

forestry purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 89.032.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 89.032, is amended to read:

89.032 Lands. Subdivision 1. Acquisition. The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain, in the manner provided in Chapter 117, or by purchase or accept as a gift any lands or interests in lands in the state forests herein created, which he shall deem necessary for state ownership, use and development, and may acquire any such lands or interests in lands subject to mineral reservations.

Subd. 2. Lease. *The commissioner of conservation may lease any land which he shall deem necessary for use for buildings, lookout towers, or other facilities for forestry purposes for such period as he shall deem necessary.*

Approved March 8, 1955.

CHAPTER 116—H. F. No. 735

An act relating to direct relief of the poor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 261.123.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 261.123, is amended to read:

261.123 Appeal to commissioner of public welfare. Any applicant or recipient aggrieved by any order or determination of an officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction of general relief or general assistance, may appeal from such order or determination to the commissioner of public welfare. Before making such appeal to the commissioner of public welfare, the applicant or recipient shall give written notice to the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction, that he is not satisfied with the decision made. The officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction shall, within 30 days thereafter, grant a new hearing. The officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction may adhere to the decision already made, or may modify its order. If the applicant or recipient is then dissatisfied, he may, within 30 days after the mailing of such order, appeal to the commissioner of public welfare as herein

provided. The commissioner of public welfare shall, upon receipt of such appeal, notify the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction and review the case, giving the applicant or recipient an opportunity for a fair hearing before the commissioner of public welfare or his legal representative. *An appeal may also be taken if the application is not acted upon with reasonable promptness by the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction.* The commissioner of public welfare may upon his own motion review any decision made by an officer or officers of a political subdivision having jurisdiction. The commissioner of public welfare may make such additional investigation as he deems necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of assistance and the amount and nature of assistance to be granted the applicant or recipient as in his opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of sections 261.01 to 263.12. All decisions of the commissioner of public welfare shall be binding upon the political subdivision involved and the applicant or recipient and complied with by the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction unless modified or reversed on appeal as hereinafter provided.

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CHAPTER 117—H. F. No. 123

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the construction of bridges across navigable streams in conjunction with the improvement of certain county roads.

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

Section 1. **Bridges across diversion channel, certain counties.** Whenever any county has been authorized by the commissioner of conservation to divert the channel of a navigable stream for the purpose of improving a county road and the board of commissioners of such county has by resolution ordered diversion of such navigable stream across private property so that such stream and the channel thereof when so diverted deprives the owner of such private property of access to such county road the owner of such private property may grant to the county a perpetual easement for road purposes across such private property commencing at a point 50 feet distant from the relocated or diversion channel, thence crossing the relocated or diversion channel and intersecting said county road so to be improved; and such road easement shall extend for a