

for the patient who shall receive compensation from the county in such amount as the court may order, if the patient is financially unable to provide counsel.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 491—S. F. No. 783

An act creating a commission composed of members of the House and Senate and one appointee of the attorney general, authorizing and directing such commission to make a study and investigation of the laws relating to drainage and surface and underground water resources, and prepare a bill revising and codifying such laws for presentation at the next legislative session, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Interim committee created; drainage. That a commission of seven members be and hereby is created to consist of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the committee on committees of the Senate, and one attorney from the attorney general's force to be designated by the attorney general, to revise and codify the laws of this state relating to drainage and to the surface and underground water resources. Such appointments shall be made forthwith upon the passage of this act, and the commission shall designate one of its members to act as chairman.

Sec. 2. Research; report. It shall be the duty of said commission to examine and compare existing laws relating to drainage and the surface and underground water resources of this state and similar laws in adjoining states or states having like conditions, and to prepare, propose and recommend such revision and codification as shall in their opinion simplify, harmonize and complete the same, and shall be best suitable toward effectuating the ends to be gained by such laws. The commission shall prepare the same in the form of a bill for presentation at the next regular legislative session and shall file their report of such revision and codification, with such explanations thereof as may be necessary, not later than the opening day of the next legislative session.

Sec. 3. Hearings. The commission shall have the authority and power to hold hearings at such times and places as

they may designate for the purpose of taking evidence and testimony necessary or helpful in effectuating the purposes of this act.

Sec. 4. Members to receive expenses only; employ assistant. The members of the commission shall serve without pay but shall be allowed and paid for all expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limit of the appropriation provided herein. The commission is vested with full power and authority to employ expert and clerical aid and assistance, to purchase stationery and other supplies, to rent or otherwise provide for the use of offices and equipment, and do any and all things reasonably necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay all expenses incurred pursuant to this act. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other member of said commission, and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer shall pay such warrants as and when presented, but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount herein appropriated.

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CHAPTER 492—S. F. No. 925

An act relating to state employees.

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

Section. 1. Pay to employee annual leave allowance. Any employee of the state who is separated from the state service by lay-off, resignation, death or otherwise, and any employee who is transferred or who accepts employment under the jurisdiction of a new appointing authority of the state, shall be entitled upon such separation, transfer, or acceptance of such new employment, to pay for any unused portion of his annual leave allowance.

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