

Subd. 2. The time during which a person has received old age assistance or aid to dependent children, or has been the inmate of a hospital, old age home, or nursing home for the care of the invalid or aged, or an institution, home, or school for the mentally deficient, whether public or private, and the time during the pendency of any suit to determine his legal poor settlement, and the time during which a person has been an inmate of a poorhouse, jail, prison, or other public institution, or under commitment to the guardianship of the commissioner of public welfare, or a private agency authorized by the commissioner to accept guardianship of children, or one of the state institutions as a mentally deficient, delinquent, or dependent person, and each month during which he has received relief from the poor fund or any county or municipality or from funds supplied by the state or the United States or any department or departments thereof, except a recipient of assistance under the aid to the blind act, supplied as direct relief or in providing work on a relief basis and in lieu of direct relief, shall be excluded in determining the time of residence hereunder.

Approved April 3, 1957.

CHAPTER 306—H. F. No. 901

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An act relating to the observance of Arbor Day.

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

Section 1. [131.191] **Arbor Day.** [Subdivision 1.] The first Friday in May is designated Arbor Day. On that day there may be special observances throughout the state celebrating and emphasizing the importance of cultivating forest, fruit and ornamental trees. In the public schools of the state, time may be devoted by the teachers, either in the class room or outside of the class room, to appropriate instructions and exercises commemorating the history and tradition of Arbor Day observances in the past and illustrating the future value to the state of cultivating, planting and developing the trees and forest resources. These observances shall not consume more than one-half of the normal school day.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] The department of conservation may assist and encourage the observances of Arbor Day by any public school, group or association requesting assistance. The department may lend its facilities and resources to such

public school, group or association for the planting and cultivating of trees.

Sec. 3. [Subd. 3.] The governor shall in any way he deems necessary encourage the observances and exercises set forth in this act and he shall by proclamation call the public's attention to the importance of the state forest resources and the policy herein set forth.

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CHAPTER 307—H. F. No. 1118

An act relating to employment security; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 268.10, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 268.10, Subdivision 4, is amended to read :

Subd. 4. **Appeal tribunals.** In order to assure the prompt disposition of all claims for benefits, the commissioner shall establish one or more impartial appeal tribunals consisting of a salaried examiner who shall serve as chairman, and two additional members, one of whom shall be a representative of employers and the other of whom shall be a representative of employees; each of the latter two members shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and be paid a fee on [of] not more than \$25 per day of active service on such tribunal plus necessary expense. The commissioner shall by regulation prescribe the procedure by which such appeal tribunals shall hear and decide disputed claims, subject to appeal to the commissioner. No person shall participate on behalf of the commissioner in any case in which he is an interested party. The commissioner may designate alternates to serve in the absence or disqualification of any member of any appeal tribunal. The chairman shall act alone in the absence or disqualification of any other member and his alternates. In no case shall a hearing before an appeal tribunal proceed unless the chairman of such tribunal is present. There shall be no charges, fees, transcript costs, or other cost imposed upon the employee in prosecuting his appeal. All decisions of such tribunal, complete as to the names of members of such tribunal, shall be made available to the public in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, except that names of interested parties may be deleted.

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