

in the office of the Registrar of Titles, Hennepin County, Minnesota, under Certificate No. 67411,

any and all interests of the State of Minnesota in said land except the right of the State of Minnesota to construct and maintain a dam at the outlet of Nine Mile (Colman) Lake with a crest elevation not to exceed the natural ordinary high water level of said lake.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 237—S. F. No. 391

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the Commissioner of Highways to employ consulting engineers for professional advice and preparation of plans for work on trunk highways; amending Laws of Minnesota 1953, Chapter 690.

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

Section 1. Laws of Minnesota 1953, Chapter 690, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Registered professional engineers, employed by commissioner of highways.** The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to employ and engage the services of registered professional engineers to act as consultants in connection with, and to prepare plans and specifications themselves or by their organization and employees for the construction of trunk highways, and the commissioner of highways is authorized to negotiate for and agree upon the terms and compensation for such employment and services.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall continue *until July 1, 1957*.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 238—S. F. No. 393

An act relating to assistance to the blind; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256.51 Public assistance. Subdivision 1. Eligibility. Assistance shall be given under sections 256.49 to 256.71 to any person who:

(1) Has lost his eyesight while a resident of the state, or shall have resided in the state for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for assistance;

(2) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health which shall mean, with respect to personal property, a person whose personal property is worth not more than \$500 for a single person, or \$750 for a married couple. Personal property shall include stocks and bonds, bank savings, land contracts, mortgages and cash value of life insurance policies. Personal property used as a regular abode by the applicant or recipient may be excluded in determining the value of personal property owned. The first \$500 for a single person or \$750 in the case of a married couple, of the cash surrender value of life insurance, shall be disregarded in determining how much personal property is owned. *Household goods and furniture in use in the home, wearing apparel, and a lot in a burial ground shall not be considered in determining the property limitation set forth in this section. If the liquidation of the land contracts convertible into cash referred to in this section would cause undue loss or hardship, the state agency, in its discretion, may nevertheless grant assistance:*

(3) Is not an inmate of, or being maintained by a municipal, county, state, or national institution at the time of receiving assistance, or a patient in a tuberculosis or mental institution, or a patient in a medical institution as a result of diagnosis of tuberculosis or psychosis; but part or all of any aid to the blind may be paid to patients in public or private medical institutions other than those herein excluded, who are eligible for such aid, subject to rules and regulations made by the state agency;

(4) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property, so as to render himself eligible for assistance under these sections, at any time within two years immediately prior to the filing of application for assistance pursuant to the provisions thereof;

(5) Is not, because of his physical or mental condition, in need of continuing institutional care;

(6) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, soliciting alms;

(7) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 239—S. F. No. 516

An act relating to the state employees retirement fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 352.01, Subdivisions 2, 8 and 9; Section 352.02, Subdivisions 2, 3 and 4, Section 352.04, Subdivisions 1 and 5; Section 352.09, Subdivisions 1 and 2; Section 352.103, Subdivisions 1 and 2; Section 352.11, Subdivisions 1 and 3; Section 352.113, and Section 352.12, Subdivisions 3 and 4, and by adding a new Subdivision thereto.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 352.01, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **State employee.** "State Employee" means employees and officers in the classified and unclassified services of the State of Minnesota as defined in the State Civil Service Act, and employees of the Minnesota Historical Society, the State Horticultural Society, the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota, the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, employees of the Adjutant General who are paid from federal funds and who are not eligible to benefits from any federal civilian retirement fund, employees of the State Teachers Colleges employed under the College Activities Program, and currently contributing members of the association who are temporarily employed by the legislature during a legislative session or any currently contributing member employed for any special service as defined in paragraph (8) of this subdivision; but does not include the following:

(1) Elective state officers, except as provided in section 352.02;

(2) Students employed by the University of Minnesota and the State Teachers colleges unless approved for membership by the Board of Regents or the Teachers College Board, as the case may be;