

## CHAPTER 305—S. F. No. 1275

*An act defining distressed counties and establishing a separate fund for supplemental aid, and providing for payments therefrom in aid of old age assistance.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Distressed counties, who are.**—Any county in the State of Minnesota with a tax delinquency as shown by the annual report of the State Tax Commission in excess of forty per cent for all real and personal property tax levies for all units of government for the year 1933, payable in 1934 and delinquent January 1, 1935, or which may hereafter have such delinquency, or in which the average return of tax levied for all units during the year 1934, payable in 1935, was in excess of one hundred and ten mills, or in which such tax levy may hereafter be in excess of one hundred and ten mills, shall be known as a distressed county.

Sec. 2. **Supplemental reimbursement fund created.**—Out of moneys hereafter appropriated by the State for old age assistance there shall be set aside a sum of money into a separate fund to be known as the Supplemental Reimbursement Fund in an amount which, after deducting the amounts of money actually collected in each county for old age assistance, shall be sufficient to grant to each county supplemental aid in such amount as may be necessary to pay old age assistance in such county to the extent that pensions shall be uniform throughout the state, having regard for varying costs of living and conditions in various parts of the State, provided, however, that such sum of money so set aside shall not exceed the sum of \$250,000 annually.

Sec. 3. **State agency may pay from supplemental assistance fund.**—Whenever any distressed county shall, through its county auditor and by resolution of the county board, certify to the State Agency that within said county there was levied an amount of money, which, if collected, would have been sufficient to pay old age assistance therein, and shall further certify that said county comes within the definition herein provided for, and shall further certify to the percentage of delinquency existing in said county, as the same has been determined or may be reasonably anticipated, and shall further certify the amount of money it has in its old age assistance fund and the amount of delinquency that will exist in said fund in so far as the same may be anticipated, and shall further certify the number of persons receiving old age assistance and the average payment for old age assistance being made, and shall certify the amount of money which in its judgment will constitute a delinquency due to delinquency in tax payments, the State Agency may pay to such county such sum or sums of money out of the funds hereinbefore provided for as supplemental old age assistance aid to such county.

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