

sion or pensions of *one-fourth of the basic pension due the deceased member* for each child until they reach the age of 18 years, but not to exceed the sum of *four-fifths of the basic pension due the deceased member* to the children of any one family.

Approved February 15, 1957.

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CHAPTER 17—S. F. No. 97

*An act relating to recreational programs, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.16.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.16, is amended to read:

**471.16 Recreational facilities, manner of operation.** Any city, however organized, or any village, borough, county, school district, or any board thereof, or any incorporated post of the American Legion or any other incorporated veterans' organization, may operate such a program independently, or they may cooperate in its conduct and in any manner in which they may mutually agree; or they may delegate the operation of the program to a recreation board created by one or more of them, and appropriate money voted for this purpose to such board. In the case of school districts the right to enter into such agreements with any other public corporation, board, or body, or the right to delegate power to a board for operating a program of recreation, shall be authorized only by a majority vote cast at an annual school election.

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CHAPTER 18—H. F. No. 150

*An act relating to aid to the blind, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.51, subdivision 1, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 238 and Chapter 711, Section 5, 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 has resided in the state, for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for assistance with the county agency of the county in which he is residing;

(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, assistance *may nevertheless be granted*;

(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, while receiving assistance under these sections, soliciting alms;

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

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