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Article 1 transfers statutory duties of the former Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, primarily to the Department of Administration. These duties were transferred by a 2003 executive reorganization order, issued under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.37. This bill conforms the statutes to the terms of the reorganization order.

The duties transferred to the Department of Administration include duties relating to:

- the state demographer
- the Land Management Information Center
- land use planning
- municipal annexation, incorporation, dissolution
- the Environmental Quality Board and related councils

Other sections of article 1 strike various references to the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning that are not needed if the office is not a free-standing agency.

Article 2, section 1 authorizes the Department of Administration to use forward pricing mechanisms to purchase energy for use in state facilities. Article 2, section 2 extends the existence of the department's small business advisory council until June 30, 2006.

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Article 2, section 3 requires the commissioner of administration to transfer any outstanding balance from the expired technology enterprise fund to the general fund. This section also appropriates \$117,000 to the commissioner to complete small agency infrastructure and electronic government services projects that were not completed when the technology enterprise fund was abolished in 2003.