

committee for review and comment prior to the making of any binding commitment for the construction of any facility and prior to the making of any final decision on the plan of operation of the center.

Subd. 3. No money shall be expended for construction of the Vinland National Center until a certificate of need has been obtained pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 145.72 to 145.83.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public welfare up to \$200,000 for the purposes of section 1. These funds shall be available to the commissioner of public welfare until expended.

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CHAPTER 284—H.F.No.921

An act relating to public employees; designating the number of arbitrators to resolve labor dispute; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.72, Subdivision 6.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.72, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; LABOR DISPUTES; ARBITRATORS.** When final positions are certified to the board as provided in section 179.69, subdivision 3, or submitted to the board as provided in section 179.69, subdivision 5, the board shall constitute an arbitration panel as follows:

The parties shall, under the direction of the chairman of the board, alternately strike names from a list of seven arbitrators until only three names remain, which three members shall be members of the panel; provided, however, that by mutual agreement if either party requests the parties ~~may~~ shall select a single arbitrator to hear the dispute. If the parties are unable to agree on who shall strike the first name, the question shall be decided by the flip of a coin. In submitting names of arbitrators to the parties the board shall endeavor whenever possible to include names of persons from the general geographical area in which the public employer is located. The panel shall assume and have jurisdiction over the items of dispute certified to the board for which the panel was constituted. The panel's orders shall be issued upon a majority vote of members considering a given dispute. The members of the panel shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties plus a per diem allowance of ~~\$400~~ \$180 for each day or part thereof while engaged in the consideration of a dispute. All fees, expenses and costs of the panel shall be shared and assessed equally to the parties to the dispute. In those cases where a single arbitrator is hearing a dispute, the fees, expenses and costs of the arbitrator shall also be shared and assessed equally by the parties to the dispute.

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