

## S.F. No. 1879 – Department of administration provisions

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**Section 1 [Report]** is a conforming change, related to the repeal of the milestones report.

**Section 2 [Operation and maintenance of buildings]** modifies the list of buildings the commissioner of administration is responsible to maintain and operate. Deletes the Department of Health building in Minneapolis and the 321 Grove Street Buildings and adds 603 Pine Street in St. Paul, Fleet Surplus Services building in Arden Hills, and the Ely Revenue building.

**Section 3 [Canine management]** authorizes the commissioner of administration to give state-owned service dogs to their handlers. The handlers are responsible for costs after the transfer.

### **Section 4 [Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution]**

**Subd. 1 [Duties of the office]** amends and recodifies sections that define duties for the office of collaboration and dispute resolution. Adds tribal governments to the list of entities that the office must assist. Adds public engagement as a topic for which the office is assigned to provide assistance. Modifies the expressly listed dispute resolution models and processes the office is to promote.

**Subd. 2 [Grant applications]** permits the commissioner of administration to apply for grants. Appropriates grant funds to the commissioner.

**Subd. 3 [Grant awards], Subd. 4 [Eligibility], Subd. 5 [Conditions and exclusions] and Subd. 6 [Reporting]** recodify a grant program for private nonprofit organizations that assist in resolutions of disputes.

### **Section 5 [Environmental Sustainability Government Operations; Office Created]**

**Subd. 1 [Enterprise sustainability]** creates an Office of Enterprise Sustainability to assist state agencies in making measurable progress toward improving the sustainability of government operations. Specifies duties of the office.

**Subd. 2 [Local governments]** requires the Office to make reasonable attempts to share tools and best practices with local governments.

**Section 6 [Purpose of funds]** eliminates two of the purposes (operating a materials handling service and operating a state recycling center) for which the commissioner of administration is authorized to use money appropriated to the commissioner from the general services revolving fund.

**Section 7 [Motor pools]** defines “passenger motor vehicle” to mean “on-road vehicle capable of transporting people”, in the statute requiring the commissioner of administration to operate a motor pool of passenger motor vehicles for state agencies.

**Section 8 [Vehicles]** allows for state vehicles provided to the Department of Corrections inmate community work crew program to not be marked with the state vehicle uniform marking.

**Section 9 [Department of Administration as agency to accept federal funds]** is a technical correction.

**Section 10 [Commissioner’s responsibilities]** makes the commissioner of administration the state historic preservation officer. In 2017, when preservation duties were moved from the Historical Society to the department of administration, the role of the state historic preservation officer, filled by the director of the State Historical Society, was deleted. This section restores that role and assigns it to the commissioner of administration. Corrects a cross reference to the federal law for the federal historic preservation program.

**Section 11 [Administration of federal act]** designates the Historical Society to administer responsibilities under federal law for preservation of historical and archaeological data. Under current law, the department of administration has this responsibility. Corrects a cross reference to federal law for the federal historic preservation program.

**Section 12 [State Historic Preservation Office]** defines the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

**Section 13 [Administration of the Act]** notes that the state archaeologist shares enforcement duties with SHPO, as well as with the Historical Society.

**Section 14 [Cooperation]** adds SHPO to the list of entities that agencies must cooperate with to designate and preserve historic sites and historic places. Changes the person to whom violations of preservation statutes are to be reported, from the director of the Historical Society to the state archaeologist. Changes the entity to whom construction and development plans must be submitted for project on known or expected significant archaeological or historic sites, from the Historical Society to SHPO. (Under current law, these plans must also be submitted to the state archaeologist and that is not changed.)

**Section 15 [Mediation]** eliminates a preclusion on employees of the Historical Society serving on a task force appointed to mediate a disagreement between a state agency and SHPO about an undertaking that will affect designated or listed historic sites or places.

**Section 16 [Cooperation]** adds SHPO to the list of entities that agencies must cooperate with in safeguarding state historic sites and in the preservation of historic and archeological properties.

**Section 17 [Historic Properties; Changes]** makes SHPO responsible, like the Historical Society is, to notify the legislature of the need for changes to properties designated as historic sites or places. Changes the entity from the Historical Society to SHPO that is responsible for standards for documentation of the significance of properties proposed for designation. Makes SHPO responsible for providing an opinion about whether a property meets the criteria to be placed on the state register of historic places.

**Section 18 [Membership]** adds a person from SHPO to the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board.

**Section 19 [Prohibition]** adds a U.S. Census Bureau employee to the list of people who cannot be denied entry to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park, other multiple unit facilities used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways, when access to the facility is part of the employee's official work duties on a decennial census of population. The Census Bureau employee must be permitted to leave census materials, in an orderly manner, for residents at their doors. If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, the census employee must be allowed to access more than one building on a single visit. Multiple employees travelling together must not be restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

**Section 20 [Revisor's Instruction]** directs the revisor of statutes to change "central motor pool" to "enterprise fleet" throughout the statutes.

**Section 21 [Repealer]** repeals the following:

- **4A.11:** the Milestones report;
- **179.90:** Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolutions, which is recodified with amendments in this bill;
- **179.91:** Grants, which is recodified without amendment in this bill.