

fund and may be spent only for arts and cultural heritage purposes. Up to ten percent of the remaining funds shall be divided by law among the funds created in this section. A natural heritage fund; a parks and trails fund; a clean water fund; a sustainable drinking water fund; and an arts and cultural heritage fund are created in the state treasury. The money dedicated under this section shall be appropriated by law. The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the natural heritage fund under this section must be open to public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people in the 2008 general election. The question submitted shall be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide funding beginning July 1, 2009, to restore, preserve, and enhance the state's fish and wildlife habitat and other natural resources; to protect the state's drinking water sources; to protect and restore the state's lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and groundwater; to support the state's parks and trails; and to support the arts and cultural heritage of the state by increasing the sales and use tax rate by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?

Yes

No"

Sec. 3. **[85.0195] PARKS AND TRAILS FUNDS; EXPENDITURES.**

Subdivision 1. **Fund.** The parks and trails fund is established in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. All money earned by the parks and trails fund must be credited to the fund.

Subd. 2. **Expenditures.** Money in the parks and trails fund may be spent only on state and regional parks and trails subject to appropriation by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

Sec. 4. **[97A.056] NATURAL HERITAGE FUND; NATURAL HERITAGE ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Natural heritage fund.** (a) The natural heritage fund is established in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. All money earned by the heritage fund must be credited to the fund. At least 97 percent of the money appropriated from the

3.1 fund must be spent to restore, preserve, and enhance the state's fish and wildlife habitat
3.2 and other natural resources.

3.3 (b) Lands acquired in fee by appropriations from this fund are subject to the payment
3.4 in lieu of tax as provided in section 477A.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1).

3.5 Subd. 2. **Natural Heritage Advisory Council.** (a) A Natural Heritage Advisory
3.6 Council of 16 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

3.7 (1) three members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on
3.8 Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration;

3.9 (2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
3.10 house;

3.11 (3) three public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of
3.12 the Committee on Rules and Administration;

3.13 (4) three public members appointed by the speaker of the house; and

3.14 (5) four public members appointed by the governor.

3.15 (b) One member from the senate and one member from the house of representatives
3.16 must be from the minority caucus.

3.17 (c) In making appointments to the council, appointing authorities must consider
3.18 geographic balance. Appointments to the advisory council shall be made by February
3.19 1, 2009.

3.20 (d) Legislative members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem expenses plus
3.21 travel expenses incurred in the services of the council. The removal and, beginning July 1,
3.22 2009, the compensation of public members is as provided in section 15.0575.

3.23 (e) The first meeting of the advisory council shall be convened by the chair of the
3.24 Legislative Coordinating Commission. Members must elect a chair, vice chair, secretary,
3.25 and other officers as determined by the majority vote of the council. The chair may
3.26 convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

3.27 (f) Public membership terms are coterminous with the appointing authority and
3.28 legislative membership terms are at the pleasure of the appointing authority, except that
3.29 members shall serve on the advisory council until their successors are appointed.

3.30 (g) Vacancies occurring on the advisory council do not affect the authority of the
3.31 remaining members of the advisory council to carry out their duties. Vacancies shall be
3.32 filled in the same manner as under paragraph (a).

3.33 Subd. 3. **Duties of council.** The council must recommend advisory expenditures
3.34 from the natural heritage fund to the legislature and the governor.

3.35 Subd. 4. **Open meetings.** (a) Meetings of the advisory council must be open to the
3.36 public. Except where prohibited by law, the advisory council must create additional

processes to ensure full public participation in all aspects of its work. For the purposes of this subdivision, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the council's jurisdiction.

(b) For legislative members of the council, enforcement of this subdivision is governed by section 3.055, subdivision 2. For nonlegislative members of the council, enforcement of this subdivision is governed by section 13D.06, subdivisions 1 and 2.

Subd. 5. **Advisory council expiration.** Subdivisions 2 to 4 expire on June 30, 2013, unless extended by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective November 15, 2008, if the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

Sec. 5. **[103H.285] SUSTAINABLE DRINKING WATER FUND.**

A sustainable drinking water fund is established in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. All money earned by the sustainable drinking water fund must be credited to the fund. At least 97 percent of the money appropriated from the fund must be spent to protect the state's drinking water sources including, but not limited to, well monitoring and cleanup, wellhead and source protection, the state match for available federal dollars, and groundwater protection according to law.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 114D.20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Priorities for restoration of impaired waters.** In implementing restoration of impaired waters, in addition to the priority considerations in subdivision 5, the Clean Water Council ~~shall~~ must give priority in its recommendations for restoration funding from the clean water ~~legacy account~~ fund to restoration projects that:

(1) coordinate with and ~~utilize~~ use existing local authorities and infrastructure for implementation;

(2) can be implemented in whole or in part by providing support for existing or ongoing restoration efforts;

(3) most effectively leverage other sources of restoration funding, including federal, state, local, and private sources of funds;

(4) show a high potential for early restoration and delisting based upon scientific data developed through public agency or citizen monitoring or other means; and

(5) show a high potential for long-term water quality and related conservation benefits.

5.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional
5.2 amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

5.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 114D.30, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

5.4 Subd. 6. **Recommendations on appropriation of funds.** The Clean Water Council
5.5 ~~shall~~ must recommend to the governor the manner in which money from the clean water
5.6 ~~legacy account fund~~ fund should be appropriated for the purposes identified in section 114D.45,
5.7 subdivision 3. The council's recommendations must be consistent with the purposes,
5.8 policies, goals, and priorities in sections 114D.05 to 114D.35, and ~~shall~~ must allocate
5.9 adequate support and resources to identify impaired waters, develop TMDL's, implement
5.10 restoration of impaired waters, and provide assistance and incentives to prevent waters
5.11 from becoming impaired and improve the quality of waters which are listed as impaired
5.12 but have no approved TMDL. The council must recommend methods of ensuring that
5.13 awards of grants, loans, or other funds from the clean water ~~legacy account fund~~ fund specify
5.14 the outcomes to be achieved as a result of the funding and specify standards to hold the
5.15 recipient accountable for achieving the desired outcomes. Expenditures from the account
5.16 must be appropriated by law.

5.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional
5.18 amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

5.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 114D.45, is amended to read:

5.20 **114D.45 CLEAN WATER ~~LEGACY ACCOUNT~~ FUND.**

5.21 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The clean water ~~legacy account fund~~ fund is ~~created as an~~
5.22 ~~account in the environmental fund~~ established in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
5.23 section 15. Money in the ~~account fund~~ fund must be made available for the implementation
5.24 of this chapter and sections 446A.073, 446A.074, and 446A.075, without supplanting or
5.25 taking the place of any other funds which are currently available or may become available
5.26 from any other source, whether federal, state, local, or private, for implementation of
5.27 those sections.

5.28 Subd. 2. **Sources of revenue.** The following revenues must be deposited in the
5.29 clean water ~~legacy account fund~~ fund:

5.30 (1) money deposited in the fund as provided in the Minnesota Constitution, article
5.31 XI, section 15;

5.32 ~~(1)~~ (2) money transferred to the ~~account fund~~ fund; and

5.33 ~~(2)~~ (3) interest accrued on the ~~account fund~~ fund.

Subd. 3. **Purposes.** Subject to appropriation by the legislature, the clean water ~~legacy account fund~~ may be spent for the following purposes:

(1) to provide grants, loans, and technical assistance to public agencies and others who are participating in the process of identifying impaired waters, developing TMDL's, implementing restoration plans for impaired waters, and monitoring the effectiveness of restoration;

(2) to support measures to prevent waters from becoming impaired and to improve the quality of waters that are listed as impaired but do not have an approved TMDL addressing the impairment;

(3) to provide grants and loans for wastewater and storm water treatment projects through the Public Facilities Authority;

(4) to support the efforts of public agencies associated with individual sewage treatment systems and financial assistance for upgrading and replacing the systems; and

(5) to provide funds to state agencies to carry out their responsibilities under this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

Sec. 9. **[129D.17] ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND;**
EXPENDITURES.

Subdivision 1. **Fund.** The arts and cultural heritage fund is established in the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. All money earned by the fund must be credited to the fund.

Subd. 2. **Expenditures.** Subject to appropriation, receipts in the fund must be spent for arts activities and to support the cultural heritage of the state according to law.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.62, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2 or 3 or in this chapter, a sales tax of 6.5 percent is imposed on the gross receipts from retail sales as defined in section 297A.61, subdivision 4, made in this state or to a destination in this state by a person who is required to have or voluntarily obtains a permit under section 297A.83, subdivision 1.

(b) The increased rate required under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, shall be added to the rate imposed under paragraph (a).

7.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional
7.2 amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

7.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.94, is amended to read:

7.4 **297A.94 DEPOSIT OF REVENUES.**

7.5 (a) Except as provided in this section and the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
7.6 section 15, the commissioner shall deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties,
7.7 derived from the taxes imposed by this chapter in the state treasury and credit them to the
7.8 general fund.

7.9 (b) The commissioner shall deposit taxes in the Minnesota agricultural and economic
7.10 account in the special revenue fund if:

7.11 (1) the taxes are derived from sales and use of property and services purchased for
7.12 the construction and operation of an agricultural resource project; and

7.13 (2) the purchase was made on or after the date on which a conditional commitment
7.14 was made for a loan guaranty for the project under section 41A.04, subdivision 3.

7.15 The commissioner of finance shall certify to the commissioner the date on which the
7.16 project received the conditional commitment. The amount deposited in the loan guaranty
7.17 account must be reduced by any refunds and by the costs incurred by the Department of
7.18 Revenue to administer and enforce the assessment and collection of the taxes.

7.19 (c) The commissioner shall deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties,
7.20 derived from the taxes imposed on sales and purchases included in section 297A.61,
7.21 subdivision 3, paragraph (g), clauses (1) and (4), in the state treasury, and credit them
7.22 as follows:

7.23 (1) first to the general obligation special tax bond debt service account in each fiscal
7.24 year the amount required by section 16A.661, subdivision 3, paragraph (b); and

7.25 (2) after the requirements of clause (1) have been met, the balance to the general
7.26 fund.

7.27 (d) The commissioner shall deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties,
7.28 collected under section 297A.64, subdivision 5, in the state treasury and credit them to the
7.29 general fund. By July 15 of each year the commissioner shall transfer to the highway user
7.30 tax distribution fund an amount equal to the excess fees collected under section 297A.64,
7.31 subdivision 5, for the previous calendar year.

7.32 (e) For fiscal year 2001, 97 percent; for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, 87 percent; and
7.33 for fiscal year 2004 and thereafter, 72.43 percent of the revenues, including interest and
7.34 penalties, transmitted to the commissioner under section 297A.65, must be deposited by
7.35 the commissioner in the state treasury as follows:

(1) 50 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund, and may be spent only on activities that improve, enhance, or protect fish and wildlife resources, including conservation, restoration, and enhancement of land, water, and other natural resources of the state;

(2) 22.5 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may be spent only for state parks and trails;

(3) 22.5 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may be spent only on metropolitan park and trail grants;

(4) three percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may be spent only on local trail grants; and

(5) two percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may be spent only for the Minnesota Zoological Garden, the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and the Duluth Zoo.

(f) The revenue dedicated under paragraph (e) may not be used as a substitute for traditional sources of funding for the purposes specified, but the dedicated revenue shall supplement traditional sources of funding for those purposes. Land acquired with money deposited in the game and fish fund under paragraph (e) must be open to public hunting and fishing during the open season, except that in aquatic management areas or on lands where angling easements have been acquired, fishing may be prohibited during certain times of the year and hunting may be prohibited. At least 87 percent of the money deposited in the game and fish fund for improvement, enhancement, or protection of fish and wildlife resources under paragraph (e) must be allocated for field operations.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297B.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Rate.** There is imposed an excise tax at the rate provided in ~~chapter 297A~~ section 297A.62, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), on the purchase price of any motor vehicle purchased or acquired, either in or outside of the state of Minnesota, which is required to be registered under the laws of this state.

The excise tax is also imposed on the purchase price of motor vehicles purchased or acquired on Indian reservations when the tribal council has entered into a sales tax on motor vehicles refund agreement with the state of Minnesota.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2009, if the constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 is adopted by the voters.