

of the work in which the prisoner is engaged when employed on state account, or from the current expense fund of the institution as the commissioner of public welfare shall determine.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 662—S. F. No. 796

An act relating to the state institution for mentally deficient at Faribault and the state institution for mentally deficient and epileptic at Cambridge, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.015.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 252.015 is amended to read:

252.015 State schools and hospitals. The state institution for the mentally deficient located at Faribault shall hereafter be known and designated as the *Faribault State School and Hospital*, and the state institution for the *mentally deficient or epileptic* located at Cambridge shall hereafter be known and designated as the Cambridge State School and Hospital.

Approved April 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 663—S. F. No. 856

An act relating to the purchase of tax-forfeited lands by veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.031.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.031, is amended to read:

282.031 Agricultural land, purchase by veterans. Any veteran of World War I or II or any veteran who has had active service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the final cessation of hostilities as proclaimed by proper federal authority, who is desirous of securing land for agricultural development may at any time prior to June 30, 1957, make application to the county board of the county in which the land is located to purchase not to exceed 200 acres of *contiguous* tax-forfeited land which has been classified as non-conservation or agri-

cultural land and appraised as provided by law. Such land must be situated along a suitably maintained public road and near a public school or bus route and not in a restricted area established by the county board under a zoning ordinance. With his application he shall file a certified copy of his honorable discharge. Such application shall state the legal description of the land desired, the total acreage and the total acreage thereof which has been under cultivation; that the land is suitable for agricultural purposes and that he intends to develop it as such; that no additional public expenditures need be made for roads or schools by reason of the occupancy of such land; and that he is willing to pay therefor the appraised value of the land plus the appraised value of the improvements and standing timber thereon as determined by the county board, on such terms as may be fixed by the board subject to the conditions set forth in section 282.033.

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CHAPTER 664—S. F. No. 868

[Coded in part]

An act establishing the Minnesota water resources board, and prescribing its duties and powers.

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

Section 1. [105.71] **Water Resources Board.** There is hereby established to serve as an agency of the state a board to be known as the Minnesota Water Resources Board to perform such functions and duties as shall be prescribed by law. The board shall be composed of three members who are conversant with water problems and conditions within the watersheds of this state and who are not officers or employees of the state, the federal government or any political subdivisions thereof, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Such members shall first be appointed for the following terms: one for two years, one for four years, and one for six years, and thereafter their successors shall be appointed for a term of six years.

The board shall keep a record of its official actions, and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings, and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the discharge of its duties and the exercise of its functions.

Subd. 2. The state board may employ such technical and professional personnel and such other agents and employees,