

board shall pay a monthly allowance under the option 4-five year certain life income plan of retirement, as adopted by the board, to the designated beneficiary of such employee, providing such employee prior to the date of his death filed a written request therefore with the board on forms provided by such board. The monthly allowance herein provided for shall be the actuarial equivalent of a single life retirement allowance which would have been payable to the employee on the date of his death had he been eligible to retire and retired.

The beneficiary designated by the employee shall be the surviving spouse of such employee. If there is no surviving spouse, the designated beneficiary may be a dependent surviving child or dependent parent of such employee as dependency is defined in this chapter. If the beneficiary designated by the employee is not of the class of persons provided for in this paragraph, or if the designated beneficiary predeceases the employee, a refund shall be made as provided for in section 422.09, in lieu of a life income under the option 4 - five year certain plan.

If the employee does not elect to designate a beneficiary to receive a life income under the option 4 - five year certain plan, as herein provided, the designated beneficiary, if of the class of persons set forth in the preceding paragraph, may elect within 60 days after the date of death of the employee to receive a life income computed and determined as though the employee had retired on the date of his death under the option 2 plan of retirement, as provided for in this act, and had designated such person as his beneficiary.

Upon reinstatement of a former employee to the service, credit for such past service or for any part thereof shall be granted only upon repayment of the amount of the separation refund, with interest, from the time of separation; provided this provision shall not apply to service rendered prior to the date that sections 422.01 to 422.23 become effective.

Approved April 1, 1955.

CHAPTER 318—S. F. No. 418

[Not Coded]

An act creating a commission to investigate and study all laws relating to education in the elementary and secondary schools and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Education commission. A commission to investigate and study all laws relating to education in the elementary and secondary public schools is hereby created to consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the committee on committees, and three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker. The appointment of such commission shall be made upon passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 2. Investigation, analysis, study of laws. Such commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed and complete investigation, analysis and study of all laws of this state, and the laws of such other jurisdictions as may be applicable and pertinent to education in the elementary and secondary public schools. This study and survey and analysis shall be made for the purpose of codifying and clarifying the statutes of this state pertaining to education in the elementary and secondary public schools.

Sec. 3. Meetings, officers. The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 4. Testimonial powers. The commission may subpoena witnesses and records, and employ such assistants as it deems necessary to perform its duties effectively. It may do all the things necessary and convenient to enable it to perform its duties.

Sec. 5. State agencies to cooperate. The Revisor of Statutes and every other state agency shall cooperate with the commission in all respects so that its purpose may be accomplished.

Sec. 6. Report to legislature. The commission shall make a report to the legislature on or before January 15, 1957, setting forth its recommendations for legislation amending the law and codifying the statutes relating to education in the elementary and secondary public schools.

Sec. 7. Expenses, reimbursement. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated from the income tax fund for the use of this commission in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. For the payment of its expenditures, the commission shall draw its war-

rants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and one other member of the commission, and the auditor shall then approve and the treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented.

Approved April 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 319—S. F. No. 604

An act relating to the appointment of examiner of titles and deputy examiners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 508.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 508.12, is amended to read:

508.12 Examiners of titles. The judges of the district court shall appoint a competent attorney in each county within their respective districts to be an examiner of titles and legal adviser to the registrar in said county, and may appoint one deputy examiner who shall act in the name of the examiner and under his supervision and control, and his acts shall be the acts of the examiners. The examiner of titles shall hold office subject to the will and discretion of the district court by which he is appointed. His compensation and that of his deputies shall be fixed and determined by the court and paid in the same manner as the compensation of other county employees is paid. In all counties having less than 75,000 inhabitants, the fees and compensations of the examiners shall be determined by the judge of the district court and, in every instance, paid by the person applying to have his title registered.

In any county now or hereafter having a population of over 450,000 inhabitants the judges of the district court may appoint not more than *three* full time deputy examiners; in addition to the deputy examiner above provided for; or, in the event any said full time deputy examiners provided for in this paragraph or the paragraph immediately above are not appointed, two part time deputy examiners may be appointed for each such full time deputy examiner not so appointed. All deputy examiners shall be competent attorneys and shall act in the name of the examiner and under his supervision and control and their acts shall be the acts of the examiner. All deputies shall hold office subject to the will and discretion of the district court by which they are appointed and their compensation shall