

lic welfare shall *admit* to the Owatonna State School those persons committed as *mentally deficient* who, in his opinion, may benefit from academic education and vocational training.

Approved April 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 440—S. F. No. 798

An act relating to the livestock contingency fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.32, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.32, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

Subd. 2. **Income, disbursement.** All income derived from the sale of cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, and poultry, and the by-products therefrom, or the young thereof, by all institutions, including the State Sanatorium for Consumptives, the State Training School for Boys and the Home School for Girls, shall be credited to said fund. All purchases, all registration and transfer fees, membership fees in cow-testing associations and county and state dairy herd organizations, breeding fees and veterinarian fees shall be paid out of said fund as herein provided. *Notwithstanding the provisions of laws of 1939, chapter 431 as amended and the provisions of section 16.02, Minnesota Statutes 1953, the commissioner of public welfare, subject to the approval of the attorney general and the commissioner of administration, shall prescribe rules and regulations for the payment of fees and purchase and sale of all cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, poultry, the young thereof, and the by-products therefrom covered by this section, and such rules and regulations may provide that such purchases and sales may be made by him or his designated agent and such fees paid without securing bids or advertising therefor.*

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CHAPTER 441—S. F. No. 821

An act relating to the duties and responsibilities of the public examiner; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 215.11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 215.11, is amended to read:

215.11 **Examination of counties; cost, fees.** All the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the public examiner shall be exercised and performed by him in respect to the offices, institutions, public property, and improvements of several counties of the state. At least once in each year, if funds and personnel permit, the public examiner shall visit, without previous notice, each county and make a thorough examination of all accounts and records relating to the receipt and disbursement of the public funds and the custody of the public funds, *including the game and fish funds*, and other property. He shall prescribe and install systems of accounts and financial reports that shall be uniform, so far as practicable, for the same class of offices. A copy of the report of such examination shall be filed and be subject to public inspection in the office of the public examiner and another copy in the office of the auditor of the county thus examined. The public examiner may accept the records and audit, or any part thereof, of the division of social welfare in lieu of his examination of the county social welfare funds, if such audit has been made within any period covered by the public examiner's audit of the other records of the county. If any such examination shall disclose malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in any office of such county, such report shall be filed with the county attorney of the county, and it shall be his duty to institute such civil and criminal proceedings as the law and the protection of the public interests shall require.

The county receiving such examination, *and the division of game and fish of the department of conservation of the state of Minnesota, in the case of the examination of the game and fish funds*, shall pay to the *public examiner's revolving fund, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.20*, the total cost and expenses of such examinations, including the salaries paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making such examination. The public examiner if he deems it advisable may bill counties, having a population of 200,000 or over, monthly for services rendered and the officials responsible for approving and paying claims shall cause said bill to be promptly paid. The revolving fund of the public examiner shall be credited with all collections made for any such examinations.

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