

CHAPTER 746—H. F. No. 1014

An act relating to public institutions; providing for the appointment, removal, and pay of executive officers in state institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 246.02, 15.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.02, is amended to read:

246.02 **Executive officers.** *Subdivision 1.* The commissioner of public welfare shall appoint a chief executive officer for each institution under his exclusive control and may remove him for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of official duty. No such removal shall be made except upon written charges and opportunity to be heard. Every such executive officer shall have the qualifications and perform the duties now or hereafter required by law, or by rules prescribed by the commissioner of public welfare. He may appoint an acting chief executive officer during such interim period as is necessary to select and appoint a chief executive officer. In case of an apparent conflict between the powers conferred by law upon any executive officer of a state institution and those conferred by this chapter upon the commissioner of public welfare, it shall be conclusively presumed that the power belongs to the latter. *When a chief executive officer is required to live on the institution grounds, he is entitled to residence and maintenance in addition to his salary.*

Subd. 2. The commissioner of public welfare shall act with the advice of the medical policy directional committee on mental health in the appointment and removal of the chief executive officers of the following institutions: Anoka State Hospital, Fergus Falls State Hospital, Hastings State Hospital, Moose Lake State Hospital, Rochester State Hospital, St. Peter State Hospital, Sandstone State Hospital, Willmar State Hospital, Minnesota School and Colony, Cambridge State School and Hospital, and Minnesota State Sanitarium.

Subd. 3. The salary of the chief executive officer of Gillette State Hospital for Crippled Children shall be \$8,000 in addition to the reasonable cost of quarters, food and services.

Subd. 4. Within the limits of appropriations available but not to exceed individual salaries of \$12,250 each and with the advice of the medical policy directional committee, the commissioner shall set the salary of the individual officers

named in subdivision 2 according to standards of training and experience established by him. He may not reduce the salary of any officers incumbent at the time of the passage of this subdivision. In addition to his salary, each officer named in subdivisions 2 and 3 is entitled to reimbursement for all expenses necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties. The said chief executive officer shall reside at the institution, if required so to do by the Commissioner of Public Welfare and if quarters reasonably suitable are available at such State institution, such residence quarters and maintenance thereof, including food and services for such chief executive officer and his family shall be furnished without charge and without deduction from salary. The commissioner of public welfare shall ascertain and establish the reasonable cost thereof. If reasonably suitable quarters are not available at the institution and the chief executive officer shall, with the permission of the commissioner of public welfare, reside in quarters not furnished by the state, a sum shall be added to the salary of such chief executive officer in an amount equal to but not to exceed the reasonable cost of quarters and maintenance including food and services as the cost is established by the commissioner of public welfare with respect to other executive officers of such other institutions.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.21 is amended to read:

15.21 Salaries; basic rates, adjustment increments. The following yearly basic salary rates and economic adjustment increments are established for the following heads of departments, divisions and agencies of the state, and for certain deputies and assistants:

| Title | Basic Rate | Annual Adjustment Increment |
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| Commissioner of Highways | \$7,400 | \$300 |
| Commissioner of Administration | 7,400 | 300 |
| Commissioner of Agriculture | 7,400 | 300 |
| Commissioner of Conservation | 7,400 | 300 |
| Commissioner of Education | 7,400 | 300 |
| Commissioner of Taxation | 7,400 | 300 |
| Director of Civil Service | 7,400 | 300 |
| Director of Employment and Security | 7,400 | 300 |
| Secretary and Executive Officer, Board of Health | 7,400 | 300 |
| Labor Conciliator | 7,000 | 250 |
| Commissioner of Aeronautics | 6,600 | 200 |

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| Commissioner of Banks | 6,600 | 200 |
| Commissioner of Insurance | 6,600 | 200 |
| Commissioner of Securities | 6,600 | 200 |
| Director of Youth Conservation Commission | 6,600 | 200 |
| Liquor Control Commissioner | 6,600 | 200 |
| Public Examiner | 6,600 | 200 |
| Deputy Commissioner of Conservation | 6,600 | 200 |
| Warden, State Prison | 6,600 | 200 |
| Directors of Game and Fish, Land and Minerals and Forestry | 6,600 | 200 |
| Warden, State Reformatory | 6,600 | 200 |
| Secretary and Executive Officer, Livestock Sanitary Board | 6,600 | 200 |
| Chairman, State Board of Parole | 6,600 | 200 |
| Industrial Commissioners (3) | 6,100 | 175 |
| Commissioner of Veterans Affairs | 6,100 | 175 |
| Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension | 6,100 | 175 |
| Commissioner of Business Research and Development | 6,100 | 175 |
| Director of Water Resources and Engineering | 6,100 | 175 |
| Assistant Commissioner of Aeronautics | 5,300 | 150 |
| Commandant, Minnesota Soldiers Home | 5,300 | 150 |
| Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation | 5,300 | 150 |
| Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture | 5,300 | 150 |
| Director of Parks | 5,300 | 150 |
| Superintendent, Braille and Sight- Saving School | 5,300 | 150 |
| Superintendent, Owatonna State School | 5,300 | 150 |
| Superintendent, School for the Deaf | 5,300 | 150 |
| Superintendent, State Training School for Boys | 5,300 | 150 |
| Secretary, Compensation Insurance Board | 4,800 | 140 |
| State Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber | 4,800 | 140 |

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| Members, Board of Grain Appeals (3) | 4,100 | 120 |
| State Librarian | 4,100 | 120 |
| Superintendent, Minnesota Home School for Girls | 4,100 | 120 |
| Superintendent, State Reformatory for Women | 4,100 | 120 |

In addition to his salary, each department head or other official listed in this section shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

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CHAPTER 747—H. F. No. 1435
[Not Coded]

An act to provide for the appointment in counties now or hereafter having a population of over 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles, of a referee in probate, prescribing his qualifications, the manner of his appointment and removal, defining his powers and duties, providing for the reference of certain matters to him as such, fixing his term, fixing his compensation and providing for the payment thereof, and providing for offices for such referee.

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

Section 1. St. Louis county, clerk of probate court as referee. The judge of the probate court of any county in this state, now or hereafter having a population in excess of 150,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census and an area in excess of 5,000 square miles, may appoint the clerk of such court to serve in the additional capacity of referee in probate, providing that such clerk so appointed is a resident of such county and an attorney at law duly admitted in this state. He shall hold the office of referee during the pleasure of the judge appointing him. Such appointment shall be in writing and filed in such court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall execute a bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. Such bond with the oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds and filed in the office of the secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums on such bond and the expenses of recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on such bond by any person aggrieved by the violation of the conditions thereof.