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Overview

Creates the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission to plan for activities relating to Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood.

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1 Sesquicentennial Commission.

Subd. 1. Commission. Creates the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission to plan for activities relating to Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood.

Subd. 2. Membership. Specifies 17 members:

- 9 appointed by the Governor;
- 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House and 2 by the minority leader of the House
- 2 majority and 2 minority caucus members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Subcommittee on Committees

Subd. 3. Compensation; operation. Requires the Minnesota Historical Society to provide office space and support. Allows the commission to create an advisory council. Provides that members will not be compensated for services, but that

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gubernatorial appointees may be reimbursed for expenses.

Subd. 4. Duties. Specifies duties, including a plan for grants for capital improvements and funding for activities to celebrate the 150th anniversary of statehood.

Subd. 5. Commemorative coin. Allows the Commission to arrange for a commemorative coin, and appropriates proceeds from sale of the coin to the commission.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates money to the Minnesota Historical Society. This is a one-time appropriation, available until January 30, 2009.

3 Expiration. The commission expires January 30, 2009.