations of the city.

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

42.30 Sec. 8. Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 8, section 43, subdivision 5, as amended by
42.31 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, is amended to read:

42.32 Subd. 5. **Termination of taxes.** (a) The taxes imposed under subdivisions 1 and
42.33 2 expire at the later of (1) December 31, 2009, or (2) when the city council determines
42.34 that sufficient funds have been received from the taxes to finance the first \$71,500,000
42.35 of capital expenditures and bonds for the projects authorized in subdivision 3, including

the amount to prepay or retire at maturity the principal, interest, and premium due on any bonds issued for the projects under subdivision 4, unless the taxes are extended as allowed in paragraph (b). Any funds remaining after completion of the project and retirement or redemption of the bonds shall also be used to fund the projects under subdivision 3. The taxes imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 may expire at an earlier time if the city so determines by ordinance.

(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 297A.99 and 477A.016, or any other contrary provision of law, ordinance, or city charter, the city of Rochester may, by ordinance, extend the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1 and 2 beyond December 31, 2009, if approved by the voters of the city at a special election in 2005 or the general election in 2006. The question put to the voters must indicate that an affirmative vote would allow up to an additional \$40,000,000 of sales tax revenues be raised and up to \$40,000,000 of bonds to be issued above the amount authorized in the June 23, 1998, referendum for the projects specified in subdivision 3. If the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1 and 2 are extended under this paragraph, the taxes expire when the city council determines that sufficient funds have been received from the taxes to finance the projects and to prepay or retire at maturity the principal, interest, and premium due on any bonds issued for the projects under subdivision 4. Any funds remaining after completion of the project and retirement or redemption of the bonds may be placed in the general fund of the city.

(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 297A.99 and 477A.016, or any other contrary provision of law, ordinance, or city charter, the city of Rochester may, by ordinance, extend the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1 and 2 beyond the date the city council determines that sufficient funds have been received from the taxes to finance \$111,500,000 of expenditures and bonds for the projects authorized in subdivision 3, paragraph (a), plus an amount equal to the costs of issuance of the bonds and including the amount to prepay or retire at maturity the principal, interest, and premiums due on any bonds issued for the projects under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), if approved by the voters of the city at the general election in 2012. If the election to authorize the additional \$101,500,000 of bonds plus an amount equal to the costs of the issuance of the bonds is placed on the general election ballot in 2012, the city may continue to collect the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1 and 2 until December 31, 2012. The question put to the voters must indicate that an affirmative vote would allow sales tax revenues be raised for an extended period of time and an additional \$101,500,000 of bonds plus an amount equal to the costs of issuance of the bonds, to be issued above the amount authorized in the previous elections required under paragraphs (a) and (b) for the projects and amounts specified in subdivision 3. If the taxes authorized in subdivisions 1 and 2 are extended

44.1 under this paragraph, the taxes expire when the city council determines that \$101,500,000
44.2 has been received from the taxes to finance the projects plus an amount sufficient to
44.3 prepay or retire at maturity the principal, interest, and premium due on any bonds issued
44.4 for the projects under subdivision 4, including any bonds issued to refund the bonds. Any
44.5 funds remaining after completion of the projects and retirement or redemption of the
44.6 bonds may be placed in the general fund of the city.

44.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after compliance by the
44.8 governing body of the city of Rochester with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
44.9 subdivision 3.

44.10 Sec. 9. Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 7, section 19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

44.11 Subd. 3. **Use of revenues.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99,
44.12 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), the proceeds of the tax imposed under this section shall be
44.13 used to pay for the costs of acquisition, construction, improvement, and development of
44.14 a regional parks, bicycle trails, park land, open space, and pedestrian bridge walkways,
44.15 as described in the city improvement plan adopted by the city council by resolution on
44.16 December 12, 2006, and land and buildings for a community and recreation center. The
44.17 total amount of revenues from the taxes in subdivisions 1 and 2 that may be used to fund
44.18 these projects is \$12,000,000 plus any associated bond costs.

44.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after compliance by the
44.20 governing body of the city of Clearwater with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
44.21 subdivisions 2 and 3.

44.22 Sec. 10. **CITY OF CLOQUET; TAXES AUTHORIZED.**

44.23 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
44.24 297A.99, subdivision 1, 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance, or city
44.25 charter, if approved by the voters pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, the
44.26 city of Cloquet may impose by ordinance a sales and use tax of up to one-half of one
44.27 percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 3. Except as provided in this section, the
44.28 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, govern the imposition, administration,
44.29 collection, and enforcement of the tax authorized under this subdivision.

44.30 Subd. 2. **Excise tax authorized.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
44.31 297A.99, subdivision 1, 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance, or city
44.32 charter, the city of Cloquet may impose by ordinance, for the purposes specified in
44.33 subdivision 3, an excise tax of up to \$20 per motor vehicle, as defined by ordinance,

45.1 purchased or acquired from any person engaged within the city in the business of selling
45.2 motor vehicles at retail.

45.3 Subd. 3. **Use of revenues.** Revenues received from taxes authorized by subdivisions
45.4 1 and 2 must be used by the city to pay the cost of collecting the taxes and to pay for the
45.5 following projects:

45.6 (1) \$4,500,000 for construction and completion of park improvement projects,
45.7 including St. Louis River riverfront improvements; Veteran's Park construction and
45.8 improvements; improvements to the Hilltop Park soccer complex and Braun Park baseball
45.9 complex; capital equipment and building and grounds improvements at the Pine Valley
45.10 Park/Pine Valley Hockey Arena/Cloquet Area Recreation Center; and development of
45.11 pedestrian trails within the city;

45.12 (2) \$5,800,00 for extension of utilities and the construction of all improvements
45.13 associated with the development of property adjacent to Highway 33 and Interstate
45.14 Highway 35, including payment of all debt service on bonds issued for these; and

45.15 (3) \$6,200,000 for engineering and construction of infrastructure improvements,
45.16 including, but not limited to, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water in areas identified as
45.17 part of the city's comprehensive land use plan.

45.18 Authorized expenses include, but are not limited to, acquiring property and paying
45.19 construction expenses related to these improvements, and paying debt service on bonds or
45.20 other obligations issued to finance acquisition and construction of these improvements.

45.21 Subd. 4. **Bonding authority.** (a) The city may issue bonds under Minnesota
45.22 Statutes, chapter 475, to pay capital and administrative expenses for the improvements
45.23 described in subdivision 3 in an amount that does not exceed \$16,500,000. An election to
45.24 approve the bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, is not required.

45.25 (b) The issuance of bonds under this subdivision is not subject to Minnesota Statutes,
45.26 sections 275.60 and 275.61.

45.27 (c) The debt represented by the bonds is not included in computing any debt
45.28 limitation applicable to the city, and any levy of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section
45.29 475.61, to pay principal of and interest on the bonds is not subject to any levy limitation.

45.30 Subd. 5. **Termination of taxes.** The taxes imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2
45.31 expire at the earlier of (1) 30 years, or (2) when the city council determines that the amount
45.32 of revenues received from the taxes to finance the improvements described in subdivision
45.33 3 first equals or exceeds \$16,500,000, plus the additional amount needed to pay the costs
45.34 related to issuance of bonds under subdivision 4, including interest on the bonds. Any
45.35 funds remaining after completion of the project and retirement or redemption of the bonds

46.1 may be placed in the general fund of the city. The taxes imposed under subdivisions 1 and
46.2 2 may expire at an earlier time if the city so determines by ordinance.

46.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of
46.4 the city of Cloquet and its chief clerical officer timely comply with Minnesota Statutes,
46.5 section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

46.6 Sec. 11. **CITY OF FERGUS FALLS; SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED.**

46.7 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
46.8 297A.99, subdivision 1, or 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance, or city
46.9 charter, as approved by the voters at the November 2, 2010 general election, the city
46.10 of Fergus Falls may impose by ordinance a sales and use tax of up to one-half of one
46.11 percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 2. Except as provided in this section, the
46.12 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, govern the imposition, administration,
46.13 collection, and enforcement of the tax authorized under this subdivision.

46.14 Subd. 2. **Use of revenues.** Revenues received from taxes authorized by subdivision
46.15 1 must be used by the city of Fergus Falls to pay the cost of collecting the tax and to pay for
46.16 all or part of the costs of the acquisition and betterment of a regional community ice arena
46.17 facility. Authorized expenses include, but are not limited to, acquiring property, predesign,
46.18 design, and paying construction, furnishing, and equipment costs related to the facility and
46.19 paying debt service on bonds or other obligations issued by the Fergus Falls Port Authority
46.20 to finance the facility. The amount of revenues from the tax imposed under subdivision 1
46.21 that may be used to finance the facility and any associated costs is limited to \$6,600,000.

46.22 Subd. 3. **Termination of taxes.** The tax imposed under this section expires when
46.23 the Fergus Falls City Council determines that sufficient funds have been received from
46.24 the taxes to finance the facility and to prepay or retire at maturity the principal, interest,
46.25 and premium due on any bonds, including refunding bonds, issued by the Fergus Falls
46.26 Port Authority for the facility. Any funds remaining after completion of the facility and
46.27 retirement or redemption of the bonds may be placed in the general fund of the city of
46.28 Fergus Falls. The tax imposed under subdivision 1 may expire at an earlier time if the
46.29 city so determines by ordinance.

46.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body
46.31 of the city of Fergus Falls and its chief clerical officer timely comply with Minnesota
46.32 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

46.33 Sec. 12. **CITY OF HUTCHINSON; TAXES AUTHORIZED.**

47.1 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
47.2 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance, or city charter, as approved by
47.3 the voters at a referendum held at the 2010 general election, the city of Hutchinson
47.4 may impose by ordinance a sales and use tax of up to one-half of one percent for the
47.5 purposes specified in subdivision 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
47.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, governs the imposition, administration, collection,
47.7 and enforcement of the tax authorized under this subdivision. Minnesota Statutes, section
47.8 297A.99, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), does not apply to this section.

47.9 Subd. 2. **Excise tax authorized.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
47.10 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance, or city charter, the city of Hutchinson
47.11 may impose by ordinance, for the purposes specified in subdivision 3, an excise tax of up
47.12 to \$20 per motor vehicle, as defined by ordinance, purchased or acquired from any person
47.13 engaged within the city in the business of selling motor vehicles at retail.

47.14 Subd. 3. **Use of revenues.** Revenues received from the taxes authorized by this
47.15 section must be used to pay the cost of collecting and administering the tax and to finance
47.16 the costs of constructing the water treatment facility and renovating the wastewater
47.17 treatment facility in the city of Hutchinson. Authorized costs include, but are not limited
47.18 to, construction and engineering costs of the projects and associated bond costs.

47.19 Subd. 4. **Termination of tax.** The taxes authorized under subdivisions 1 and 2
47.20 terminate at the earlier of: (1) 18 years after the date of initial imposition of the tax; or
47.21 (2) when the Hutchinson City Council determines that the amount of revenues raised is
47.22 sufficient to pay for the projects under subdivision 3, plus the amount needed to finance
47.23 the capital and administrative costs for the projects specified in subdivision 3, and to repay
47.24 or retire at maturity the principal, interest, and premium due on any bonds issued for the
47.25 projects. Any funds remaining after completion of the projects specified in subdivision
47.26 3 and retirement or redemption of the associated bonds may be placed in the general
47.27 fund of the city. The taxes imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 may expire at an earlier
47.28 time if the city so determines by ordinance.

47.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after compliance by the
47.30 governing body of the city of Hutchinson with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
47.31 subdivisions 2 and 3.

47.32 **Sec. 13. CITY OF LANESBORO; SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED.**

47.33 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax authorized.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
47.34 sections 297A.99, subdivision 1, and 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance,
47.35 or city charter, as approved by the voters at the November 2, 2010, general election, the

48.1 city of Lanesboro may impose by ordinance a sales and use tax of up to one-half of one
48.2 percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 2. Except as provided in this section,
48.3 the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, govern the imposition of the tax
48.4 authorized under this subdivision.

48.5 Subd. 2. **Use of revenues.** Revenues received from the tax authorized under
48.6 subdivision 1 must be used by the city of Lanesboro to pay the costs of collecting the tax
48.7 and to pay for all or a part of the improvements to city streets and utility systems, and the
48.8 betterment of city municipal buildings consisting of (i) street and utility improvements to
48.9 Calhoun Avenue, Fillmore Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Pleasant Street, Kirkwood Street,
48.10 Auburn Avenue, and Zenith Street, and street light replacement on State Highways 250
48.11 and 16; (ii) improvements to utility systems consisting of wastewater treatment facility
48.12 improvements and electric utility improvements to the Lanesboro High Hazard Dam; and
48.13 (iii) improvements to the Lanesboro community center, library, and city hall, including
48.14 paying debt service on bonds or other obligations issued to fund these projects under
48.15 subdivision 3. The total amount of revenues from the taxes in subdivision 1 that may be
48.16 used to fund these projects is \$800,000 plus any associated bond costs.

48.17 Subd. 3. **Bonding authority.** The city of Lanesboro may issue bonds under
48.18 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 475, to pay capital and administrative expenses related to the
48.19 projects authorized in subdivision 2. An election to approve the bonds under Minnesota
48.20 Statutes, section 475.58, is not required. The issuance of bonds under this subdivision
48.21 is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections 275.60 and 275.61. The bonds are not
48.22 included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the city and the levy of taxes
48.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay principal and interest on the bonds is
48.24 not subject to any levy limitation.

48.25 The aggregate principal amount of the bonds plus the aggregate of the taxes used
48.26 directly to pay costs of the projects listed in subdivision 2 may not exceed \$800,000, plus
48.27 an amount equal to the costs related to issuance of the bonds and capitalized interest.

48.28 The taxes authorized in subdivision 1 may be pledged and used for payments of
48.29 the bonds and bonds issued to refund them, only if the bonds and any refunding bonds
48.30 are general obligations of the city.

48.31 Subd. 4. **Termination of tax.** The tax imposed under subdivision 1 expires when
48.32 the Lanesboro City Council determines that sufficient funds have been raised from the
48.33 taxes to finance the projects authorized under subdivision 2 and to prepay or retire at
48.34 maturity the principal, interest, and premium due on any bonds issued under subdivision 3.
48.35 Any funds remaining after completion of the project and retirement or redemption of the

49.1 bonds may be placed in the general fund of the city. The tax imposed under subdivision 1
49.2 may expire at an earlier time if the city so determines by ordinance.

49.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of
49.4 the city of Lanesboro and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
49.5 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

49.6 Sec. 14. **CITY OF MARSHALL; SALES AND USE TAX.**

49.7 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
49.8 297A.99, subdivisions 1 and 2, or 477A.016, or any other law, ordinance, or city charter,
49.9 the city of Marshall, if approved by the voters at a general election held within two
49.10 years of the date of final enactment of this section, may impose the tax authorized under
49.11 subdivision 2. Two separate ballot questions must be presented to the voters, one for each
49.12 of the two facility projects named in subdivision 3.

49.13 Subd. 2. **Sales and use tax authorized.** The city of Marshall may impose by
49.14 ordinance a sales and use tax of up to one-half of one percent for the purposes specified in
49.15 subdivision 3. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, except subdivisions
49.16 1 and 2, govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax
49.17 authorized under this subdivision.

49.18 Subd. 3. **Use of sales and use tax revenues.** The revenues derived from the tax
49.19 authorized under subdivision 2 must be used by the city of Marshall to pay the costs of
49.20 collecting and administering the sales and use tax and to pay all or part of the costs of the
49.21 new and existing facilities of the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industry Training
49.22 Center and all or part of the costs of the new facilities of the Southwest Minnesota
49.23 Regional Amateur Sports Center. Authorized expenses include, but are not limited to,
49.24 acquiring property, predesign, design, and paying construction, furnishing, and equipment
49.25 costs related to these facilities and paying debt service on bonds or other obligations issued
49.26 by the city of Marshall under subdivision 4 to finance the capital costs of these facilities.

49.27 Subd. 4. **Bonds.** (a) If the imposition of a sales and use tax is approved by the voters,
49.28 the city of Marshall may issue bonds under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 475, to finance all
49.29 or a portion of the costs of the facilities authorized in subdivision 3, and may issue bonds
49.30 to refund bonds previously issued. The aggregate principal amount of bonds issued under
49.31 this subdivision may not exceed \$17,290,000, plus an amount to be applied to the payment
49.32 of the costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds may be paid from or secured by any funds
49.33 available to the city of Marshall, including the tax authorized under subdivision 2.

49.34 (b) The bonds are not included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the
49.35 city of Marshall, and any levy of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay

50.1 principal and interest on the bonds, is not subject to any levy limitation. A separate
50.2 election to approve the bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, is not required.

50.3 Subd. 5. **Termination of taxes.** The tax imposed under subdivision 2 expires at the
50.4 earlier of (1) 15 years after the tax is first imposed, or (2) when the city council determines
50.5 that the amount of revenues received from the tax to pay for the capital and administrative
50.6 costs of the facilities under subdivision 3 first equals or exceeds the amount authorized to
50.7 be spent for the facilities plus the additional amount needed to pay the costs related to
50.8 issuance of the bonds under subdivision 4, including interest on the bonds. Any funds
50.9 remaining after payment of all such costs and retirement or redemption of the bonds shall
50.10 be placed in the general fund of the city. The tax imposed under subdivision 2 may expire
50.11 at an earlier time if the city so determines by ordinance.

50.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after compliance by the
50.13 governing body of the city of Marshall with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
50.14 subdivision 3.

50.15 **Sec. 15. CITY OF MEDFORD; SALES AND USE TAX.**

50.16 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax authorized.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
50.17 sections 297A.99, subdivision 1, and 477A.016, or any other provision of law, ordinance,
50.18 or city charter, if approved by the voters pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99,
50.19 at the next general election, the city of Medford may impose by ordinance a sales and use
50.20 tax of one-half of one percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 2. Except as
50.21 otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99,
50.22 govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax authorized
50.23 under this subdivision.

50.24 Subd. 2. **Use of revenues.** The proceeds of the tax imposed under this section must
50.25 be used by the city of Medford to pay the costs of collecting and administering the tax
50.26 and to repay loans received from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority since 2007
50.27 that were used to finance \$4,200,000 of improvements to the city's water and wastewater
50.28 systems.

50.29 Subd. 3. **Termination of taxes.** The tax imposed under this section expires at the
50.30 earlier of (1) 20 years after the date the taxes are first imposed, or (2) when the Medford
50.31 City Council determines that the amount of revenues received from the tax equals or
50.32 exceeds the sum of loans made to the city by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority
50.33 as described in subdivision 2, including interest on the loans. Any funds remaining
50.34 after completion of the repayment of the loans may be placed in the general fund of the

51.1 city. The tax imposed under subdivision 1 may expire at an earlier time if the city so
51.2 determines by ordinance.

51.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after compliance by the
51.4 governing body of the city of Medford with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
51.5 subdivision 3.

51.6 Sec. 16. **REPORT ON THE USE OF ZIP CODES IN COLLECTING AND**
51.7 **REMITTING LOCAL SALES TAXES.**

51.8 Subdivision 1. **Report to the legislature.** By March 1, 2012, the commissioner
51.9 of revenue shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
51.10 legislative committees with jurisdiction over local sales taxes reporting on the current use
51.11 of zip codes for the purposes of collecting and remitting local sales taxes, problems with
51.12 the current system, and suggestions for improvements.

51.13 Subd. 2. **Contents of the report.** The report shall include the following information:

51.14 (1) the current status of the department's development of a system that allows
51.15 vendors to identify the correct local sales tax based on a street address and the five-digit
51.16 zip code, as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, subdivision 10, including a
51.17 list of cities and townships that impose a local sales tax or do not impose a local sales tax
51.18 but share a zip code with a jurisdiction in which a local sales tax is imposed for which the
51.19 system has not been developed;

51.20 (2) a priority list and timeline for developing the required system outlined in
51.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, subdivision 10, for the cities and townships
51.22 identified in clause (1);

51.23 (3) the compliance by businesses with the requirement in Minnesota Statutes, section
51.24 297A.99, subdivision 10, that the tax be collected on the lowest combined rate within the
51.25 zip code for cities and townships identified in clause (1);

51.26 (4) the accuracy of the crediting and remittance of local sales taxes to the appropriate
51.27 taxing jurisdiction when two contiguous cities with different local sales tax authority
51.28 share a zip code; and

51.29 (5) recommendations for administrative or statutory changes to improve the accurate
51.30 collection and allocation of local sales tax revenues collected by the Department of
51.31 Revenue.

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

ARTICLE 5

PROPERTY TAXES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 126C.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Referendum market value.** "Referendum market value" means the market value of all taxable property, excluding property classified as class 2, ~~noncommercial~~ ~~4c(1), or 4c(4), or 4c(12)~~ under section 273.13. The portion of class 2a property consisting of the house, garage, and surrounding one acre of land of an agricultural homestead is included in referendum market value. Any class of property, or any portion of a class of property, that is included in the definition of referendum market value and that has a class rate of less than one percent under section 273.13 shall have a referendum market value equal to its net tax capacity multiplied by 100.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and thereafter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 272.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 95. **Electric generation facility; personal property.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 9, clause (a), and section 453.54, subdivision 20, attached machinery and other personal property that is part of a multiple reciprocating engine electric generation facility that adds more than 20 and less than 30 megawatts of installed capacity at a site where there is presently more than ten megawatts and fewer than 15 megawatts of installed capacity and that meets the requirements of this subdivision is exempt from taxation and from payments in lieu of taxation. At the time of construction, the facility must:

(1) be designed to utilize natural gas as a primary fuel;

(2) be owned and operated by a municipal power agency as defined in section 453.52, subdivision 8;

(3) be located within one mile of an existing natural gas pipeline;

(4) be designed to have black start capability and to furnish emergency backup power service to the city in which it is located;

(5) satisfy a resource deficiency identified in an approved integrated resource plan filed under section 216B.2422; and

(6) have received, by resolution, the approval of the governing bodies of the city and county in which it is located for the exemption of personal property provided by this subdivision.

53.1 (b) Construction of the facility must be commenced after December 31, 2011, and
 53.2 before January 1, 2015. Property eligible for this exemption does not include (i) electric
 53.3 transmission lines and interconnections or gas pipelines and interconnections appurtenant
 53.4 to the property or the facility; or (ii) property located on the site on the enactment date
 53.5 of this subdivision.

53.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for assessments in 2012, taxes
 53.7 payable in 2013, and thereafter.

53.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

53.9 Subdivision 1. **Notice.** Any county assessor or city assessor having the powers of a
 53.10 county assessor, valuing or classifying taxable real property shall in each year notify those
 53.11 persons whose property is to be included on the assessment roll that year if the person's
 53.12 address is known to the assessor, otherwise the occupant of the property. The notice shall
 53.13 be in writing and shall be sent by ordinary mail at least ten days before the meeting of
 53.14 the local board of appeal and equalization under section 274.01 or the review process
 53.15 established under section 274.13, subdivision 1c. Upon written request by the owner of the
 53.16 property, the assessor may send the notice in electronic form or by electronic mail instead
 53.17 of on paper or by ordinary mail. It shall contain: (1) the market value for the current and
 53.18 prior assessment, (2) ~~the limited market value under section 273.11, subdivision 1a, for~~
 53.19 ~~the current and prior assessment, (3) the qualifying amount of any improvements under~~
 53.20 ~~section 273.11, subdivision 16, for the current assessment, (4) (3) the market value subject~~
 53.21 ~~to taxation after subtracting the amount of any qualifying improvements for the current~~
 53.22 ~~assessment, (5) (4) the classification of the property for the current and prior assessment,~~
 53.23 ~~(6) a note that if the property is homestead and at least 45 years old, improvements made~~
 53.24 ~~to the property may be eligible for a valuation exclusion under section 273.11, subdivision~~
 53.25 ~~16, (7) (5) the assessor's office address, and (8) (6) the dates, places, and times set for the~~
 53.26 ~~meetings of the local board of appeal and equalization, the review process established~~
 53.27 ~~under section 274.13, subdivision 1c, and the county board of appeal and equalization. If~~
 53.28 the classification of the property has changed between the current and prior assessments, a
 53.29 specific note to that effect shall be prominently listed on the statement. The commissioner
 53.30 of revenue shall specify the form of the notice. The assessor shall attach to the assessment
 53.31 roll a statement that the notices required by this section have been mailed. Any assessor
 53.32 who is not provided sufficient funds from the assessor's governing body to provide such
 53.33 notices, may make application to the commissioner of revenue to finance such notices.
 53.34 The commissioner of revenue shall conduct an investigation and, if satisfied that the
 53.35 assessor does not have the necessary funds, issue a certification to the commissioner

of management and budget of the amount necessary to provide such notices. The commissioner of management and budget shall issue a warrant for such amount and shall deduct such amount from any state payment to such county or municipality. The necessary funds to make such payments are hereby appropriated. Failure to receive the notice shall in no way affect the validity of the assessment, the resulting tax, the procedures of any board of review or equalization, or the enforcement of delinquent taxes by statutory means.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for notifications for taxes payable in 2013 and thereafter.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.13, subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. **Class 4.** (a) Class 4a is residential real estate containing four or more units and used or held for use by the owner or by the tenants or lessees of the owner as a residence for rental periods of 30 days or more, excluding property qualifying for class 4d. Class 4a also includes hospitals licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, other than hospitals exempt under section 272.02, and contiguous property used for hospital purposes, without regard to whether the property has been platted or subdivided. The market value of class 4a property has a class rate of 1.25 percent.

(b) Class 4b includes:

(1) residential real estate containing less than four units that does not qualify as class 4bb, other than seasonal residential recreational property;

(2) manufactured homes not classified under any other provision;

(3) a dwelling, garage, and surrounding one acre of property on a nonhomestead farm classified under subdivision 23, paragraph (b) containing two or three units; and

(4) unimproved property that is classified residential as determined under subdivision 33.

The market value of class 4b property has a class rate of 1.25 percent.

(c) Class 4bb includes:

(1) nonhomestead residential real estate containing one unit, other than seasonal residential recreational property; and

(2) a single family dwelling, garage, and surrounding one acre of property on a nonhomestead farm classified under subdivision 23, paragraph (b).

Class 4bb property has the same class rates as class 1a property under subdivision 22.

Property that has been classified as seasonal residential recreational property at any time during which it has been owned by the current owner or spouse of the current owner does not qualify for class 4bb.

(d) Class 4c property includes:

55.1 (1) except as provided in subdivision 22, paragraph (c), real and personal property
55.2 devoted to commercial temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreation
55.3 purposes, ~~including real and personal property devoted to temporary and seasonal~~
55.4 ~~residential occupancy for recreation purposes and not devoted to commercial purposes for~~
55.5 not more than 250 days in the year preceding the year of assessment. For purposes of this
55.6 clause, property is devoted to a commercial purpose on a specific day if any portion of the
55.7 property is used for residential occupancy, and a fee is charged for residential occupancy.
55.8 Class 4c property under this clause must contain three or more rental units. A "rental unit"
55.9 is defined as a cabin, condominium, townhouse, sleeping room, or individual camping site
55.10 equipped with water and electrical hookups for recreational vehicles. ~~Class 4c property~~
55.11 ~~under this clause must provide recreational activities such as renting ice fishing houses,~~
55.12 ~~boats and motors, snowmobiles, downhill or cross-country ski equipment, provide marina~~
55.13 ~~services, launch services, or guide services; or sell bait and fishing tackle.~~ A camping pad
55.14 offered for rent by a property that otherwise qualifies for class 4c under this clause is also
55.15 class 4c under this clause regardless of the term of the rental agreement, as long as the use
55.16 of the camping pad does not exceed 250 days. In order for a property to be classified ~~as~~
55.17 ~~class 4c, seasonal residential recreational for commercial purposes~~ under this clause, either
55.18 (i) the business located on the property must provide recreational activities, at least 40
55.19 percent of the annual gross lodging receipts related to the property must be from business
55.20 conducted during 90 consecutive days, and either (i) (A) at least 60 percent of all paid
55.21 bookings by lodging guests during the year must be for periods of at least two consecutive
55.22 nights; or (ii) (B) at least 20 percent of the annual gross receipts must be from charges
55.23 ~~for rental of fish houses, boats and motors, snowmobiles, downhill or cross-country ski~~
55.24 ~~equipment, or charges for marina services, launch services, and guide services, or the sale~~
55.25 ~~of bait and fishing tackle~~ providing recreational activities, or (ii) the business must contain
55.26 20 or fewer rental units, and must be located in a township or a city with a population of
55.27 2,500 or less located outside the metropolitan area, as defined under section 473.121,
55.28 subdivision 2, that contains a portion of a state trail administered by the Department of
55.29 Natural Resources. For purposes of ~~this determination~~ item (i)(A), a paid booking of
55.30 five or more nights shall be counted as two bookings. Class 4c property ~~classified under~~
55.31 ~~this clause~~ also includes commercial use real property used exclusively for recreational
55.32 purposes in conjunction with other class 4c property classified under this clause and
55.33 devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreational purposes, up to a
55.34 total of two acres, provided the property is not devoted to commercial recreational use for
55.35 more than 250 days in the year preceding the year of assessment and is located within two
55.36 miles of the class 4c property with which it is used. ~~Owners of real and personal property~~

56.1 ~~devoted to temporary and seasonal residential occupancy for recreation purposes and all~~
56.2 ~~or a portion of which was devoted to commercial purposes for not more than 250 days in~~
56.3 ~~the year preceding the year of assessment desiring classification as class 4c.~~ In order for a
56.4 property to qualify for classification under this clause, the owner must submit a declaration
56.5 to the assessor designating the cabins or units occupied for 250 days or less in the year
56.6 preceding the year of assessment by January 15 of the assessment year. Those cabins or
56.7 units and a proportionate share of the land on which they are located must be designated
56.8 class 4c under this clause as otherwise provided. The remainder of the cabins or units and
56.9 a proportionate share of the land on which they are located will be designated as class 3a.
56.10 The owner of property desiring designation as class 4c property under this clause must
56.11 provide guest registers or other records demonstrating that the units for which class 4c
56.12 designation is sought were not occupied for more than 250 days in the year preceding the
56.13 assessment if so requested. The portion of a property operated as a (1) restaurant, (2) bar,
56.14 (3) gift shop, (4) conference center or meeting room, and (5) other nonresidential facility
56.15 operated on a commercial basis not directly related to temporary and seasonal residential
56.16 occupancy for recreation purposes does not qualify for class 4c. For the purposes of this
56.17 paragraph, "recreational activities" means renting ice fishing houses, boats and motors,
56.18 snowmobiles, downhill or cross-country ski equipment; providing marina services, launch
56.19 services, or guide services; or selling bait and fishing tackle;

56.20 (2) qualified property used as a golf course if:

56.21 (i) it is open to the public on a daily fee basis. It may charge membership fees or
56.22 dues, but a membership fee may not be required in order to use the property for golfing,
56.23 and its green fees for golfing must be comparable to green fees typically charged by
56.24 municipal courses; and

56.25 (ii) it meets the requirements of section 273.112, subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

56.26 A structure used as a clubhouse, restaurant, or place of refreshment in conjunction
56.27 with the golf course is classified as class 3a property;

56.28 (3) real property up to a maximum of three acres of land owned and used by a
56.29 nonprofit community service oriented organization and not used for residential purposes
56.30 on either a temporary or permanent basis, provided that:

56.31 (i) the property is not used for a revenue-producing activity for more than six days
56.32 in the calendar year preceding the year of assessment; or

56.33 (ii) the organization makes annual charitable contributions and donations at least
56.34 equal to the property's previous year's property taxes and the property is allowed to be
56.35 used for public and community meetings or events for no charge, as appropriate to the
56.36 size of the facility.

57.1 For purposes of this clause,

57.2 (A) "charitable contributions and donations" has the same meaning as lawful
57.3 gambling purposes under section 349.12, subdivision 25, excluding those purposes
57.4 relating to the payment of taxes, assessments, fees, auditing costs, and utility payments;

57.5 (B) "property taxes" excludes the state general tax;

57.6 (C) a "nonprofit community service oriented organization" means any corporation,
57.7 society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for
57.8 charitable, religious, fraternal, civic, or educational purposes, and which is exempt from
57.9 federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3), (8), (10), or (19) of the Internal
57.10 Revenue Code; and

57.11 (D) "revenue-producing activities" shall include but not be limited to property or that
57.12 portion of the property that is used as an on-sale intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt
57.13 liquor establishment licensed under chapter 340A, a restaurant open to the public, bowling
57.14 alley, a retail store, gambling conducted by organizations licensed under chapter 349, an
57.15 insurance business, or office or other space leased or rented to a lessee who conducts a
57.16 for-profit enterprise on the premises.

57.17 Any portion of the property not qualifying under either item (i) or (ii) is class 3a. The use
57.18 of the property for social events open exclusively to members and their guests for periods
57.19 of less than 24 hours, when an admission is not charged nor any revenues are received by
57.20 the organization shall not be considered a revenue-producing activity.

57.21 The organization shall maintain records of its charitable contributions and donations
57.22 and of public meetings and events held on the property and make them available upon
57.23 request any time to the assessor to ensure eligibility. An organization meeting the
57.24 requirement under item (ii) must file an application by May 1 with the assessor for
57.25 eligibility for the current year's assessment. The commissioner shall prescribe a uniform
57.26 application form and instructions;

57.27 (4) postsecondary student housing of not more than one acre of land that is owned by
57.28 a nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A and is used exclusively by a student
57.29 cooperative, sorority, or fraternity for on-campus housing or housing located within two
57.30 miles of the border of a college campus;

57.31 (5) (i) manufactured home parks as defined in section 327.14, subdivision 3,
57.32 excluding manufactured home parks described in section 273.124, subdivision 3a, and (ii)
57.33 manufactured home parks as defined in section 327.14, subdivision 3, that are described in
57.34 section 273.124, subdivision 3a;

58.1 (6) real property that is actively and exclusively devoted to indoor fitness, health,
58.2 social, recreational, and related uses, is owned and operated by a not-for-profit corporation,
58.3 and is located within the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2;

58.4 (7) a leased or privately owned noncommercial aircraft storage hangar not exempt
58.5 under section 272.01, subdivision 2, and the land on which it is located, provided that:

58.6 (i) the land is on an airport owned or operated by a city, town, county, Metropolitan
58.7 Airports Commission, or group thereof; and

58.8 (ii) the land lease, or any ordinance or signed agreement restricting the use of the
58.9 leased premise, prohibits commercial activity performed at the hangar.

58.10 If a hangar classified under this clause is sold after June 30, 2000, a bill of sale must
58.11 be filed by the new owner with the assessor of the county where the property is located
58.12 within 60 days of the sale;

58.13 (8) a privately owned noncommercial aircraft storage hangar not exempt under
58.14 section 272.01, subdivision 2, and the land on which it is located, provided that:

58.15 (i) the land abuts a public airport; and

58.16 (ii) the owner of the aircraft storage hangar provides the assessor with a signed
58.17 agreement restricting the use of the premises, prohibiting commercial use or activity
58.18 performed at the hangar; and

58.19 (9) residential real estate, a portion of which is used by the owner for homestead
58.20 purposes, and that is also a place of lodging, if all of the following criteria are met:

58.21 (i) rooms are provided for rent to transient guests that generally stay for periods
58.22 of 14 or fewer days;

58.23 (ii) meals are provided to persons who rent rooms, the cost of which is incorporated
58.24 in the basic room rate;

58.25 (iii) meals are not provided to the general public except for special events on fewer
58.26 than seven days in the calendar year preceding the year of the assessment; and

58.27 (iv) the owner is the operator of the property.

58.28 The market value subject to the 4c classification under this clause is limited to five rental
58.29 units. Any rental units on the property in excess of five, must be valued and assessed as
58.30 class 3a. The portion of the property used for purposes of a homestead by the owner must
58.31 be classified as class 1a property under subdivision 22;

58.32 (10) real property up to a maximum of three acres and operated as a restaurant
58.33 as defined under section 157.15, subdivision 12, provided it: (A) is located on a lake
58.34 as defined under section 103G.005, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (3); and (B)
58.35 is either devoted to commercial purposes for not more than 250 consecutive days, or
58.36 receives at least 60 percent of its annual gross receipts from business conducted during

59.1 four consecutive months. Gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages must be
59.2 included in determining the property's qualification under subitem (B). The property's
59.3 primary business must be as a restaurant and not as a bar. Gross receipts from gift shop
59.4 sales located on the premises must be excluded. Owners of real property desiring 4c
59.5 classification under this clause must submit an annual declaration to the assessor by
59.6 February 1 of the current assessment year, based on the property's relevant information for
59.7 the preceding assessment year; ~~and~~

59.8 (11) lakeshore and riparian property and adjacent land, not to exceed six acres, used
59.9 as a marina, as defined in section 86A.20, subdivision 5, which is made accessible to
59.10 the public and devoted to recreational use for marina services. The marina owner must
59.11 annually provide evidence to the assessor that it provides services, including lake or river
59.12 access to the public by means of an access ramp or other facility that is either located on
59.13 the property of the marina or at a publicly owned site that abuts the property of the marina.
59.14 No more than 800 feet of lakeshore may be included in this classification. Buildings used
59.15 in conjunction with a marina for marina services, including but not limited to buildings
59.16 used to provide food and beverage services, fuel, boat repairs, or the sale of bait or fishing
59.17 tackle, are classified as class 3a property; and

59.18 (12) real and personal property devoted to noncommercial temporary and seasonal
59.19 residential occupancy for recreation purposes.

59.20 Class 4c property has a class rate of 1.5 percent of market value, except that (i)
59.21 each parcel of noncommercial seasonal residential recreational property ~~not used for~~
59.22 ~~commercial purposes~~ under clause (12) has the same class rates as class 4bb property, (ii)
59.23 manufactured home parks assessed under clause (5), item (i), have the same class rate
59.24 as class 4b property, and the market value of manufactured home parks assessed under
59.25 clause (5), item (ii), has the same class rate as class 4d property if more than 50 percent
59.26 of the lots in the park are occupied by shareholders in the cooperative corporation or
59.27 association and a class rate of one percent if 50 percent or less of the lots are so occupied,
59.28 (iii) commercial-use seasonal residential recreational property and marina recreational
59.29 land as described in clause (11), has a class rate of one percent for the first \$500,000 of
59.30 market value, and 1.25 percent for the remaining market value, (iv) the market value of
59.31 property described in clause (4) has a class rate of one percent, (v) the market value of
59.32 property described in clauses (2), (6), and (10) has a class rate of 1.25 percent, and (vi)
59.33 that portion of the market value of property in clause (9) qualifying for class 4c property
59.34 has a class rate of 1.25 percent.

59.35 (e) Class 4d property is qualifying low-income rental housing certified to the assessor
59.36 by the Housing Finance Agency under section 273.128, subdivision 3. If only a portion

of the units in the building qualify as low-income rental housing units as certified under section 273.128, subdivision 3, only the proportion of qualifying units to the total number of units in the building qualify for class 4d. The remaining portion of the building shall be classified by the assessor based upon its use. Class 4d also includes the same proportion of land as the qualifying low-income rental housing units are to the total units in the building. For all properties qualifying as class 4d, the market value determined by the assessor must be based on the normal approach to value using normal unrestricted rents.

Class 4d property has a class rate of 0.75 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and thereafter.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.13, subdivision 34, is amended to read:

Subd. 34. **Homestead of disabled veteran or family caregiver.** (a) All or a portion of the market value of property owned by a veteran ~~or by the veteran and the~~ and serving as the veteran's spouse ~~qualifying for homestead classification under subdivision 22 or 23,~~ is excluded in determining the property's taxable market value if ~~it serves as the homestead of a military veteran, as defined in section 197.447, who~~ has a service-connected disability of 70 percent or more as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for exclusion under this subdivision, the veteran must have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces, as indicated by United States Government Form DD214 or other official military discharge papers, ~~and must be certified by the United States Veterans Administration as having a service-connected disability.~~

(b)(1) For a disability rating of 70 percent or more, \$150,000 of market value is excluded, except as provided in clause (2); and

(2) for a total (100 percent) and permanent disability, \$300,000 of market value is excluded.

(c) If:

(1) a disabled veteran qualifying for a valuation exclusion under paragraph (b),
clause (2); or

(2) a member of any branch or unit of the United States armed forces who dies due to a service-connected cause while serving honorably in active service, as indicated on United States Government Form DD1300 or DD2064;

predeceases the veteran's or service member's spouse, and if upon the death of the veteran or service member the spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead and permanently resides there, the exclusion shall carry over to the benefit of the ~~veteran's~~

61.1 spouse for ~~one additional assessment year~~ the current taxes payable year and for five
61.2 additional taxes payable years or until such time as the spouse remarries, or sells, transfers,
61.3 or otherwise disposes of the property, whichever comes first.

61.4 (d) A surviving spouse qualifying for a market valuation exclusion under paragraph
61.5 (c), clause (2), is eligible for the same level of benefit as that described in paragraph
61.6 (b), clause (2).

61.7 (e) If a veteran meets the disability criteria of paragraph (a) but does not own
61.8 property classified as homestead in the state of Minnesota, then the homestead of the
61.9 veteran's primary family caregiver, if any, is eligible for the exclusion that the veteran
61.10 would otherwise qualify for under paragraph (b).

61.11 ~~(d)~~ (f) In the case of an agricultural homestead, only the portion of the property
61.12 consisting of the house and garage and immediately surrounding one acre of land qualifies
61.13 for the valuation exclusion under this subdivision.

61.14 ~~(e)~~ (g) A property qualifying for a valuation exclusion under this subdivision is
61.15 not eligible for the credit under section 273.1384, subdivision 1, or classification under
61.16 subdivision 22, paragraph (b).

61.17 ~~(f)~~ (h) To qualify for a valuation exclusion under this subdivision a property owner
61.18 must apply to the assessor by July 1 of each assessment year, except that an annual
61.19 reapplication is not required once a property has been accepted for a valuation exclusion
61.20 under paragraph (a) and qualifies for the benefit described in paragraph (b), clause (2), and
61.21 the property continues to qualify until there is a change in ownership.

61.22 (i) A first-time application by a qualifying spouse for the market value exclusion
61.23 under paragraph (c), clause (2), may be made at any time during the year of or year
61.24 following the death of the veteran or service member who predeceased the spouse.

61.25 (j) For purposes of this subdivision:

61.26 (1) "active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05;

61.27 (2) "own" means that the person's name is present as an owner on the property deed;

61.28 (3) "primary family caregiver" means a person who is approved by the secretary of
61.29 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance as the primary provider
61.30 of personal care services for an eligible veteran under the Program of Comprehensive
61.31 Assistance for Family Caregivers, as established by Public Law 111–163 and codified as
61.32 United States Code, title 38, section 1720G, as amended by Congress at any time; and

61.33 (4) "veteran" has the meaning given the term in section 197.447.

61.34 (k) The purpose of this provision of law providing a level of homestead property tax
61.35 relief for gravely disabled veterans, their primary family caregivers, and their surviving

62.1 spouses is to help ease the burdens of war for those among our state's citizens who bear
62.2 those burdens most heavily.

62.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for assessment year 2011 and
62.4 thereafter, for taxes payable in 2012 and thereafter.

62.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.025, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

62.6 Subdivision 1. **Levy amount.** The state general levy is levied against
62.7 commercial-industrial property and seasonal residential recreational property, as defined
62.8 in this section. The state general levy base amount for commercial-industrial property is
62.9 ~~\$592,000,000~~ \$739,000,000 for taxes payable in ~~2002~~ 2012. The state general levy base
62.10 amount for seasonal recreational property is \$40,600,000 for taxes payable in 2012. For
62.11 taxes payable in subsequent years, ~~the~~ each levy base amount is increased each year by
62.12 multiplying the levy base amount for the prior year by the sum of one plus the rate of
62.13 increase, if any, in the implicit price deflator for government consumption expenditures
62.14 and gross investment for state and local governments prepared by the Bureau of Economic
62.15 Analysts of the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month period ending
62.16 March 31 of the year prior to the year the taxes are payable. The tax under this section is
62.17 not treated as a local tax rate under section 469.177 and is not the levy of a governmental
62.18 unit under chapters 276A and 473F.

62.19 The commissioner shall increase or decrease the preliminary or final rate for a year
62.20 as necessary to account for errors and tax base changes that affected a preliminary or final
62.21 rate for either of the two preceding years. Adjustments are allowed to the extent that the
62.22 necessary information is available to the commissioner at the time the rates for a year must
62.23 be certified, and for the following reasons:

62.24 (1) an erroneous report of taxable value by a local official;

62.25 (2) an erroneous calculation by the commissioner; and

62.26 (3) an increase or decrease in taxable value for commercial-industrial or seasonal
62.27 residential recreational property reported on the abstracts of tax lists submitted under
62.28 section 275.29 that was not reported on the abstracts of assessment submitted under
62.29 section 270C.89 for the same year.

62.30 The commissioner may, but need not, make adjustments if the total difference in the tax
62.31 levied for the year would be less than \$100,000.

62.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
62.33 thereafter.

63.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.025, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.2 Subd. 3. **Seasonal residential recreational tax capacity.** For the purposes of this
63.3 section, "seasonal residential recreational tax capacity" means the tax capacity of tier III
63.4 of class 1c under section 273.13, subdivision 22, and all class 4c(1) ~~and~~ 4c(3)(ii), and
63.5 4c(12) property under section 273.13, subdivision 25, except that the first \$76,000 of
63.6 market value of each noncommercial class ~~4c(1)~~ 4c(12) property has a tax capacity for this
63.7 purpose equal to 40 percent of its tax capacity under section 273.13.

63.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
63.9 thereafter.

63.10 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

63.11 Subd. 4. **Apportionment and levy of state general tax.** ~~Ninety-five percent of The~~
63.12 state general tax must be levied by applying a uniform rate to all commercial-industrial tax
63.13 capacity and ~~five percent of the state general tax must be levied by applying~~ a uniform
63.14 rate to all seasonal residential recreational tax capacity. On or before October 1 each
63.15 year, the commissioner of revenue shall certify the preliminary state general levy rates to
63.16 each county auditor that must be used to prepare the notices of proposed property taxes
63.17 for taxes payable in the following year. By January 1 of each year, the commissioner
63.18 shall certify the final state general levy ~~rate~~ rates to each county auditor that shall be
63.19 used in spreading taxes.

63.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
63.21 thereafter.

63.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.066, is amended to read:

63.23 **275.066 SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; DEFINITION.**

63.24 For the purposes of property taxation and property tax state aids, the term "special
63.25 taxing districts" includes the following entities:

- 63.26 (1) watershed districts under chapter 103D;
63.27 (2) sanitary districts under sections 115.18 to 115.37;
63.28 (3) regional sanitary sewer districts under sections 115.61 to 115.67;
63.29 (4) regional public library districts under section 134.201;
63.30 (5) park districts under chapter 398;
63.31 (6) ~~regional railroad authorities under chapter 398A;~~
63.32 (7) hospital districts under sections 447.31 to 447.38;

64.1 ~~(8)~~ (7) St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission under sections 458A.01 to
 64.2 458A.15;
 64.3 ~~(9)~~ (8) Duluth Transit Authority under sections 458A.21 to 458A.37;
 64.4 ~~(10)~~ (9) regional development commissions under sections 462.381 to 462.398;
 64.5 ~~(11)~~ (10) housing and redevelopment authorities under sections 469.001 to 469.047;
 64.6 ~~(12)~~ (11) port authorities under sections 469.048 to 469.068;
 64.7 ~~(13)~~ (12) economic development authorities under sections 469.090 to 469.1081;
 64.8 ~~(14)~~ (13) Metropolitan Council under sections 473.123 to 473.549;
 64.9 ~~(15)~~ (14) Metropolitan Airports Commission under sections 473.601 to 473.680;
 64.10 ~~(16)~~ (15) Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission under sections 473.701 to
 64.11 473.716;
 64.12 ~~(17)~~ (16) Morrison County Rural Development Financing Authority under Laws
 64.13 1982, chapter 437, section 1;
 64.14 ~~(18)~~ (17) Croft Historical Park District under Laws 1984, chapter 502, article 13,
 64.15 section 6;
 64.16 ~~(19)~~ (18) East Lake County Medical Clinic District under Laws 1989, chapter 211,
 64.17 sections 1 to 6;
 64.18 ~~(20)~~ (19) Floodwood Area Ambulance District under Laws 1993, chapter 375,
 64.19 article 5, section 39;
 64.20 ~~(21)~~ (20) Middle Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization under
 64.21 sections 103B.211 and 103B.241;
 64.22 ~~(22)~~ (21) emergency medical services special taxing districts under section 144F.01;
 64.23 ~~(23)~~ (22) a county levying under the authority of section 103B.241, 103B.245,
 64.24 or 103B.251;
 64.25 ~~(24)~~ (23) Southern St. Louis County Special Taxing District; Chris Jensen Nursing
 64.26 Home under Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 21, article 4, section 12;
 64.27 ~~(25)~~ (24) an airport authority created under section 360.0426; and
 64.28 ~~(26)~~ (25) any other political subdivision of the state of Minnesota, excluding
 64.29 counties, school districts, cities, and towns, that has the power to adopt and certify a
 64.30 property tax levy to the county auditor, as determined by the commissioner of revenue.

64.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 64.32 thereafter.

64.33 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

64.34 Subd. 5. **Special levies.** "Special levies" means those portions of ad valorem taxes
 64.35 levied by a local governmental unit for the following purposes or in the following manner:

- 65.1 (1) to pay the costs of the principal and interest on bonded indebtedness or to
65.2 reimburse for the amount of liquor store revenues used to pay the principal and interest
65.3 due on municipal liquor store bonds in the year preceding the year for which the levy
65.4 limit is calculated;
- 65.5 (2) to pay the costs of principal and interest on certificates of indebtedness issued for
65.6 any corporate purpose except for the following:
- 65.7 (i) tax anticipation or aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness;
- 65.8 (ii) certificates of indebtedness issued under sections 298.28 and 298.282;
- 65.9 (iii) certificates of indebtedness used to fund current expenses or to pay the costs of
65.10 extraordinary expenditures that result from a public emergency; or
- 65.11 (iv) certificates of indebtedness used to fund an insufficiency in tax receipts or an
65.12 insufficiency in other revenue sources, provided that nothing in this subdivision limits the
65.13 special levy authorized under section 475.755;
- 65.14 (3) to provide for the bonded indebtedness portion of payments made to another
65.15 political subdivision of the state of Minnesota;
- 65.16 (4) to fund payments made to the Minnesota State Armory Building Commission
65.17 under section 193.145, subdivision 2, to retire the principal and interest on armory
65.18 construction bonds;
- 65.19 (5) property taxes approved by voters which are levied against the referendum
65.20 market value as provided under section 275.61;
- 65.21 (6) to fund matching requirements needed to qualify for federal or state grants or
65.22 programs to the extent that either (i) the matching requirement exceeds the matching
65.23 requirement in calendar year 2001, or (ii) it is a new matching requirement that did not
65.24 exist prior to 2002;
- 65.25 (7) to pay the expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in preparing for or
65.26 repairing the effects of natural disaster including the occurrence or threat of widespread
65.27 or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from natural causes, in
65.28 accordance with standards formulated by the Emergency Services Division of the state
65.29 Department of Public Safety, as allowed by the commissioner of revenue under section
65.30 275.74, subdivision 2;
- 65.31 (8) pay amounts required to correct an error in the levy certified to the county
65.32 auditor by a city or county in a levy year, but only to the extent that when added to the
65.33 preceding year's levy it is not in excess of an applicable statutory, special law or charter
65.34 limitation, or the limitation imposed on the governmental subdivision by sections 275.70
65.35 to 275.74 in the preceding levy year;
- 65.36 (9) to pay an abatement under section 469.1815;

66.1 (10) to pay any costs attributable to increases in the employer contribution rates
66.2 under chapter 353, or locally administered pension plans, that are effective after June
66.3 30, 2001;

66.4 (11) to pay the operating or maintenance costs of a county jail as authorized in
66.5 section 641.01 or 641.262, or of a correctional facility as defined in section 241.021,
66.6 subdivision 1, paragraph (f), to the extent that the county can demonstrate to the
66.7 commissioner of revenue that the amount has been included in the county budget as
66.8 a direct result of a rule, minimum requirement, minimum standard, or directive of the
66.9 Department of Corrections, or to pay the operating or maintenance costs of a regional jail
66.10 as authorized in section 641.262. For purposes of this clause, a district court order is
66.11 not a rule, minimum requirement, minimum standard, or directive of the Department of
66.12 Corrections. If the county utilizes this special levy, except to pay operating or maintenance
66.13 costs of a new regional jail facility under sections 641.262 to 641.264 which will not
66.14 replace an existing jail facility, any amount levied by the county in the previous levy year
66.15 for the purposes specified under this clause and included in the county's previous year's
66.16 levy limitation computed under section 275.71, shall be deducted from the levy limit
66.17 base under section 275.71, subdivision 2, when determining the county's current year
66.18 levy limitation. The county shall provide the necessary information to the commissioner
66.19 of revenue for making this determination;

66.20 (12) to pay for operation of a lake improvement district, as authorized under section
66.21 103B.555. If the county utilizes this special levy, any amount levied by the county in the
66.22 previous levy year for the purposes specified under this clause and included in the county's
66.23 previous year's levy limitation computed under section 275.71 shall be deducted from
66.24 the levy limit base under section 275.71, subdivision 2, when determining the county's
66.25 current year levy limitation. The county shall provide the necessary information to the
66.26 commissioner of revenue for making this determination;

66.27 (13) to repay a state or federal loan used to fund the direct or indirect required
66.28 spending by the local government due to a state or federal transportation project or other
66.29 state or federal capital project. This authority may only be used if the project is not a
66.30 local government initiative;

66.31 (14) to pay for court administration costs as required under section 273.1398,
66.32 subdivision 4b, less the (i) county's share of transferred fines and fees collected by the
66.33 district courts in the county for calendar year 2001 and (ii) the aid amount certified to be
66.34 paid to the county in 2004 under section 273.1398, subdivision 4c; however, for taxes
66.35 levied to pay for these costs in the year in which the court financing is transferred to the

67.1 state, the amount under this clause is limited to the amount of aid the county is certified to
67.2 receive under section 273.1398, subdivision 4a;

67.3 (15) to fund a police or firefighters relief association as required under section 69.77
67.4 to the extent that the required amount exceeds the amount levied for this purpose in 2001;

67.5 (16) for purposes of a storm sewer improvement district under section 444.20;

67.6 (17) to pay for the maintenance and support of a city or county society for the
67.7 prevention of cruelty to animals under section 343.11, but not to exceed in any year
67.8 \$4,800 or the sum of \$1 per capita based on the county's or city's population as of the most
67.9 recent federal census, whichever is greater. If the city or county uses this special levy, any
67.10 amount levied by the city or county in the previous levy year for the purposes specified
67.11 in this clause and included in the city's or county's previous year's levy limit computed
67.12 under section 275.71, must be deducted from the levy limit base under section 275.71,
67.13 subdivision 2, in determining the city's or county's current year levy limit;

67.14 (18) for counties, to pay for the increase in their share of health and human service
67.15 costs caused by reductions in federal health and human services grants effective after
67.16 September 30, 2007;

67.17 (19) for a city, for the costs reasonably and necessarily incurred for securing,
67.18 maintaining, or demolishing foreclosed or abandoned residential properties, as allowed by
67.19 the commissioner of revenue under section 275.74, subdivision 2. A city must have either
67.20 (i) a foreclosure rate of at least 1.4 percent in 2007, or (ii) a foreclosure rate in 2007 in
67.21 the city or in a zip code area of the city that is at least 50 percent higher than the average
67.22 foreclosure rate in the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2,
67.23 to use this special levy. For purposes of this paragraph, "foreclosure rate" means the
67.24 number of foreclosures, as indicated by sheriff sales records, divided by the number of
67.25 households in the city in 2007;

67.26 (20) for a city, for the unreimbursed costs of redeployed traffic-control agents and
67.27 lost traffic citation revenue due to the collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge, as certified
67.28 to the Federal Highway Administration;

67.29 (21) to pay costs attributable to wages and benefits for sheriff, police, and fire
67.30 personnel. If a local governmental unit did not use this special levy in the previous year its
67.31 levy limit base under section 275.71 shall be reduced by the amount equal to the amount it
67.32 levied for the purposes specified in this clause in the previous year;

67.33 (22) an amount equal to any reductions in the certified aids ~~or credit reimbursements~~
67.34 payable under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, ~~and section 273.1384,~~ due to unallotment
67.35 under section 16A.152 or reductions under another provision of law. The amount of the
67.36 levy allowed under this clause for each year is limited to the amount unallotted or reduced

68.1 from the aids ~~and credit reimbursements~~ certified for payment in the year following the
 68.2 calendar year in which the tax levy is certified unless the unallotment ~~or reduction~~ amount
 68.3 is not known by September 1 of the levy certification year, and the local government has
 68.4 not adjusted its levy under section 275.065, subdivision 6, or 275.07, subdivision 6, in
 68.5 which case that unallotment or reduction amount may be levied in the following year;

68.6 (23) to pay for the difference between one-half of the costs of confining sex offenders
 68.7 undergoing the civil commitment process and any state payments for this purpose pursuant
 68.8 to section 253B.185, subdivision 5; and

68.9 (24) for a county to pay the costs of the first year of maintaining and operating a new
 68.10 facility or new expansion, either of which contains courts, corrections, dispatch, criminal
 68.11 investigation labs, or other public safety facilities and for which all or a portion of the
 68.12 funding for the site acquisition, building design, site preparation, construction, and related
 68.13 equipment was issued or authorized prior to the imposition of levy limits in 2008. The
 68.14 levy limit base shall then be increased by an amount equal to the new facility's first full
 68.15 year's operating costs as described in this clause; ~~and,~~

68.16 ~~(25) for the estimated amount of reduction to market value credit reimbursements~~
 68.17 ~~under section 273.1384 for credits payable in the year in which the levy is payable.~~

68.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes levied in 2012.

68.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

68.20 Subd. 2. **Levy limit base.** (a) The levy limit base for a local governmental unit for
 68.21 taxes levied in 2008 is its levy aid base from the previous year, subject to any adjustments
 68.22 under section 275.72. For taxes levied in 2009 ~~and 2010~~ through 2012, the levy limit base
 68.23 for a local governmental unit is its adjusted levy limit base in the previous year, subject
 68.24 to any adjustments under section 275.72.

68.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes levied in 2011 and 2012.

68.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

68.27 Subd. 4. **Adjusted levy limit base.** For taxes levied in 2008 through ~~2010~~ 2012,
 68.28 the adjusted levy limit base is equal to the levy limit base computed under subdivision 2
 68.29 or section 275.72, multiplied by:

68.30 (1) one plus the percentage growth in the implicit price deflator, but the percentage
 68.31 shall not be less than zero or exceed 3.9 percent;

68.32 (2) one plus a percentage equal to 50 percent of the percentage increase in the number
 68.33 of households, if any, for the most recent 12-month period for which data is available; and

69.1 (3) one plus a percentage equal to 50 percent of the percentage increase in the
69.2 taxable market value of the jurisdiction due to new construction of class 3 property, as
69.3 defined in section 273.13, subdivision 4, except for state-assessed utility and railroad
69.4 property, for the most recent year for which data is available.

69.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes levied in 2011 and 2012.

69.6 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.71, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

69.7 Subd. 5. **Property tax levy limit.** (a) For taxes levied in 2008 through ~~2010~~ 2012,
69.8 the property tax levy limit for a local governmental unit is equal to its adjusted levy limit
69.9 base determined under subdivision 4 plus any additional levy authorized under section
69.10 275.73, which is levied against net tax capacity, reduced by the sum of (i) the total amount
69.11 of aids and reimbursements that the local governmental unit is certified to receive under
69.12 sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, (ii) taconite aids under sections 298.28 and 298.282
69.13 including any aid which was required to be placed in a special fund for expenditure in
69.14 the next succeeding year, (iii) estimated payments to the local governmental unit under
69.15 section 272.029, adjusted for any error in estimation in the preceding year, and (iv) aids
69.16 under section 477A.16.

69.17 (b) If an aid, payment, or other amount used in paragraph (a) to reduce a local
69.18 government unit's levy limit is reduced by an unallotment under section 16A.152, the
69.19 amount of the aid, payment, or other amount prior to the unallotment is used in the
69.20 computations in paragraph (a). In order for a local government unit to levy outside of its
69.21 limit to offset the reduction in revenues attributable to an unallotment, it must do so under,
69.22 and to the extent authorized by, a special levy authorization.

69.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes levied in 2011 and 2012.

69.24 Sec. 14. **[275.761] MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS**
69.25 **SUSPENDED.**

69.26 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and except as provided in paragraphs
69.27 (b) and (c), all maintenance of effort requirements for counties, including but not limited
69.28 to those under sections 116L.872, 134.34, 245.4835, 245.4932, 245.714, 256F.10, and
69.29 256F.13, are suspended.

69.30 (b) This section does not permit a county to suspend compliance with maintenance
69.31 of effort requirements to the extent that the suspension would:

69.32 (1) require the state to expend additional money or incur additional costs; or
69.33 (2) cause a reduction in the receipt by the state or the county of federal funds.

70.1 (c) The commissioner of management and budget may determine the maintenance
 70.2 of effort requirements that are not permitted, in whole or in part, to be suspended under
 70.3 paragraph (b). The commissioner shall publish these determinations on the department's
 70.4 Web site and no county may suspend compliance with a maintenance of effort requirement
 70.5 that the commissioner determines is not subject to suspension.

70.6 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all statutory and home rule charter cities
 70.7 are exempt from the maintenance of effort requirements under section 134.34.

70.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for maintenance of effort
 70.9 requirements in calendar years 2012 and 2013.

70.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 279.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

70.11 Subdivision 1. **Due dates; penalties.** Except as provided in subdivision 3 ~~or 4~~, on
 70.12 May 16 or 21 days after the postmark date on the envelope containing the property tax
 70.13 statement, whichever is later, a penalty accrues and thereafter is charged upon all unpaid
 70.14 taxes on real estate on the current lists in the hands of the county treasurer. The penalty is
 70.15 at a rate of two percent ~~on homestead property~~ until May 31 and four percent on June 1.
 70.16 ~~The penalty on nonhomestead property is at a rate of four percent until May 31 and eight~~
 70.17 ~~percent on June 1.~~ This penalty does not accrue until June 1 of each year, or 21 days after
 70.18 the postmark date on the envelope containing the property tax statements, whichever is
 70.19 later, on commercial use real property used for seasonal residential recreational purposes
 70.20 and classified as class 1c or 4c, and on other commercial use real property classified as
 70.21 class 3a, provided that over 60 percent of the gross income earned by the enterprise on the
 70.22 class 3a property is earned during the months of May, June, July, and August. In order
 70.23 for the first half of the tax due on class 3a property to be paid after May 15 and before
 70.24 June 1, or 21 days after the postmark date on the envelope containing the property tax
 70.25 statement, whichever is later, without penalty, the owner of the property must attach
 70.26 an affidavit to the payment attesting to compliance with the income provision of this
 70.27 subdivision. Thereafter, ~~for both homestead and nonhomestead property~~, on the first day
 70.28 of each month beginning July 1, up to and including October 1 following, an additional
 70.29 penalty of one percent for each month accrues and is charged on all such unpaid taxes
 70.30 provided that if the due date was extended beyond May 15 as the result of any delay in
 70.31 mailing property tax statements no additional penalty shall accrue if the tax is paid by the
 70.32 extended due date. If the tax is not paid by the extended due date, then all penalties that
 70.33 would have accrued if the due date had been May 15 shall be charged. When the taxes
 70.34 against any tract or lot exceed \$100, one-half thereof may be paid prior to May 16 or
 70.35 21 days after the postmark date on the envelope containing the property tax statement,

71.1 whichever is later; and, if so paid, no penalty attaches; the remaining one-half may be
 71.2 paid at any time prior to October 16 following, without penalty; but, if not so paid, then
 71.3 a penalty of two percent accrues ~~thereon for homestead property and a penalty of four~~
 71.4 ~~percent on nonhomestead property.~~ Thereafter, ~~for homestead property,~~ on the first day
 71.5 of November an additional penalty of ~~four~~ two percent accrues and on the first day of
 71.6 December following, an additional penalty of two percent accrues and is charged on all
 71.7 such unpaid taxes. ~~Thereafter, for nonhomestead property, on the first day of November~~
 71.8 ~~and December following, an additional penalty of four percent for each month accrues~~
 71.9 ~~and is charged on all such unpaid taxes.~~ If one-half of such taxes are not paid prior to
 71.10 May 16 or 21 days after the postmark date on the envelope containing the property tax
 71.11 statement, whichever is later, the same may be paid at any time prior to October 16, with
 71.12 accrued penalties to the date of payment added, and thereupon no penalty attaches to the
 71.13 remaining one-half until October 16 following.

71.14 This section applies to payment of personal property taxes assessed against
 71.15 improvements to leased property, except as provided by section 277.01, subdivision 3.

71.16 A county may provide by resolution that in the case of a property owner that has
 71.17 multiple tracts or parcels with aggregate taxes exceeding \$100, payments may be made in
 71.18 installments as provided in this subdivision.

71.19 The county treasurer may accept payments of more or less than the exact amount of
 71.20 a tax installment due. Payments must be applied first to the oldest installment that is due
 71.21 but which has not been fully paid. If the accepted payment is less than the amount due,
 71.22 payments must be applied first to the penalty accrued for the year or the installment being
 71.23 paid. Acceptance of partial payment of tax does not constitute a waiver of the minimum
 71.24 payment required as a condition for filing an appeal under section 278.03 or any other law,
 71.25 nor does it affect the order of payment of delinquent taxes under section 280.39.

71.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 71.27 thereafter.

71.28 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 398A.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

71.29 Subd. 8. **Taxation.** ~~Before deciding to exercise the power to tax, the authority shall~~
 71.30 ~~give six weeks' published notice in all municipalities in the region. If a number of voters~~
 71.31 ~~in the region equal to five percent of those who voted for candidates for governor at the~~
 71.32 ~~last gubernatorial election present a petition within nine weeks of the first published notice~~
 71.33 ~~to the secretary of state requesting that the matter be submitted to popular vote, it shall be~~
 71.34 ~~submitted at the next general election. The question prepared shall be:~~

71.35 ~~"Shall the regional rail authority have the power to impose a property tax?"~~

72.1 ~~Yes~~

72.2 ~~No"~~

72.3 ~~If a majority of those voting on the question approve or if no petition is presented~~
 72.4 ~~within the prescribed time the authority may levy a tax at any annual rate not exceeding~~
 72.5 ~~0.04835 percent of market value of all taxable property situated within the municipality~~
 72.6 ~~or municipalities named in its organization resolution. Its recording officer shall file, All~~
 72.7 ~~taxes imposed for the support of the authority must be imposed by the county board and~~
 72.8 ~~included in the county budget for all purposes, including levy limits, if any. If the authority~~
 72.9 ~~consists of more than one county, the authority must determine the total levy request and~~
 72.10 ~~apportion it among the member counties as provided in the joint resolution organizing the~~
 72.11 ~~authority. On or before September 15, in the office of the county auditor of each county~~
 72.12 ~~in which territory under the jurisdiction of the authority is located a certified copy of the~~
 72.13 ~~board of commissioners' resolution levying the tax, and each county auditor shall assess~~
 72.14 ~~and extend upon the tax rolls of each municipality named in the organization resolution the~~
 72.15 ~~portion of the tax that bears the same ratio to the whole amount that the net tax capacity of~~
 72.16 ~~taxable property in that municipality bears to the net tax capacity of taxable property in~~
 72.17 ~~all municipalities named in the organization resolution. Collections of the tax shall be~~
 72.18 ~~remitted by each county treasurer to the treasurer of the authority. For taxes levied in 1991,~~
 72.19 ~~the amount levied for light rail transit purposes under this subdivision shall not exceed 75~~
 72.20 ~~percent of the amount levied in 1990 for light rail transit purposes under this subdivision.~~

72.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 72.22 thereafter.

72.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 398A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.24 Subd. 2. **Security.** Bonds may be made payable exclusively from the revenues from
 72.25 one or more projects, or from one or more revenue producing contracts, or from the
 72.26 authority's revenues generally, including but not limited to specified taxes which the
 72.27 county may levy on behalf of the authority ~~may levy~~ or which a particular municipality
 72.28 may agree to levy for a specified purpose, and may be additionally secured by a pledge
 72.29 of any grant, subsidy, or contribution from any public agency, including but not limited
 72.30 to a participating municipality, or any income or revenues from any source. They may
 72.31 be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust of the whole or any part of the property of the
 72.32 authority. They shall be payable solely from the revenues, funds, and property pledged or
 72.33 mortgaged for their payment. No commissioner, officer, employee, agent, or trustee of the
 72.34 authority shall be liable personally on its bonds or be subject to any personal liability or

73.1 accountability by reason of their issuance. ~~Neither the state nor~~ Only a county ~~or other~~
73.2 ~~municipality except the authority~~ may pledge its faith and credit or taxing power or shall
73.3 be obligated in any manner for the payment of the bonds or interest on them, except as
73.4 specifically provided by agreement under section 398A.06; but nothing herein shall affect
73.5 the obligation of the state or municipality to perform any contract made by it with the
73.6 authority, and when the authority's rights under a contract with the state or a municipality
73.7 are pledged by the authority for the security of its bonds, the holders or a bond trustee
73.8 may enforce the rights as a third-party beneficiary. All bonds shall be negotiable within
73.9 the meaning and for the purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code, subject only to any
73.10 registration requirement. In the case of bonds issued by a regional rail authority prior to
73.11 June 1, 2011, to which the authority's levy was pledged, the county must levy whatever
73.12 tax is necessary to fulfill the authority's pledge under the bonds.

73.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
73.14 thereafter.

73.15 Sec. 18. **REPEALER.**

73.16 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 279.01, subdivision 4, is repealed.

73.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
73.18 thereafter.

73.19 **ARTICLE 6**

73.20 **AIDS, CREDITS, AND REFUNDS**

73.21 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.061, subdivision 1, is amended to
73.22 read:

73.23 Subdivision 1. **Applicability; amount.** (a) The commissioner shall annually make a
73.24 payment to each county having public hunting areas and game refuges. Money to make
73.25 the payments is annually appropriated for that purpose from the general fund. Except as
73.26 provided in paragraph (b), this section does not apply to state trust fund land and other
73.27 state land not purchased for game refuge or public hunting purposes. Except as provided
73.28 in paragraph (b), the payment shall be the greatest of:

73.29 (1) ~~35~~ 29.75 percent of the gross receipts from all special use permits and leases of
73.30 land acquired for public hunting and game refuges;

73.31 (2) ~~50~~ 42.5 cents per acre on land purchased actually used for public hunting or
73.32 game refuges; or

74.1 (3) ~~three-fourths of one~~ .6375 percent of the appraised value of purchased land
74.2 actually used for public hunting and game refuges.

74.3 (b) The payment shall be 50 percent of the dollar amount ~~adjusted for inflation~~ as
74.4 determined under section 477A.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), multiplied
74.5 by the number of acres of land in the county that are owned by another state agency for
74.6 military purposes and designated as a game refuge under section 97A.085.

74.7 (c) The payment must be reduced by the amount paid under subdivision 3 for
74.8 croplands managed for wild geese.

74.9 (d) The appraised value is the purchase price for five years after acquisition.
74.10 The appraised value shall be determined by the county assessor every five years after
74.11 acquisition.

74.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
74.13 2011 and thereafter.

74.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.061, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

74.15 Subd. 3. **Goose management croplands.** (a) The commissioner shall make a
74.16 payment on July 1 of each year to each county where the state owns more than 1,000 acres
74.17 of crop land, for wild goose management purposes. The payment shall be equal to 85
74.18 percent of the taxes assessed on comparable, privately owned, adjacent land. Money to
74.19 make the payments is annually appropriated for that purpose from the general fund. The
74.20 county treasurer shall allocate and distribute the payment as provided in subdivision 2.

74.21 (b) The land used for goose management under this subdivision is exempt from
74.22 taxation as provided in sections 272.01 and 273.19.

74.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
74.24 2011 and thereafter.

74.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 270A.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

74.26 Subd. 7. **Refund.** "Refund" means an individual income tax refund ~~or political~~
74.27 ~~contribution refund~~, pursuant to chapter 290, or a property tax credit or refund, pursuant to
74.28 chapter 290A, or a sustainable forest tax payment to a claimant under chapter 290C.

74.29 For purposes of this chapter, lottery prizes, as set forth in section 349A.08,
74.30 subdivision 8, and amounts granted to persons by the legislature on the recommendation
74.31 of the joint senate-house of representatives Subcommittee on Claims shall be treated
74.32 as refunds.

75.1 In the case of a joint property tax refund payable to spouses under chapter 290A,
 75.2 the refund shall be considered as belonging to each spouse in the proportion of the total
 75.3 refund that equals each spouse's proportion of the total income determined under section
 75.4 290A.03, subdivision 3. In the case of a joint income tax refund under chapter 289A, the
 75.5 refund shall be considered as belonging to each spouse in the proportion of the total
 75.6 refund that equals each spouse's proportion of the total taxable income determined under
 75.7 section 290.01, subdivision 29. The commissioner shall remit the entire refund to the
 75.8 claimant agency, which shall, upon the request of the spouse who does not owe the debt,
 75.9 determine the amount of the refund belonging to that spouse and refund the amount to
 75.10 that spouse. For court fines, fees, and surcharges and court-ordered restitution under
 75.11 section 611A.04, subdivision 2, the notice provided by the commissioner of revenue under
 75.12 section 270A.07, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), serves as the appropriate legal notice
 75.13 to the spouse who does not owe the debt.

75.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for refund claims based on
 75.15 contributions made after June 30, 2011.

75.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.13, subdivision 21b, is amended to read:

75.17 Subd. 21b. **Tax capacity.** ~~(a) Gross tax capacity means the product of the~~
 75.18 ~~appropriate gross class rates in this section and market values.~~

75.19 ~~(b)~~ Net tax capacity means the product of the appropriate net class rates in this
 75.20 section and market values, minus the property's tax capacity reduction determined under
 75.21 section 273.1384, subdivision 1, if applicable.

75.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 75.23 thereafter.

75.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.1384, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.25 Subdivision 1. **Residential homestead market value ~~credit~~ tax capacity**
 75.26 **reduction.** Each county auditor shall determine a homestead ~~credit~~ tax capacity reduction
 75.27 for each class 1a, 1b, and 2a homestead property within the county equal to 0.4 percent of
 75.28 the first \$76,000 of market value of the property minus .09 percent of the market value
 75.29 in excess of \$76,000. The ~~credit~~ tax capacity reduction amount may not be less than
 75.30 zero. In the case of an agricultural or resort homestead, only the market value of the
 75.31 house, garage, and immediately surrounding one acre of land is eligible in determining
 75.32 the property's homestead ~~credit~~ tax capacity reduction. In the case of a property that is
 75.33 classified as part homestead and part nonhomestead, (i) the ~~credit~~ tax capacity reduction

76.1 shall apply only to the homestead portion of the property, but (ii) if a portion of a property
76.2 is classified as nonhomestead solely because not all the owners occupy the property, not
76.3 all the owners have qualifying relatives occupying the property, or solely because not all
76.4 the spouses of owners occupy the property, the ~~credit~~ tax capacity reduction amount shall
76.5 be initially computed as if that nonhomestead portion were also in the homestead class and
76.6 then prorated to the owner-occupant's percentage of ownership. For the purpose of this
76.7 section, when an owner-occupant's spouse does not occupy the property, the percentage of
76.8 ownership for the owner-occupant spouse is one-half of the couple's ownership percentage.

76.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
76.10 thereafter.

76.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.1384, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

76.12 Subd. 3. **Credit reimbursements.** The county auditor shall determine the tax
76.13 reductions allowed under ~~this section~~ subdivision 2 within the county for each taxes
76.14 payable year and shall certify that amount to the commissioner of revenue as a part of the
76.15 abstracts of tax lists submitted by the county auditors under section 275.29. Any prior
76.16 year adjustments shall also be certified on the abstracts of tax lists. The commissioner
76.17 shall review the certifications for accuracy, and may make such changes as are deemed
76.18 necessary, or return the certification to the county auditor for correction. The ~~credits~~
76.19 credit under this section must be used to proportionately reduce the net tax capacity-based
76.20 property tax payable to each local taxing jurisdiction as provided in section 273.1393.

76.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
76.22 thereafter.

76.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.1384, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

76.24 Subd. 4. **Payment.** (a) The commissioner of revenue shall reimburse each local
76.25 taxing jurisdiction, other than school districts, for the tax reductions granted under ~~this~~
76.26 ~~section~~ subdivision 2 in two equal installments on October 31 and December 26 of the
76.27 taxes payable year for which the reductions are granted, including in each payment
76.28 the prior year adjustments certified on the abstracts for that taxes payable year. The
76.29 reimbursements related to tax increments shall be issued in one installment each year on
76.30 December 26.

76.31 (b) The commissioner of revenue shall certify the total of the tax reductions granted
76.32 under ~~this section~~ subdivision 2 for each taxes payable year within each school district to

77.1 the commissioner of the Department of Education and the commissioner of education shall
 77.2 pay the reimbursement amounts to each school district as provided in section 273.1392.

77.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 77.4 thereafter.

77.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.1393, is amended to read:

77.6 **273.1393 COMPUTATION OF NET PROPERTY TAXES.**

77.7 Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, "net" property taxes are
 77.8 determined by subtracting the credits in the order listed from the gross tax:

- 77.9 (1) disaster credit as provided in sections 273.1231 to 273.1235;
 - 77.10 (2) powerline credit as provided in section 273.42;
 - 77.11 (3) agricultural preserves credit as provided in section 473H.10;
 - 77.12 (4) enterprise zone credit as provided in section 469.171;
 - 77.13 (5) disparity reduction credit;
 - 77.14 (6) conservation tax credit as provided in section 273.119;
 - 77.15 (7) ~~homestead and agricultural credits~~ credit as provided in section 273.1384;
 - 77.16 (8) taconite homestead credit as provided in section 273.135;
 - 77.17 (9) supplemental homestead credit as provided in section 273.1391; and
 - 77.18 (10) the bovine tuberculosis zone credit, as provided in section 273.113.
- 77.19 The combination of all property tax credits must not exceed the gross tax amount.

77.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 77.21 thereafter.

77.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.1398, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

77.23 Subd. 3. **Disparity reduction aid.** The amount of disparity aid certified each year
 77.24 for each taxing district within each unique taxing jurisdiction ~~for taxes payable in the prior~~
 77.25 ~~year shall be multiplied by the ratio of (1) the jurisdiction's tax capacity using the class~~
 77.26 ~~rates for taxes payable in the year for which aid is being computed, to (2) its tax capacity~~
 77.27 ~~using the class rates for taxes payable in the year prior to that for which aid is being~~
 77.28 ~~computed, both based upon market values for taxes payable in the year prior to that for~~
 77.29 ~~which aid is being computed. If the commissioner determines that insufficient information~~
 77.30 ~~is available to reasonably and timely calculate the numerator in this ratio for the first taxes~~
 77.31 ~~payable year that a class rate change or new class rate is effective, the commissioner~~
 77.32 ~~shall omit the effects of that class rate change or new class rate when calculating this~~
 77.33 ~~ratio for aid payable in that taxes payable year. For aid payable in the year following a~~

78.1 ~~year for which such omission was made, the commissioner shall use in the denominator~~
78.2 ~~for the class that was changed or created, the tax capacity for taxes payable two years~~
78.3 ~~prior to that in which the aid is payable, based on market values for taxes payable in the~~
78.4 ~~year prior to that for which aid is being computed~~ is 50 percent of the amount certified
78.5 for taxes payable in 2011.

78.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
78.7 thereafter.

78.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.08, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

78.9 Subd. 1a. **Computation of tax capacity.** ~~For taxes payable in 1989, the county~~
78.10 ~~auditor shall compute the gross tax capacity for each parcel according to the class rates~~
78.11 ~~specified in section 273.13. The gross tax capacity will be the appropriate class rate~~
78.12 ~~multiplied by the parcel's market value. For taxes payable in 1990 and subsequent years,~~
78.13 The county auditor shall compute the net tax capacity for each parcel ~~according to the~~
78.14 ~~class rates specified in~~ as defined under section 273.13, subdivision 21b. ~~The net tax~~
78.15 ~~capacity will be the appropriate class rate multiplied by the parcel's market value.~~

78.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
78.17 thereafter.

78.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 275.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

78.19 Subd. 1d. **Additional adjustment.** If, after computing each local government's
78.20 adjusted local tax rate within a unique taxing jurisdiction pursuant to subdivision 1c, the
78.21 auditor finds that the total adjusted local tax rate of all local governments combined is
78.22 less than ~~90~~ 105 percent ~~of gross tax capacity for taxes payable in 1989 and 90 percent~~
78.23 ~~of net tax capacity for taxes payable in 1990 and thereafter,~~ the auditor shall increase
78.24 each local government's adjusted local tax rate proportionately so the total adjusted local
78.25 tax rate of all local governments combined equals ~~90~~ 105 percent. The total amount
78.26 of the increase in tax resulting from the increased local tax rates must not exceed the
78.27 amount of disparity aid allocated to the unique taxing district under section 273.1398. The
78.28 auditor shall certify to the Department of Revenue the difference between the disparity
78.29 aid originally allocated under section 273.1398, subdivision 3, and the amount necessary
78.30 to reduce the total adjusted local tax rate of all local governments combined to ~~90~~ 105
78.31 percent. Each local government's disparity reduction aid payment under section 273.1398,
78.32 subdivision 6, must be reduced accordingly.

79.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
79.2 thereafter.

79.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 276.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

79.4 Subd. 2. **Contents of tax statements.** (a) The treasurer shall provide for the
79.5 printing of the tax statements. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the form of
79.6 the property tax statement and its contents. The tax statement must not state or imply
79.7 that property tax credits are paid by the state of Minnesota. The statement must contain
79.8 a tabulated statement of the dollar amount due to each taxing authority and the amount
79.9 of the state tax from the parcel of real property for which a particular tax statement is
79.10 prepared. The dollar amounts attributable to the county, the state tax, the voter approved
79.11 school tax, the other local school tax, the township or municipality, and the total of
79.12 the metropolitan special taxing districts as defined in section 275.065, subdivision 3,
79.13 paragraph (i), must be separately stated. The amounts due all other special taxing districts,
79.14 if any, may be aggregated except that any levies made by the regional rail authorities in the
79.15 county of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington under chapter
79.16 398A shall be listed on a separate line directly under the appropriate county's levy. If the
79.17 county levy under this paragraph includes an amount for a lake improvement district as
79.18 defined under sections 103B.501 to 103B.581, the amount attributable for that purpose
79.19 must be separately stated from the remaining county levy amount. In the case of Ramsey
79.20 County, if the county levy under this paragraph includes an amount for public library
79.21 service under section 134.07, the amount attributable for that purpose may be separated
79.22 from the remaining county levy amount. The amount of the tax on homesteads qualifying
79.23 under the senior citizens' property tax deferral program under chapter 290B is the total
79.24 amount of property tax before subtraction of the deferred property tax amount. The
79.25 amount of the tax on contamination value imposed under sections 270.91 to 270.98, if any,
79.26 must also be separately stated. The dollar amounts, including the dollar amount of any
79.27 special assessments, may be rounded to the nearest even whole dollar. For purposes of this
79.28 section whole odd-numbered dollars may be adjusted to the next higher even-numbered
79.29 dollar. The amount of market value excluded under section 273.11, subdivision 16, if any,
79.30 must also be listed on the tax statement.

79.31 (b) The property tax statements for manufactured homes and sectional structures
79.32 taxed as personal property shall contain the same information that is required on the
79.33 tax statements for real property.

79.34 (c) Real and personal property tax statements must contain the following information
79.35 in the order given in this paragraph. The information must contain the current year tax

80.1 information in the right column with the corresponding information for the previous year
80.2 in a column on the left:

80.3 (1) the property's estimated market value under section 273.11, subdivision 1;

80.4 (2) the property's taxable market value after reductions under section 273.11,
80.5 subdivisions 1a and 16;

80.6 (3) the property's gross tax, before credits;

80.7 (4) for homestead ~~residential~~ and agricultural properties, the ~~credits~~ credit under
80.8 section 273.1384;

80.9 (5) any credits received under sections 273.119; 273.1234 or 273.1235; 273.135;
80.10 273.1391; 273.1398, subdivision 4; 469.171; and 473H.10, except that the amount of
80.11 credit received under section 273.135 must be separately stated and identified as "taconite
80.12 tax relief"; and

80.13 (6) the net tax payable in the manner required in paragraph (a).

80.14 (d) If the county uses envelopes for mailing property tax statements and if the county
80.15 agrees, a taxing district may include a notice with the property tax statement notifying
80.16 taxpayers when the taxing district will begin its budget deliberations for the current
80.17 year, and encouraging taxpayers to attend the hearings. If the county allows notices to
80.18 be included in the envelope containing the property tax statement, and if more than
80.19 one taxing district relative to a given property decides to include a notice with the tax
80.20 statement, the county treasurer or auditor must coordinate the process and may combine
80.21 the information on a single announcement.

80.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
80.23 thereafter.

80.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 289A.50, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

80.25 Subdivision 1. **General right to refund.** (a) Subject to the requirements of this
80.26 section and section 289A.40, a taxpayer who has paid a tax in excess of the taxes lawfully
80.27 due and who files a written claim for refund will be refunded or credited the overpayment
80.28 of the tax determined by the commissioner to be erroneously paid.

80.29 (b) The claim must specify the name of the taxpayer, the date when and the period
80.30 for which the tax was paid, the kind of tax paid, the amount of the tax that the taxpayer
80.31 claims was erroneously paid, the grounds on which a refund is claimed, and other
80.32 information relative to the payment and in the form required by the commissioner. An
80.33 income tax, estate tax, or corporate franchise tax return, or amended return claiming an
80.34 overpayment constitutes a claim for refund.

81.1 (c) When, in the course of an examination, and within the time for requesting a
81.2 refund, the commissioner determines that there has been an overpayment of tax, the
81.3 commissioner shall refund or credit the overpayment to the taxpayer and no demand
81.4 is necessary. If the overpayment exceeds \$1, the amount of the overpayment must
81.5 be refunded to the taxpayer. If the amount of the overpayment is less than \$1, the
81.6 commissioner is not required to refund. In these situations, the commissioner does not
81.7 have to make written findings or serve notice by mail to the taxpayer.

81.8 (d) If the amount allowable as a credit for withholding, estimated taxes, or dependent
81.9 care exceeds the tax against which the credit is allowable, the amount of the excess is
81.10 considered an overpayment. ~~The refund allowed by section 290.06, subdivision 23, is also~~
81.11 ~~considered an overpayment.~~ The requirements of section 270C.33 do not apply to the
81.12 refunding of such an overpayment shown on the original return filed by a taxpayer.

81.13 (e) If the entertainment tax withheld at the source exceeds by \$1 or more the taxes,
81.14 penalties, and interest reported in the return of the entertainment entity or imposed by
81.15 section 290.9201, the excess must be refunded to the entertainment entity. If the excess is
81.16 less than \$1, the commissioner need not refund that amount.

81.17 (f) If the surety deposit required for a construction contract exceeds the liability of
81.18 the out-of-state contractor, the commissioner shall refund the difference to the contractor.

81.19 (g) An action of the commissioner in refunding the amount of the overpayment does
81.20 not constitute a determination of the correctness of the return of the taxpayer.

81.21 (h) There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue the
81.22 amount necessary to pay refunds allowed under this section.

81.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for refund claims based on
81.24 contributions made after June 30, 2011.

81.25 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.01, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

81.26 Subd. 6. **Taxpayer.** The term "taxpayer" means any person or corporation subject to
81.27 a tax imposed by this chapter. ~~For purposes of section 290.06, subdivision 23, the term~~
81.28 ~~"taxpayer" means an individual eligible to vote in Minnesota under section 201.014.~~

81.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for refund claims based on
81.30 contributions made after June 30, 2011.

81.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290A.03, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

81.32 Subd. 11. **Rent constituting property taxes.** "Rent constituting property taxes"
81.33 means ~~19~~ 12 percent of the gross rent actually paid in cash, or its equivalent, or the portion

82.1 of rent paid in lieu of property taxes, in any calendar year by a claimant for the right
82.2 of occupancy of the claimant's Minnesota homestead in the calendar year, and which
82.3 rent constitutes the basis, in the succeeding calendar year of a claim for relief under this
82.4 chapter by the claimant.

82.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for claims based on rent paid in
82.6 2010 and following years.

82.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290A.03, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

82.8 Subd. 13. **Property taxes payable.** "Property taxes payable" means the property tax
82.9 exclusive of special assessments, penalties, and interest payable on a claimant's homestead
82.10 after deductions made under sections 273.135, 273.1384, 273.1391, 273.42, subdivision 2,
82.11 and any other state paid property tax credits in any calendar year, and after any refund
82.12 claimed and allowable under section 290A.04, subdivision 2h, that is first payable in
82.13 the year that the property tax is payable. In the case of a claimant who makes ground
82.14 lease payments, "property taxes payable" includes the amount of the payments directly
82.15 attributable to the property taxes assessed against the parcel on which the house is located.
82.16 No apportionment or reduction of the "property taxes payable" shall be required for the
82.17 use of a portion of the claimant's homestead for a business purpose if the claimant does not
82.18 deduct any business depreciation expenses for the use of a portion of the homestead in the
82.19 determination of federal adjusted gross income. For homesteads which are manufactured
82.20 homes as defined in section 273.125, subdivision 8, and for homesteads which are park
82.21 trailers taxed as manufactured homes under section 168.012, subdivision 9, "property
82.22 taxes payable" shall also include ~~19~~ 12 percent of the gross rent paid in the preceding
82.23 year for the site on which the homestead is located. When a homestead is owned by
82.24 two or more persons as joint tenants or tenants in common, such tenants shall determine
82.25 between them which tenant may claim the property taxes payable on the homestead. If
82.26 they are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the commissioner of revenue
82.27 whose decision shall be final. Property taxes are considered payable in the year prescribed
82.28 by law for payment of the taxes.

82.29 In the case of a claim relating to "property taxes payable," the claimant must have
82.30 owned and occupied the homestead on January 2 of the year in which the tax is payable
82.31 and (i) the property must have been classified as homestead property pursuant to section
82.32 273.124, on or before December 15 of the assessment year to which the "property taxes
82.33 payable" relate; or (ii) the claimant must provide documentation from the local assessor
82.34 that application for homestead classification has been made on or before December 15

83.1 of the year in which the "property taxes payable" were payable and that the assessor has
83.2 approved the application.

83.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for claims based on rent paid in
83.4 2010 and following years.

83.5 Sec. 17. **[373.51] ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR CONSOLIDATION.**

83.6 Notwithstanding the provisions relating to petitions in sections 371.02 and 371.03,
83.7 two or more counties may begin the process for consolidation by filing with the secretary
83.8 of state a resolution unanimously adopted by the board of each affected county to seek
83.9 voter approval for consolidation of the counties following the procedures in chapter 371.

83.10 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.011, is amended by adding a
83.11 subdivision to read:

83.12 Subd. 1c. **First class city.** "First class city" means a city of the first class as of
83.13 2009 as defined in section 410.01.

83.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
83.15 2011 and thereafter.

83.16 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.0124, is amended by adding a
83.17 subdivision to read:

83.18 Subd. 6. **Aid payments in 2011 and 2012.** Notwithstanding total aids calculated or
83.19 certified for 2011 under subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, for 2011 and 2012, each county shall
83.20 receive an aid distribution under this section equal to the lesser of (1) the total amount of
83.21 aid it received under this section in 2010 after the reductions under sections 477A.0133
83.22 and 477A.0134, or (2) the total amount the county is certified to receive in 2011 under
83.23 subdivisions 3 to 5.

83.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
83.25 2011 and 2012.

83.26 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.013, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

83.27 Subd. 8. **City formula aid.** The formula aid for a city is equal to the sum of (1) its
83.28 city jobs base, (2) its small city aid base, and (3) the need increase percentage multiplied
83.29 by the average of its unmet need for the most recently available two years.

84.1 No city may have a formula aid amount less than zero. The need increase percentage must
84.2 be the same for all cities. For first class cities, the formula aid is 25 percent of its base
84.3 aid as defined in subdivision 11, paragraph (a), for aids payable in 2013 and zero for aids
84.4 payable in 2014 and thereafter.

84.5 The applicable need increase percentage must be calculated by the Department of
84.6 Revenue so that the total of the aid under subdivision 9 equals the total amount available
84.7 for aid under section 477A.03. Data used in calculating aids to cities under sections
84.8 477A.011 to 477A.013 shall be the most recently available data as of January 1 in the
84.9 year in which the aid is calculated except that the data used to compute "net levy" in
84.10 subdivision 9 is the data most recently available at the time of the aid computation.

84.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
84.12 2013 and thereafter.

84.13 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.013, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

84.14 Subd. 9. **City aid distribution.** (a) In calendar year 2009 and thereafter, each
84.15 city shall receive an aid distribution equal to the sum of (1) the city formula aid under
84.16 subdivision 8, and (2) its city aid base.

84.17 (b) For aids payable in ~~2011~~ 2013 only, the total aid in the previous year for any
84.18 city shall mean the amount of aid it was certified to receive for aids payable in ~~2010~~
84.19 2012 under ~~this section minus the amount of its aid reduction under section 477A.0134~~
84.20 subdivision 11. For aids payable in ~~2012~~ 2014 and thereafter, the total aid in the previous
84.21 year for any city means the amount of aid it was certified to receive under this section in
84.22 the previous payable year.

84.23 (c) For aids payable in 2010 and thereafter, the total aid for any city shall not exceed
84.24 the sum of (1) ten percent of the city's net levy for the year prior to the aid distribution
84.25 plus (2) its total aid in the previous year. For aids payable in 2009 and thereafter, the total
84.26 aid for any city with a population of 2,500 or more may not be less than its total aid under
84.27 this section in the previous year minus the lesser of \$10 multiplied by its population, or ten
84.28 percent of its net levy in the year prior to the aid distribution.

84.29 (d) For aids payable in 2010 and thereafter, the total aid for a city with a population
84.30 less than 2,500 must not be less than the amount it was certified to receive in the
84.31 previous year minus the lesser of \$10 multiplied by its population, or five percent of its
84.32 2003 certified aid amount. For aids payable in 2009 only, the total aid for a city with a
84.33 population less than 2,500 must not be less than what it received under this section in the
84.34 previous year unless its total aid in calendar year 2008 was aid under section 477A.011,
84.35 subdivision 36, paragraph (s), in which case its minimum aid is zero.

85.1 (e) A city's aid loss under this section may not exceed \$300,000 in any year in
85.2 which the total city aid appropriation under section 477A.03, subdivision 2a, is equal or
85.3 greater than the appropriation under that subdivision in the previous year, unless the
85.4 city has an adjustment in its city net tax capacity under the process described in section
85.5 469.174, subdivision 28.

85.6 (f) If a city's net tax capacity used in calculating aid under this section has decreased
85.7 in any year by more than 25 percent from its net tax capacity in the previous year due to
85.8 property becoming tax-exempt Indian land, the city's maximum allowed aid increase
85.9 under paragraph (c) shall be increased by an amount equal to (1) the city's tax rate in the
85.10 year of the aid calculation, multiplied by (2) the amount of its net tax capacity decrease
85.11 resulting from the property becoming tax exempt.

85.12 (g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (f), the total aid for a first class city is its
85.13 formula aid under subdivision 8.

85.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
85.15 2013 and thereafter.

85.16 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.013, is amended by adding a
85.17 subdivision to read:

85.18 **Subd. 11. Aid payments in 2011 and 2012.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,
85.19 "base aid" means the lesser of (1) the total amount of aid it received under this section in
85.20 2010, after the reductions under sections 477A.0133 and 477A.0134 and reduced by the
85.21 amount of payments under section 477A.011, subdivision 36, paragraphs (y) and (z), or
85.22 (2) the amount it was certified to receive in 2011 under subdivision 9, minus any aid base
85.23 adjustment under section 477A.011, subdivision 36, paragraph (aa).

85.24 (b) Notwithstanding aids calculated or certified for aids payable in 2011 under
85.25 subdivision 9, in 2011 each city shall receive an aid distribution under this section as
85.26 follows:

85.27 (1) for a first class city, 75 percent of its base aid as defined in paragraph (a); and
85.28 (2) for any other city, the amount it is certified to receive in 2011 under subdivision 9.

85.29 (c) Notwithstanding aids calculated or certified for aids payable in 2012 under
85.30 subdivision 9, in 2012 each city shall receive an aid distribution under this section as
85.31 follows:

85.32 (1) for a first class city, 50 percent of its base aid as defined in paragraph (a); and
85.33 (2) for any other city, its base aid as defined under paragraph (a).

86.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar years
86.2 2011 and 2012.

86.3 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.03, is amended to read:

86.4 **477A.03 APPROPRIATION.**

86.5 Subd. 2. **Annual appropriation.** A sum sufficient to discharge the duties imposed
86.6 by sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the
86.7 commissioner of revenue.

86.8 Subd. 2a. **Cities.** For aids payable in 2013 only, the total aid paid under section
86.9 477A.013, subdivision 9, is \$318,774,184. For aids payable in ~~2011~~ 2014 and thereafter,
86.10 the total aid paid under section 477A.013, subdivision 9, is ~~\$527,100,646~~ \$283,292,875.

86.11 Subd. 2b. **Counties.** (a) For aids payable in ~~2011~~ 2013 and thereafter, the total aid
86.12 payable under section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, is ~~\$96,395,000~~ \$78,218,000. Each
86.13 calendar year, \$500,000 shall be retained by the commissioner of revenue to make
86.14 reimbursements to the commissioner of management and budget for payments made
86.15 under section 611.27. ~~For calendar year 2004, the amount shall be in addition to the~~
86.16 ~~payments authorized under section 477A.0124, subdivision 1. For calendar year 2005~~
86.17 ~~and subsequent years,~~ The amount shall be deducted from the appropriation under
86.18 this paragraph. The reimbursements shall be to defray the additional costs associated
86.19 with court-ordered counsel under section 611.27. Any retained amounts not used for
86.20 reimbursement in a year shall be included in the next distribution of county need aid
86.21 that is certified to the county auditors for the purpose of property tax reduction for the
86.22 next taxes payable year.

86.23 (b) For aids payable in ~~2011~~ 2013 and thereafter, the total aid under section
86.24 477A.0124, subdivision 4, is ~~\$101,309,575~~ \$83,133,000. The commissioner of
86.25 management and budget shall bill the commissioner of revenue for the cost of preparation
86.26 of local impact notes as required by section 3.987, not to exceed \$207,000 in fiscal year
86.27 2004 and thereafter. The commissioner of education shall bill the commissioner of
86.28 revenue for the cost of preparation of local impact notes for school districts as required by
86.29 section 3.987, not to exceed \$7,000 in fiscal year 2004 and thereafter. The commissioner
86.30 of revenue shall deduct the amounts billed under this paragraph from the appropriation
86.31 under this paragraph. The amounts deducted are appropriated to the commissioner of
86.32 management and budget and the commissioner of education for the preparation of local
86.33 impact notes.

87.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
87.2 2012 and thereafter.

87.3 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.4 Subdivision 1. **Terms.** For the purpose of sections 477A.11 to ~~477A.145~~ 477A.14,
87.5 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

87.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
87.7 2011 and thereafter.

87.8 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.9 Subdivision 1. **Types of land; payments.** (a) As an offset for expenses incurred
87.10 by counties and towns in support of natural resources lands, the following amounts are
87.11 annually appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources from the general fund for
87.12 transfer to the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of revenue shall pay the
87.13 transferred funds to counties as required by sections 477A.11 to ~~477A.145~~ 477A.14.

87.14 The amounts are:

87.15 (1) for acquired natural resources land, ~~\$3, as adjusted for inflation under section~~
87.16 ~~477A.145, \$4.363~~ multiplied by the total number of acres of acquired natural resources
87.17 land or, at the county's option ~~three-fourths of one~~ 0.6375 percent of the appraised value of
87.18 all acquired natural resources land in the county, whichever is greater;

87.19 (2) ~~75 cents, as adjusted for inflation under section 477A.145, \$1.091~~ multiplied by
87.20 the number of acres of county-administered other natural resources land;

87.21 (3) ~~75 cents, as adjusted for inflation under section 477A.145, \$1.091~~ multiplied by
87.22 the total number of acres of land utilization project land; and

87.23 (4) ~~37.5 cents, as adjusted for inflation under section 477A.145, 54.5 cents~~ multiplied
87.24 by the number of acres of commissioner-administered other natural resources land located
87.25 in each county as of July 1 of each year prior to the payment year.

87.26 (b) The amount determined under paragraph (a), clause (1), is payable for land
87.27 that is acquired from a private owner and owned by the Department of Transportation
87.28 for the purpose of replacing wetland losses caused by transportation projects, but only
87.29 if the county contains more than 500 acres of such land at the time the certification is
87.30 made under subdivision 2.

87.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
87.32 2011 and thereafter.

88.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.2 Subdivision 1. **General distribution.** Except as provided in subdivision 2 or in
88.3 section 97A.061, subdivision 5, 40 percent of the total payment to the county shall be
88.4 deposited in the county general revenue fund to be used to provide property tax levy
88.5 reduction. The remainder shall be distributed by the county in the following priority:

88.6 (a) ~~37.5 cents, as adjusted for inflation under section 477A.145,~~ 54.5 cents for
88.7 each acre of county-administered other natural resources land shall be deposited in a
88.8 resource development fund to be created within the county treasury for use in resource
88.9 development, forest management, game and fish habitat improvement, and recreational
88.10 development and maintenance of county-administered other natural resources land. Any
88.11 county receiving less than \$5,000 annually for the resource development fund may elect to
88.12 deposit that amount in the county general revenue fund;

88.13 (b) From the funds remaining, within 30 days of receipt of the payment to the
88.14 county, the county treasurer shall pay each organized township ~~30 cents, as adjusted for~~
88.15 ~~inflation under section 477A.145,~~ 43.6 cents for each acre of acquired natural resources
88.16 land and each acre of land described in section 477A.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and
88.17 ~~7.5 cents, as adjusted for inflation under section 477A.145,~~ 10.9 cents for each acre of
88.18 other natural resources land and each acre of land utilization project land located within its
88.19 boundaries. Payments for natural resources lands not located in an organized township
88.20 shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund. Payments to counties and townships
88.21 pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction, except
88.22 that of the payments for natural resources lands not located in an organized township, the
88.23 county may allocate the amount determined to be necessary for maintenance of roads in
88.24 unorganized townships. Provided that, if the total payment to the county pursuant to
88.25 section 477A.12 is not sufficient to fully fund the distribution provided for in this clause,
88.26 the amount available shall be distributed to each township and the county general revenue
88.27 fund on a pro rata basis; and

88.28 (c) Any remaining funds shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund.
88.29 Provided that, if the distribution to the county general revenue fund exceeds \$35,000, the
88.30 excess shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction.

88.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
88.32 2011 and thereafter.

89.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 477A.17, is amended to read:

89.2 **477A.17 LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK AND SOUDAN**

89.3 **UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK; ANNUAL PAYMENTS.**

89.4 (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2012, in lieu of the payment amount provided under
89.5 section 477A.12, subdivision 1, clause (1), the county shall receive an annual payment for
89.6 land acquired for Lake Vermilion State Park, established in section 85.012, subdivision
89.7 38a, and land within the boundary of Soudan Underground Mine State Park, established
89.8 in section 85.012, subdivision 53a, equal to ~~1.5~~ 1.275 percent of the appraised value of
89.9 the land.

89.10 (b) For the purposes of this section, the appraised value of the land acquired for
89.11 Lake Vermilion State Park for the first five years after acquisition shall be the purchase
89.12 price of the land, plus the value of any portion of the land that is acquired by donation.
89.13 The appraised value must be redetermined by the county assessor every five years after
89.14 the land is acquired.

89.15 (c) The annual payments under this section shall be distributed to the taxing
89.16 jurisdictions containing the property as follows: one-third to the school districts; one-third
89.17 to the town; and one-third to the county. The payment to school districts is not a county
89.18 apportionment under section 127A.34 and is not subject to aid recapture. Each of those
89.19 taxing jurisdictions may use the payments for their general purposes.

89.20 (d) Except as provided in this section, the payments shall be made as provided
89.21 in sections 477A.11 to 477A.13.

89.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in calendar year
89.23 2011 and thereafter.

89.24 Sec. 28. **ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY TAX REFUND CLAIMS; 2011.**

89.25 In administering sections 15 and 16 for claims for refunds submitted using 19
89.26 percent of gross rent as rent constituting property taxes under prior law, the commissioner
89.27 shall recalculate and pay the refund amounts using 12 percent of gross rent. The
89.28 commissioner shall notify the claimant that the recalculation was mandated by action
89.29 of the 2011 Legislature.

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

89.31 Sec. 29. **CREDIT REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATION; COUNTIES AND**
89.32 **CITIES.**

90.1 In 2011, the market value credit reimbursement payment to each county and city
90.2 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.1384, subdivision 4, may not exceed the
90.3 reimbursement payment received by the county or city for taxes payable in 2010.

90.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for credit reimbursements in 2011.

90.5 Sec. 30. **PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2012 ONLY.**

90.6 For the purposes of the property tax statements required under Minnesota Statutes,
90.7 section 276.04, subdivision 2, for taxes payable in 2012 only, the gross tax amount shown
90.8 for the previous year is the gross tax minus the residential homestead market value credit.

90.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 only.

90.10 Sec. 31. **COOPERATION, CONSOLIDATION, INNOVATION GRANTS.**

90.11 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "local government"
90.12 means a town, county, or home rule charter or statutory city.

90.13 Subd. 2. **Grants.** The commissioner of administration may make a cooperation,
90.14 consolidation, and service innovation grant to a local government that is participating with
90.15 at least one other local government in planning for or implementing provision of services
90.16 cooperatively or in planning and implementing consolidation of services, functions, or
90.17 governance. The grants shall be made on a first-come first-served basis. The commissioner
90.18 shall determine the form and content of the application and grant agreements. At a
90.19 minimum, an application must contain a resolution adopted by the governing body of each
90.20 participating local government supporting the cooperation, consolidation, or innovation
90.21 effort that identifies the services and functions the local government is considering
90.22 providing cooperatively with one or more other local governments or that identifies the
90.23 functions the local governments seek to consolidate. The maximum grant amount is
90.24 \$100,000 per local government.

90.25 Subd. 3. **Report.** The commissioner of administration must report to the governor
90.26 and legislative committees with jurisdiction over local government governance and local
90.27 government taxes and finance on the cooperation and consolidation grants made and
90.28 how the money was used, what services and functions have been provided by local
90.29 governments in cooperation with each other, what programs or governance structures have
90.30 been proposed for consolidation or consolidated, and what impediments remain that
90.31 prevent cooperation, consolidation, and service innovation. An interim report is due
90.32 February 1, 2012, and a final report is due December 15, 2012.

91.1 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2012, and \$1,616,000 in fiscal
91.2 year 2013, are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration
91.3 to make grants to counties as provided in this section.

91.4 Sec. 32. **REPEALER.**

91.5 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 10A.322, subdivision 4; 13.4967, subdivision
91.6 2; are repealed.

91.7 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290.06, subdivision 23, is repealed.

91.8 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 273.1384, subdivision 6; and 477A.145, are
91.9 repealed.

91.10 (d) Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 290C.01; 290C.02; 290C.03; 290C.04;
91.11 290C.05; 290C.055; 290C.06; 290C.07; 290C.08; 290C.09; 290C.10; 290C.11; 290C.12;
91.12 and 290C.13, are repealed.

91.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.

91.14 Paragraph (b) is effective for refund claims based on contributions made after June 30,

91.15 2011. Paragraph (c) is effective for aids payable in 2011 and thereafter. Paragraph (d) is

91.16 effective July 1, 2011, and the covenants under the program are void on that date. No later

91.17 than 60 days after enactment of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall issue a

91.18 document to each enrollee immediately releasing the land from the covenant as provided

91.19 in Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 290C.04, paragraph (c).

ARTICLE 7

GREEN ACRES AND RURAL PRESERVES

91.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.111, is amended by adding a
91.23 subdivision to read:

91.24 Subd. 2a. **Purpose.** The legislature finds that it is in the interest of the state to
91.25 encourage and preserve farms by mitigating the property tax impact of increasing land
91.26 values due to nonagricultural economic forces.

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

91.28 **Sec. 2.** Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.111, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

91.29 Subd. 9. **Additional taxes.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), when real
91.30 property which is being, or has been valued and assessed under this section no longer
91.31 qualifies under subdivision 3, the portion no longer qualifying shall be subject to additional
91.32 taxes, in the amount equal to the difference between the taxes determined in accordance

with subdivision 4, and the amount determined under subdivision 5. Provided, however, that the amount determined under subdivision 5 shall not be greater than it would have been had the actual bona fide sale price of the real property at an arm's-length transaction been used in lieu of the market value determined under subdivision 5. Such additional taxes shall be extended against the property on the tax list for the current year, provided, however, that no interest or penalties shall be levied on such additional taxes if timely paid, and provided further, that such additional taxes shall only be levied with respect to (1) the last three years that the ~~said~~ property has been valued and assessed under this section, for property originally enrolled on or before May 1, 2012, or (2) the last five years that the property has been valued and assessed under this section, for property originally enrolled after May 1, 2012.

(b) Real property that has been valued and assessed under this section prior to May 29, 2008, and that ceases to qualify under this section after May 28, 2008, and is withdrawn from the program before August 16, 2010, is not subject to additional taxes under this subdivision or subdivision 3, paragraph (c). If additional taxes have been paid under this subdivision with respect to property described in this paragraph prior to April 3, 2009, the county must repay the property owner in the manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue.

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

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.114, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Requirements.** Class ~~2a or 2b~~ property that had been ~~assessed properly~~ enrolled under ~~Minnesota Statutes 2006,~~ section 273.111 for taxes payable in 2008, or that is part of an agricultural homestead under ~~Minnesota Statutes,~~ section 273.13, subdivision 23, paragraph (a), at least a portion of which is enrolled under section 273.111, is entitled to valuation and tax deferment under this section if:

(1) ~~the land consists of at least ten acres~~ property is contiguous to class 2a property enrolled under section 273.111 under the same ownership;

~~(2) a conservation assessment plan for the land must be prepared by an approved plan writer and implemented during the period in which the land is subject to valuation and deferment under this section;~~

~~(3) the land must be enrolled for a minimum of eight years;~~

~~(4)~~ (2) there are no delinquent property taxes on the land; and

~~(5)~~ (3) the property is not also enrolled for valuation and deferment under section 273.111 or 273.112, or chapter 290C or 473H.

93.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 93.2 thereafter.

93.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.114, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

93.4 Subd. 5. **Application and covenant agreement.** ~~(a)~~ Application for deferment
 93.5 of taxes and assessment under this section shall be filed by May 1 of the year prior to
 93.6 the year in which the taxes are payable. Any application filed under this subdivision
 93.7 and granted shall continue in effect for subsequent years until the ~~termination of the~~
 93.8 ~~covenant agreement under paragraph (b)~~ property is withdrawn or no longer qualifies. The
 93.9 application must be filed with the assessor of the taxing district in which the real property
 93.10 is located on the form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue. ~~The assessor may~~
 93.11 ~~require proof by affidavit or otherwise that the property qualifies under subdivision 2.~~

93.12 ~~(b) The owner of the property must sign a covenant agreement that is filed with the~~
 93.13 ~~county recorder and recorded in the county where the property is located. The covenant~~
 93.14 ~~agreement must include all of the following:~~

93.15 ~~(1) legal description of the area to which the covenant applies;~~

93.16 ~~(2) name and address of the owner;~~

93.17 ~~(3) a statement that the land described in the covenant must be kept as rural preserve~~
 93.18 ~~land, which meets the requirements of subdivision 2, for the duration of the covenant;~~

93.19 ~~(4) a statement that the landowner may terminate the covenant agreement by~~
 93.20 ~~notifying the county assessor in writing three years in advance of the date of proposed~~
 93.21 ~~termination, provided that the notice of intent to terminate may not be given at any time~~
 93.22 ~~before the land has been subject to the covenant for a period of five years;~~

93.23 ~~(5) a statement that the covenant is binding on the owner or the owner's successor or~~
 93.24 ~~assigns and runs with the land; and~~

93.25 ~~(6) a witnessed signature of the owner, agreeing by covenant, to maintain the land as~~
 93.26 ~~described in subdivision 2.~~

93.27 ~~(c) After a covenant under this section has been terminated, the land that had been~~
 93.28 ~~subject to the covenant is ineligible for subsequent valuation under this section for a~~
 93.29 ~~period of three years after the termination.~~

93.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
 93.31 thereafter.

93.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.114, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

93.33 Subd. 6. **Additional taxes.** ~~Upon termination of a covenant agreement in~~
 93.34 ~~subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the land to which the covenant applied~~ When real property

94.1 that is being or has been valued and assessed under this section no longer qualifies under
94.2 subdivision 2, the portion no longer qualifying shall be subject to additional taxes in
94.3 the amount equal to the difference between the taxes determined in accordance with
94.4 subdivision 3 and the amount determined under subdivision 4, provided that the amount
94.5 determined under subdivision 4 shall not be greater than it would have been had the actual
94.6 bona fide sale price of the real property at an arm's-length transaction been used in lieu of
94.7 the market value determined under subdivision 4. The additional taxes shall be extended
94.8 against the property on the tax list for the current year, provided that no interest or penalties
94.9 shall be levied on the additional taxes if timely paid and that the additional taxes shall only
94.10 be levied with respect to the current year plus (1) two prior years that the property has
94.11 been valued and assessed under this section, for property that had been enrolled under
94.12 this section or section 273.111 on or before May 1, 2012, or (2) four prior years that the
94.13 property had been valued and assessed under this section, for all other property.

94.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and
94.15 thereafter.

94.16 **Sec. 6. LAND REMOVED FROM PROGRAM.**

94.17 (a) Any class 2a land that had been properly enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural
94.18 Property Tax Law under Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.111, and that was removed
94.19 from the program between May 21, 2008, and the effective date of this paragraph must be
94.20 reinstated to the program at the request of the owner provided that the request is made
94.21 prior to September 1, 2011.

94.22 (b) Any class 2b land that had been properly enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural
94.23 Property Tax Law under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.111, and that was removed from
94.24 the program between May 21, 2008, and the effective date of this paragraph, and that
94.25 applies for enrollment in the rural preserve program under Minnesota Statutes, section
94.26 273.114, prior to September 1, 2011, shall be allowed to apply as if it had been enrolled
94.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.111, immediately prior to application for enrollment
94.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.114.

94.29 (c) If additional taxes, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.111,
94.30 subdivision 9, have been paid by a property owner prior to the effective date of this
94.31 paragraph for property being enrolled or reenrolled under paragraph (a) or (b), the county
94.32 must repay the property owner in the manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue.

95.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (b) are effective the day following final
95.2 enactment for taxes payable in 2012 and thereafter. Paragraph (c) is effective the day
95.3 following final enactment.

95.4 Sec. 7. **COVENANTS TERMINATED.**

95.5 Any covenants entered into in order to comply with the requirements of Minnesota
95.6 Statutes 2010, section 273.114, subdivision 5, are terminated.

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

95.8 Sec. 8. **STUDY REQUIRED.**

95.9 The commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the Minnesota Association of
95.10 Assessing Officers, the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota,
95.11 and representatives of major farm groups within the state of Minnesota, must explore
95.12 alternative methods for determining the taxable value of tillable and nontillable land
95.13 enrolled in the green acres program under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.111, and the
95.14 rural preserves program under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.114. The commissioner
95.15 must make a report to the legislature by February 15, 2012, describing the methodologies
95.16 intended to be used for assessment year 2012 and thereafter.

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

95.18 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

95.19 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 273.114, subdivision 1, is repealed.

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

95.21 **ARTICLE 8**

95.22 **MINERALS**

95.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 298.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

95.24 Subd. 3. **Occupation tax; other ores.** Every person engaged in the business of
95.25 mining or producing ores in this state, except iron ore or taconite concentrates, shall pay
95.26 an occupation tax to the state of Minnesota as provided in this subdivision. The tax is
95.27 determined in the same manner as the tax imposed by section 290.02, except that sections
95.28 290.05, subdivision 1, clause (a), 290.17, subdivision 4, and 290.191, subdivision 2, do
95.29 not apply, and the occupation tax must be computed by applying to taxable income the rate

96.1 of ~~2.45~~ 1.75 percent. A person subject to occupation tax under this section shall apportion
96.2 its net income on the basis of the percentage obtained by taking the sum of:

96.3 (1) 75 percent of the percentage which the sales made within this state in connection
96.4 with the trade or business during the tax period are of the total sales wherever made in
96.5 connection with the trade or business during the tax period;

96.6 (2) 12.5 percent of the percentage which the total tangible property used by the
96.7 taxpayer in this state in connection with the trade or business during the tax period is of
96.8 the total tangible property, wherever located, used by the taxpayer in connection with the
96.9 trade or business during the tax period; and

96.10 (3) 12.5 percent of the percentage which the taxpayer's total payrolls paid or incurred
96.11 in this state or paid in respect to labor performed in this state in connection with the trade
96.12 or business during the tax period are of the taxpayer's total payrolls paid or incurred in
96.13 connection with the trade or business during the tax period.

96.14 The tax is in addition to all other taxes.

96.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 298.015, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

96.16 Subdivision 1. **Tax imposed.** A person engaged in the business of mining shall pay
96.17 to the state of Minnesota for distribution as provided in section 298.018 a net proceeds tax
96.18 equal to ~~two~~ 2.7 percent of the net proceeds from mining in Minnesota. The tax applies to
96.19 all mineral and energy resources mined or extracted within the state of Minnesota except
96.20 for sand, silica sand, gravel, building stone, crushed rock, limestone, granite, dimension
96.21 granite, dimension stone, horticultural peat, clay, soil, iron ore, and taconite concentrates.
96.22 The tax is in addition to all other taxes provided for by law.

96.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 298.018, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

96.24 Subdivision 1. **Within taconite assistance area.** The proceeds of the tax paid under
96.25 sections 298.015 to 298.017 on minerals and energy resources mined or extracted within
96.26 the taconite assistance area defined in section 273.1341, shall be allocated as follows:

96.27 (1) five percent to the city or town within which the minerals or energy resources
96.28 are mined or extracted or within which the concentrate was produced. If the mining and
96.29 concentration, or different steps in either process, are carried on in more than one taxing
96.30 district, the commissioner shall apportion equitably the proceeds of the part of the tax going
96.31 to cities and towns among them upon the basis of attributing 50 percent of the proceeds of
96.32 the tax to the operation of mining or extraction, and the remainder to the concentrating
96.33 plant and to the processes of concentration, and with respect to each of them giving due
96.34 consideration to the relative extent of the operations performed in each taxing district;

97.1 (2) ten percent to the taconite municipal aid account to be distributed as provided
97.2 in section 298.282;

97.3 (3) ten percent to the school district within which the minerals or energy resources
97.4 are mined or extracted or within which the concentrate was produced. If the mining
97.5 and concentration, or different steps in either process, are carried on in more than one
97.6 school district, distribution among the school districts must be based on the apportionment
97.7 formula prescribed in clause (1);

97.8 (4) 20 percent to a group of school districts comprised of those school districts
97.9 wherein the mineral or energy resource was mined or extracted or in which there is a
97.10 qualifying municipality as defined by section 273.134, paragraph (b), in direct proportion
97.11 to school district indexes as follows: for each school district, its pupil units determined
97.12 under section 126C.05 for the prior school year shall be multiplied by the ratio of the
97.13 average adjusted net tax capacity per pupil unit for school districts receiving aid under
97.14 this clause as calculated pursuant to chapters 122A, 126C, and 127A for the school year
97.15 ending prior to distribution to the adjusted net tax capacity per pupil unit of the district.
97.16 Each district shall receive that portion of the distribution which its index bears to the sum
97.17 of the indices for all school districts that receive the distributions;

97.18 (5) 20 percent to the county within which the minerals or energy resources are mined
97.19 or extracted, provided that the county shall pay one percent of its proceeds to the Range
97.20 Association of Municipalities and Schools;

97.21 (6) 20 percent to St. Louis County acting as the counties' fiscal agent to be
97.22 distributed as provided in sections 273.134 to 273.136;

97.23 (7) five percent to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for the
97.24 purposes of section 298.22;

97.25 (8) ~~five~~ three percent to the Douglas J. Johnson economic protection trust fund; and

97.26 (9) ~~five~~ seven percent to the taconite environmental protection fund.

97.27 The proceeds of the tax shall be distributed on July 15 each year.

97.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 298.28, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

97.29 Subd. 3. **Cities; towns.** (a) 12.5 cents per taxable ton, less any amount distributed
97.30 under subdivision 8, and paragraph (b), must be allocated to the taconite municipal aid
97.31 account to be distributed as provided in section 298.282.

97.32 (b) An amount must be allocated to towns or cities that is annually certified by
97.33 the county auditor of a county containing a taconite tax relief area as defined in section
97.34 273.134, paragraph (b), within which there is (1) an organized township if, as of January
97.35 2, 1982, more than 75 percent of the assessed valuation of the township consists of iron

98.1 ore or (2) a city if, as of January 2, 1980, more than 75 percent of the assessed valuation
98.2 of the city consists of iron ore.

98.3 (c) The amount allocated under paragraph (b) will be the portion of a township's or
98.4 city's certified levy equal to the proportion of (1) the difference between 50 percent of
98.5 January 2, 1982, assessed value in the case of a township and 50 percent of the January 2,
98.6 1980, assessed value in the case of a city and its current assessed value to (2) the sum of
98.7 its current assessed value plus the difference determined in (1), provided that the amount
98.8 distributed shall not exceed \$55 per capita in the case of a township or \$75 per capita in
98.9 the case of a city. For purposes of this limitation, population will be determined according
98.10 to the 1980 decennial census conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census. If the
98.11 current assessed value of the township exceeds 50 percent of the township's January 2,
98.12 1982, assessed value, or if the current assessed value of the city exceeds 50 percent of the
98.13 city's January 2, 1980, assessed value, this paragraph shall not apply. For purposes of this
98.14 paragraph, "assessed value," when used in reference to years other than 1980 or 1982,
98.15 means the appropriate net tax capacities multiplied by 10.2.

98.16 (d) In addition to other distributions under this subdivision, three cents per taxable
98.17 ton for distributions in 2009 and subsequent years must be allocated for distribution
98.18 to towns that are entirely located within the taconite tax relief area defined in section
98.19 273.134, paragraph (b). ~~For distribution in 2010 and subsequent years, the three-cent~~
98.20 ~~amount must be annually increased in the same proportion as the increase in the implicit~~
98.21 ~~price deflator as provided in section 298.24, subdivision 1.~~ The amount available under
98.22 this paragraph will be distributed to eligible towns on a per capita basis, provided that no
98.23 town may receive more than \$50,000 in any year under this paragraph. Any amount of the
98.24 distribution that exceeds the \$50,000 limitation for a town under this paragraph must be
98.25 redistributed on a per capita basis among the other eligible towns, to whose distributions
98.26 do not exceed \$50,000.

98.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2012 distribution.

98.28 ARTICLE 9

98.29 MISCELLANEOUS

98.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 270C.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

98.31 Subdivision 1. **Biennial report.** The commissioner shall report to the legislature
98.32 by March 1 of each odd-numbered year on the overall incidence of the income tax,
98.33 sales and excise taxes, and property tax. The report shall present information on the
98.34 distribution of the tax burden as follows: (1) for the overall income distribution, using

99.1 a systemwide incidence measure such as the Suits index or other appropriate measures
99.2 of equality and inequality; (2) by income classes, including at a minimum deciles of the
99.3 income distribution; and (3) by other appropriate taxpayer characteristics. The report
99.4 must also include information on the distribution of the burden of federal taxes borne
99.5 by Minnesota residents.

99.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning with the report due in
99.7 March 2013.

99.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

99.9 Subdivision 1. **Income tax reciprocity benchmark study.** \$115,000 in fiscal year
99.10 2012 and \$215,000 in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated from the general fund to the
99.11 commissioner of revenue for the income tax reciprocity benchmark study in article 1,
99.12 section 7. This appropriation is onetime and is not added to the agency's base budget.

99.13 Subd. 2. **Tax incidence report.** \$15,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$15,000 in fiscal
99.14 year 2013 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue for the
99.15 change to the tax incidence report in section 1.

99.16 Subd. 3. **Zip code study.** \$35,000 in fiscal year 2012 is appropriated from the
99.17 general fund to the commissioner of revenue for the report under article 4, section 16. Any
99.18 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012 does not cancel but is available in fiscal
99.19 year 2013. This is a onetime appropriation.

99.20 **ARTICLE 10**

99.21 **CASH FLOW**

99.22 Section 1. **CASH FLOW ACCOUNT.**

99.23 The unobligated balance in the cash flow account under Minnesota Statutes,
99.24 section 16A.152, subdivision 1, estimated to be \$266,000,000, must be canceled by the
99.25 commissioner of management and budget to the general fund by June 30, 2013.

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10A.322 SPENDING LIMIT AGREEMENTS.

Subd. 4. **Refund receipt forms; penalty.** The board must make available to a political party on request and to any candidate for whom an agreement under this section is effective, a supply of official refund receipt forms that state in boldface type that (1) a contributor who is given a receipt form is eligible to claim a refund as provided in section 290.06, subdivision 23, and (2) if the contribution is to a candidate, that the candidate has signed an agreement to limit campaign expenditures as provided in this section. The forms must provide duplicate copies of the receipt to be attached to the contributor's claim. A candidate who does not sign an agreement under this section and who willfully issues an official refund receipt form or a facsimile of one to any of the candidate's contributors is guilty of a misdemeanor.

13.4967 OTHER TAX DATA CODED ELSEWHERE.

Subd. 2. **Political contribution refund.** Certain political contribution refund data in the Revenue Department are classified under section 290.06, subdivision 23.

273.114 RURAL PRESERVE PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) In this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given them.

(b) "Conservation assessment plan" means a written document approved by the soil and water conservation district providing a framework for site-specific healthy, productive, and sustainable conservation resources. A conservation assessment plan must include at least the following:

- (1) conservation goals for the land;
 - (2) a United States Department of Agriculture field map;
 - (3) a description of the soil type and quality;
 - (4) an aerial photo or map of the vegetation and other natural features of the land clearly indicating the boundaries of the conservation land;
 - (5) the proposed future conditions of the land;
 - (6) prescriptions to meet proposed future conditions of the land;
 - (7) a recommended timetable for implementing the prescribed practices; and
 - (8) a legal description of the land encompassing the parcels included in the plan.
- (c) The Board of Water and Soil Resources shall develop and distribute guidance for conservation assessment plan preparation and approval.
- (d) The commissioner of revenue is the final arbiter of disputes arising over plan approvals.

273.1384 MARKET VALUE HOMESTEAD CREDITS.

Subd. 6. **Credit reduction.** In 2011 and each year thereafter, the market value credit reimbursement amount for each taxing jurisdiction determined under this section is reduced by the dollar amount of the reduction in market value credit reimbursements for that taxing jurisdiction in 2010 due to the reductions under section 477A.0133. No taxing jurisdiction's market value credit reimbursements are reduced to less than zero under this subdivision. The commissioner of revenue shall pay the annual market value credit reimbursement amounts, after reduction under this subdivision, to the affected taxing jurisdictions as provided in this section.

279.01 DUE DATES; PENALTIES.

Subd. 4. **Seasonal residential recreational property.** In the case of class 4c seasonal residential recreational property not used for commercial purposes, penalties shall accrue and be charged on unpaid taxes at the times and at the rates provided in subdivision 1 for homestead property.

289A.60 CIVIL PENALTIES.

Subd. 31. **Accelerated payment of monthly sales tax liability; penalty for underpayment.** For payments made after September 1, 2010, if a vendor is required by section 289A.20, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (2), item (i) or (ii), to make accelerated payments, then the penalty for underpayment is as follows:

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(a) For those vendors that must remit a 90 percent payment by the 14th day of the month following the month in which the taxable event occurred, as an estimation of monthly sales tax liabilities, including the liability of any fee or other tax that is to be reported on the same return as and paid with the chapter 297A taxes, for the month in which the taxable event occurred, the vendor shall pay a penalty equal to ten percent of the amount of liability that was required to be paid by the 14th day of the month, less the amount remitted by the 14th day of the month. The penalty must not be imposed, however, if the amount remitted by the 14th day of the month equals the least of: (1) 90 percent of the liability for the month preceding the month in which the taxable event occurred; (2) 90 percent of the liability for the same month in the previous calendar year as the month in which the taxable event occurred; or (3) 90 percent of the average monthly liability for the previous calendar year.

(b) For those vendors that, on or before the 20th day of the month in which the taxable event occurs, must remit to the commissioner a prepayment of sales tax liabilities for the month in which the taxable event occurs equal to 67 percent of the liabilities for the previous month, including the liability of any fee or other tax that is to be reported on the same return as and paid with the chapter 297A taxes, for the month in which the taxable event occurred, the vendor shall pay a penalty equal to ten percent of the amount of liability that was required to be paid by the 20th of the month, less the amount remitted by the 20th of the month. The penalty must not be imposed, however, if the amount remitted by the 20th of the month equals the lesser of 67 percent of the liability for the month preceding the month in which the taxable event occurred or 67 percent of the liability of the same month in the previous calendar year as the month in which the taxable event occurred.

290.06 RATES OF TAX; CREDITS.

Subd. 23. **Refund of contributions to political parties and candidates.** (a) A taxpayer may claim a refund equal to the amount of the taxpayer's contributions made in the calendar year to candidates and to a political party. The maximum refund for an individual must not exceed \$50 and for a married couple, filing jointly, must not exceed \$100. A refund of a contribution is allowed only if the taxpayer files a form required by the commissioner and attaches to the form a copy of an official refund receipt form issued by the candidate or party and signed by the candidate, the treasurer of the candidate's principal campaign committee, or the chair or treasurer of the party unit, after the contribution was received. The receipt forms must be numbered, and the data on the receipt that are not public must be made available to the campaign finance and public disclosure board upon its request. A claim must be filed with the commissioner no sooner than January 1 of the calendar year in which the contribution was made and no later than April 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the contribution was made. A taxpayer may file only one claim per calendar year. Amounts paid by the commissioner after June 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the contribution was made must include interest at the rate specified in section 270C.405.

(b) No refund is allowed under this subdivision for a contribution to a candidate unless the candidate:

(1) has signed an agreement to limit campaign expenditures as provided in section 10A.322;

(2) is seeking an office for which voluntary spending limits are specified in section 10A.25; and

(3) has designated a principal campaign committee.

This subdivision does not limit the campaign expenditures of a candidate who does not sign an agreement but accepts a contribution for which the contributor improperly claims a refund.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "political party" means a major political party as defined in section 200.02, subdivision 7, or a minor political party qualifying for inclusion on the income tax or property tax refund form under section 10A.31, subdivision 3a.

A "major party" or "minor party" includes the aggregate of that party's organization within each house of the legislature, the state party organization, and the party organization within congressional districts, counties, legislative districts, municipalities, and precincts.

"Candidate" means a candidate as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 10, except a candidate for judicial office.

"Contribution" means a gift of money.

(d) The commissioner shall make copies of the form available to the public and candidates upon request.

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(e) The following data collected or maintained by the commissioner under this subdivision are private: the identities of individuals claiming a refund, the identities of candidates to whom those individuals have made contributions, and the amount of each contribution.

(f) The commissioner shall report to the campaign finance and public disclosure board by each August 1 a summary showing the total number and aggregate amount of political contribution refunds made on behalf of each candidate and each political party. These data are public.

(g) The amount necessary to pay claims for the refund provided in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue.

(h) For a taxpayer who files a claim for refund via the Internet or other electronic means, the commissioner may accept the number on the official receipt as documentation that a contribution was made rather than the actual receipt as required by paragraph (a).

290C.01 PURPOSE.

It is the policy of this state to promote sustainable forest resource management on the state's public and private lands. Recognizing that private forests comprise approximately one-half of the state forest land resources, that healthy and robust forest land provides significant benefits to the state of Minnesota, and that ad valorem property taxes represent a significant annual cost that can discourage long-term forest management investments, this chapter, hereafter referred to as the "Sustainable Forest Incentive Act," is enacted to encourage the state's private forest landowners to make a long-term commitment to sustainable forest management.

290C.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** When used in sections 290C.01 to 290C.11, the terms in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Approved plan writers.** "Approved plan writers" are natural resource professionals who are self-employed, employed by private companies or individuals, nonprofit organizations, local units of government, or public agencies, and who are approved by the commissioner of natural resources. Persons determined to be certified foresters by the Society of American Foresters shall be deemed to meet the standards required under this subdivision. The commissioner of natural resources shall issue a unique identification number to each approved planner.

Subd. 3. **Claimant.** (a) "Claimant" means:

(1) a person, as that term is defined in section 290.01, subdivision 2, who owns forest land in Minnesota and files an application authorized by the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act;

(2) a purchaser or grantee if property enrolled in the program was sold or transferred after the original application was filed and prior to the annual incentive payment being made; or

(3) an owner of land previously covered by an auxiliary forest contract that automatically qualifies for inclusion in the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act program pursuant to section 88.49, subdivision 9a, or 88.491, subdivision 2.

The purchaser or grantee must notify the commissioner in writing of the sale or transfer of the property. Owners of land that qualifies for inclusion pursuant to section 88.49, subdivision 9a, or 88.491, subdivision 2, must notify the commissioner in writing of the expiration of the auxiliary forest contract or land trade with a governmental unit and submit an application to the commissioner by August 15 in order to be eligible to receive a payment by October 1 of that same year. For purposes of section 290C.11, claimant also includes any person bound by the covenant required in section 290C.04.

(b) No more than one claimant is entitled to a payment under this chapter with respect to any tract, parcel, or piece of land enrolled under this chapter that has been assigned the same parcel identification number. When enrolled forest land is owned by two or more persons, the owners must determine between them which person is eligible to claim the payments provided under sections 290C.01 to 290C.11. In the case of property sold or transferred, the former owner and the purchaser or grantee must determine between them which person is eligible to claim the payments provided under sections 290C.01 to 290C.11. The owners, transferees, or grantees must notify the commissioner in writing which person is eligible to claim the payments.

Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 5. **Current use value.** "Current use value" means the statewide average annual income per acre, multiplied by 90 percent and divided by the capitalization rate determined under subdivision 9. The statewide net annual income shall be a weighted average based on the most recent data as of July 1 of the computation year on stumpage prices and annual tree growth rates

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and acreage by cover type provided by the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service North Central Research Station.

Subd. 6. **Forest land.** "Forest land" means land containing a minimum of 20 contiguous acres for which the owner has implemented a forest management plan that was prepared or updated within the past ten years by an approved plan writer. For purposes of this subdivision, acres are considered to be contiguous even if they are separated by a road, waterway, railroad track, or other similar intervening property. At least 50 percent of the contiguous acreage must meet the definition of forest land in section 88.01, subdivision 7. For the purposes of sections 290C.01 to 290C.11, forest land does not include (i) land used for residential or agricultural purposes, (ii) land enrolled in the reinvest in Minnesota program, a state or federal conservation reserve or easement reserve program under sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, the Minnesota agricultural property tax law under section 273.111, or land subject to agricultural land preservation controls or restrictions as defined in section 40A.02 or under the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act under chapter 473H, or (iii) land improved with a structure, pavement, sewer, campsite, or any road, other than a township road, used for purposes not prescribed in the forest management plan.

Subd. 7. **Forest management plan.** "Forest management plan" means a written document providing a framework for site-specific healthy, productive, and sustainable forest resources. A forest management plan must include at least the following: (i) forest management goals for the land; (ii) a reliable field inventory of the individual forest cover types, their age, and density; (iii) a description of the soil type and quality; (iv) an aerial photo and/or map of the vegetation and other natural features of the land clearly indicating the boundaries of the land and of the forest land; (v) the proposed future conditions of the land; (vi) prescriptions to meet proposed future conditions of the land; (vii) a recommended timetable for implementing the prescribed activities; and (viii) a legal description of the land encompassing the parcels included in the plan. All management activities prescribed in a plan must be in accordance with the recommended timber harvesting and forest management guidelines. The commissioner of natural resources shall provide a framework for plan content and updating and revising plans.

Subd. 8. **Timber harvesting and forest management guidelines.** "Timber harvesting and forest management guidelines" means guidelines developed under section 89A.05 and adopted by the Minnesota Forest Resources Council in effect at the time the tract, parcel, or piece of land is enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program.

Subd. 9. **Capitalization rate.** By July 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine a statewide capitalization rate for use under this chapter. The rate shall be the average annual effective interest rate for St. Paul on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank system calculated under section 2032A(e)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

290C.03 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Land may be enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program under this chapter if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) the land consists of at least 20 contiguous acres and at least 50 percent of the land must meet the definition of forest land in section 88.01, subdivision 7, during the enrollment;

(2) a forest management plan for the land must be prepared by an approved plan writer and implemented during the period in which the land is enrolled;

(3) timber harvesting and forest management guidelines must be used in conjunction with any timber harvesting or forest management activities conducted on the land during the period in which the land is enrolled;

(4) the land must be enrolled for a minimum of eight years;

(5) there are no delinquent property taxes on the land; and

(6) claimants enrolling more than 1,920 acres in the sustainable forest incentive program must allow year-round, nonmotorized access to fish and wildlife resources on enrolled land except within one-fourth mile of a permanent dwelling or during periods of high fire hazard as determined by the commissioner of natural resources.

(b) Claimants required to allow access under paragraph (a), clause (6), do not by that action:

(1) extend any assurance that the land is safe for any purpose;

(2) confer upon the person the legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of care is owed; or

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(3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to the person or property caused by an act or omission of the person.

290C.04 APPLICATIONS.

(a) A landowner may apply to enroll forest land for the sustainable forest incentive program under this chapter. The claimant must complete, sign, and submit an application to the commissioner by September 30 in order for the land to become eligible beginning in the next year. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner and must include the information the commissioner deems necessary. At a minimum, the application must show the following information for the land and the claimant: (i) the claimant's Social Security number or state or federal business tax registration number and date of birth, (ii) the claimant's address, (iii) the claimant's signature, (iv) the county's parcel identification numbers for the tax parcels that completely contain the claimant's forest land that is sought to be enrolled, (v) the number of acres eligible for enrollment in the program, (vi) the approved plan writer's signature and identification number, and (vii) proof, in a form specified by the commissioner, that the claimant has executed and acknowledged in the manner required by law for a deed, and recorded, a covenant that the land is not and shall not be developed in a manner inconsistent with the requirements and conditions of this chapter. The covenant shall state in writing that the covenant is binding on the claimant and the claimant's successor or assignee, and that it runs with the land for a period of not less than eight years. The commissioner shall specify the form of the covenant and provide copies upon request. The covenant must include a legal description that encompasses all the forest land that the claimant wishes to enroll under this section or the certificate of title number for that land if it is registered land.

(b) In all cases, the commissioner shall notify the claimant within 90 days after receipt of a completed application that either the land has or has not been approved for enrollment. A claimant whose application is denied may appeal the denial as provided in section 290C.13.

(c) Within 90 days after the denial of an application, or within 90 days after the final resolution of any appeal related to the denial, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land from the covenant required under this chapter. The document must be mailed to the claimant and is entitled to be recorded.

(d) The Social Security numbers collected from individuals under this section are private data as provided in section 13.355. The federal business tax registration number and date of birth data collected under this section are also private data on individuals or nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 9 and 12, but may be shared with county assessors for purposes of tax administration and with county treasurers for purposes of the revenue recapture under chapter 270A.

290C.05 ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.

On or before July 1 of each year, beginning with the year after the original claimant has received an approved application, the commissioner shall send each claimant enrolled under the sustainable forest incentive program a certification form. For purposes of this section, the original claimant is the person that filed the first application under section 290C.04 to enroll the land in the program. The claimant must sign the certification, attesting that the requirements and conditions for continued enrollment in the program are currently being met, and must return the signed certification form to the commissioner by August 15 of that same year. If the claimant does not return an annual certification form by the due date, the provisions in section 290C.11 apply.

290C.055 LENGTH OF COVENANT.

The covenant remains in effect for a minimum of eight years. If land is removed from the program before it has been enrolled for four years, the covenant remains in effect for eight years from the date recorded.

If land that has been enrolled for four years or more is removed from the program for any reason, there is a waiting period before the covenant terminates. The covenant terminates on January 1 of the fifth calendar year that begins after the date that:

- (1) the commissioner receives notification from the claimant that the claimant wishes to remove the land from the program under section 290C.10; or
- (2) the date that the land is removed from the program under section 290C.11.

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Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the covenant is terminated at the same time that the land is removed from the program due to acquisition of title or possession for a public purpose under section 290C.10.

290C.06 CALCULATION OF AVERAGE ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE; MANAGED FOREST LAND.

The commissioner shall annually calculate a statewide average estimated market value per acre for class 2c managed forest land under section 273.13, subdivision 23.

290C.07 CALCULATION OF INCENTIVE PAYMENT.

An approved claimant under the sustainable forest incentive program is eligible to receive an annual payment. The payment shall equal the greater of:

(1) the difference between the property tax that would be paid on the land using the previous year's statewide average total township tax rate and a class rate of one percent, if the land were valued at (i) the average statewide managed forest land market value per acre calculated under section 290C.06, and (ii) the average statewide managed forest land current use value per acre calculated under section 290C.02, subdivision 5; or

(2) two-thirds of the property tax amount determined by using the previous year's statewide average total township tax rate, the estimated market value per acre as calculated in section 290C.06, and a class rate of one percent, provided that the payment shall be no less than \$7 per acre for each acre enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program.

290C.08 ANNUAL INCENTIVE PAYMENT; APPROPRIATION.

Subdivision 1. **Annual payment.** An incentive payment for each acre of enrolled land will be made annually to each claimant in the amount determined under section 290C.07. The incentive payment shall be paid on or before October 1 each year based on the certifications due August 15 of that year. Interest at the annual rate determined under section 270C.40 shall be included with any incentive payment not paid by the later of October 1 of the year the certification was due, or 45 days after the completed certification was returned or filed if the commissioner accepts a certification filed after August 15 of the taxes payable year as the resolution of an appeal.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** The amount necessary to make the payments under this section is annually appropriated to the commissioner from the general fund.

290C.09 REMOVAL FOR PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY.

The commissioner shall immediately remove any land enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program for which taxes are determined to be delinquent as provided in chapter 279 and shall notify the claimant of such action. Lands terminated from the sustainable forest incentive program under this section are not entitled to any payments provided in this chapter and are subject to removal penalties prescribed in section 290C.11. The claimant has 60 days from the receipt of notice from the commissioner under this section to pay the delinquent taxes. If the delinquent taxes are paid within this 60-day period, the lands shall be reinstated in the program as if they had not been withdrawn and without the payment of a penalty.

290C.10 WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES.

An approved claimant under the sustainable forest incentive program for a minimum of four years may notify the commissioner of the intent to terminate enrollment. Within 90 days of receipt of notice to terminate enrollment, the commissioner shall inform the claimant in writing, acknowledging receipt of this notice and indicating the effective date of termination from the sustainable forest incentive program. Termination of enrollment in the sustainable forest incentive program occurs on January 1 of the fifth calendar year that begins after receipt by the commissioner of the termination notice. After the commissioner issues an effective date of termination, a claimant wishing to continue the land's enrollment in the sustainable forest incentive program beyond the termination date must apply for enrollment as prescribed in section 290C.04. A claimant who withdraws a parcel of land from this program may not reenroll the parcel for a period of three years. Within 90 days after the termination date, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land from the covenant required under this chapter. The document must be mailed to the claimant and is entitled to be recorded. The commissioner may allow early withdrawal from the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act without penalty when the

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state of Minnesota, any local government unit, or any other entity which has the power of eminent domain acquires title or possession to the land for a public purpose notwithstanding the provisions of this section. In the case of such acquisition, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land acquired by the state, local government unit, or other entity from the covenant. All other enrolled land must remain in the program.

290C.11 PENALTIES FOR REMOVAL.

(a) If the commissioner determines that land enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program is in violation of the conditions for enrollment as specified in section 290C.03, the commissioner shall notify the claimant of the intent to remove all enrolled land from the sustainable forest incentive program. The claimant has 60 days to appeal this determination under the provisions of section 290C.13.

(b) If the commissioner determines the land is to be removed from the sustainable forest incentive program, the claimant is liable for payment to the commissioner in the amount equal to the payments received under this chapter for the previous four-year period, plus interest. The claimant has 90 days to satisfy the payment for removal of land from the sustainable forest incentive program under this section. If the penalty is not paid within the 90-day period under this paragraph, the commissioner shall certify the amount to the county auditor for collection as a part of the general ad valorem real property taxes on the land in the following taxes payable year.

290C.12 DEATH OF CLAIMANT.

Within one year after the death of the claimant, the claimant's heir, devisee, or estate must either:

(1) notify the commissioner of election to terminate enrollment in the sustainable forest incentive program; or

(2) make an application under this chapter to continue enrollment of the land in the program.

Upon notification under clause (1), the commissioner shall terminate the enrollment and issue a document releasing the land from the covenant as provided in section 290C.04, paragraph (c). Penalties under section 290C.11 shall not apply. If the application under clause (2) is approved, the land is enrolled in the program without a break. If the commissioner does not receive notification within one year after the date of death, enrollment in the program shall be terminated and penalties under section 290C.11 shall not apply.

290C.13 APPEALS.

Subdivision 1. **Claimant right to reconsideration.** A claimant may obtain reconsideration by the commissioner of a determination removing enrolled land from the sustainable forest incentive program, a determination denying an application to enroll land in the program, or a denial of part or all of an incentive payment by filing an administrative appeal under subdivision 4. A claimant cannot obtain reconsideration under this section if the action taken by the commissioner is the outcome of an administrative appeal.

Subd. 2. **Appeal by claimant.** A claimant who wishes to seek administrative review must follow the procedures in subdivision 4.

Subd. 3. **Notice date.** For purposes of this section, the term "notice date" means the date of the determination removing enrolled land or the date of the notice denying an application to enroll land or denying part or all of an incentive payment.

Subd. 4. **Time and content for administrative appeal.** Within 60 days after the notice date, the claimant must file a written appeal with the commissioner. The appeal need not be in any particular form but must contain the following information:

- (1) name and address of the claimant;
- (2) if a corporation, the state of incorporation of the claimant, and the principal place of business of the corporation;
- (3) the Minnesota or federal business identification number or Social Security number of the claimant;
- (4) the date;
- (5) the periods involved and the amount of payment involved for each year or period;
- (6) the findings in the notice that the claimant disputes;
- (7) a summary statement that the claimant relies on for each exception; and
- (8) the claimant's signature or signature of the claimant's duly authorized agent.

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Subd. 5. **Extensions.** When requested in writing and within the time allowed for filing an administrative appeal, the commissioner may extend the time for filing an appeal for a period not more than 30 days from the expiration of the 60 days from the notice date.

Subd. 6. **Determination of appeal.** On the basis of applicable law and available information, the commissioner shall determine the validity, if any, in whole or in part, of the appeal and notify the claimant of the decision. This notice must be in writing and contain the basis for the determination.

Subd. 7. **Agreement determining issues under appeal.** When it appears to be in the best interests of the state, the commissioner may settle the amount of any incentive payments, payments owed by the claimant under section 290C.11, paragraph (b), penalties, or interest that the commissioner has under consideration by virtue of an appeal filed under this section. An agreement must be in writing and signed by the commissioner and the claimant, or the claimant's representative authorized by the claimant to enter into an agreement. The agreement is final and conclusive and, except upon a showing of fraud or malfeasance, or misrepresentation of a material fact, the case must not be reopened as to the matters agreed upon.

Subd. 8. **Appeal to Tax Court.** Within 60 days after the commissioner denies an appeal, or within 120 days after the commissioner received a written appeal if the commissioner has not made a determination in that time, the claimant may appeal to Tax Court under chapter 271 as if the appeal is from an order of the commissioner.

Subd. 9. **Exemption from Administrative Procedure Act.** This section is not subject to chapter 14.

477A.145 INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.

In 2001 and each year thereafter, the amounts required to be adjusted for inflation in sections 477A.12 and 477A.14 shall be increased to an amount equal to: (1) the amount before the inflation adjustment multiplied by (2) one plus the percentage increase in the implicit price deflator for government consumption expenditures and gross investment for state and local governments prepared by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce for the period indicated below:

(i) the period starting with the first quarter of 1994 and ending with the third quarter of the calendar year prior to the year in which aid is paid, provided that lands acquired by the state under chapter 84A that are designated as state parks, state recreation areas, scientific and natural areas, or wildlife management areas are included in the definition of acquired natural resource land under section 477A.11 for calculating payments in calendar year 2001 and thereafter;

(ii) otherwise the period starting with the first quarter of 1987 and ending with the third quarter of the calendar year prior to the year in which the aid is paid.

These adjusted amounts must be rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a cent.