

ing his or her lifetime are able to pay such expenses, provided that the additional payment or donation of the cost of the cemetery lot, interment, religious services, or for the transportation of the body into or out of the community in which the deceased resided, shall not limit the payment by the county agency as herein authorized. Provided further that freedom of choice in the selection of a funeral director shall be granted to persons lawfully authorized to make arrangements for the burial of any such deceased recipient. In determining the sufficiency of such estate due regard shall be had for the nature and marketability of the assets of the estate. The county agency may grant funeral expenses where the sale would cause undue loss to the estate.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 4] County to first pay funeral expenses. *All funeral expenses paid under section 256.74 shall, in the first instance, be paid by the county in which the deceased received aid to dependent children; and the state shall reimburse the county for 50 percent of the payments made for reasonable funeral expenses from state funds.*

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 764—S. F. No. 428

[Coded]

An act relating to the state employees retirement association and providing for a service allowance for former members thereof.

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

Section 1. [352.21.] Former members, service allowances. Former members of the State Employees Retirement Association having ten or more years of allowable service credit as members thereof who made their applications for retirement benefits prior to July 1, 1949, shall receive a service allowance of \$5 per year for each full year of allowable service, which shall be added to their annuity payments, provided this act will not increase the retirement benefit of any person entitled to receive the maximum retirement allowable at the time of his retirement.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The moneys necessary for the payment provided for in section 1 hereof are hereby appropriated from the State Employees Retirement Fund.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1955.

Approved April 23, 1955.