

legislature as soon as convened. Additional copies may be made and distributed to members of the legislature and other officers and persons requesting the same, as far as practicable.

**Sec. 3. Commissioner to perform clerical work.**—The members of said commission shall serve without pay for their services, but shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and all other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of said duties, not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars in all. The commissioner of game and fish through his office, without additional expense to the state, shall perform all the clerical work in connection with the work of said commission. Payment hereunder shall be made from time to time by the state treasurer upon warrants of the state auditor issued upon receipt of vouchers of said commissioners.

**Sec. 4. Expenses.**—The expenses incident to carrying out the provisions of this act may be paid out of any funds appropriated to the Commissioner of Game and Fish for the maintenance and operation of the Game and Fish Department.

**Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1927.

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#### CHAPTER 430—S. F. No. 1279

*An act providing for an audit of state offices and accounts, and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Audit of state offices and accounts authorized.**—The attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to make such examination and audit of the books, records and accounts of the offices of state treasurer and state auditor as he may deem necessary, and in the discretion of said attorney general any other departments or agencies of the state government receiving moneys payable to or from the state treasury, for the period beginning January 1, 1920, and for such period prior thereto as may be necessary to ascertain the facts in connection with any defalcation or shortages that may have occurred therein. Such examination and audit shall be made under the supervision of the said Attorney General by an independent auditor or firm of auditors not connected with any State Department, which auditor or firm of auditors shall be able to furnish a certificate of the result of his or its examination by a certified public accountant.

**Sec. 2. Attorney General to direct audit.**—The attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. All offices and employes of all departments of the state government are hereby required, upon his request, to produce all public records, books and accounts in their possession, or under their control, for his inspection or that of the examiners or other assistants employed by him pursuant to the provisions of this Act. The comptroller shall direct the public examiner's division to render such aid and assistance in the conduct of such examination and audit as the attorney general may require. The attorney general may employ such additional auditors, accountants, assistants, and clerical help as he may deem necessary for the purpose of such examination and audit; and he shall have the power to subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses and examine them under oath to be administered by him. He shall have the power to compel the production, for his examination, of all books, papers, and documents material to the purposes of such examination and audit. He may make and file with the governor, from time to time, reports of the result of his investigations, and shall make final report to the legislature at the next session thereof.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.**—The attorney general may from time to time designate his deputy or one of his assistants to be in immediate charge of such examination, with all the authority hereby conferred.

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.**—The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, immediately available and until the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the use of the attorney general for carrying out the purposes of this Act, payable upon itemized vouchers of expenditure approved by him.

Approved April 25, 1927.

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#### CHAPTER 431—H. F. No. 1193

*An act to amend Sections 4, 7, and 8 Chapter 411, General Laws 1921, as amended by Chapter 265, Laws 1923; relative to the charges against patients committed to the Minnesota General Hospital at the university by the boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the state.*

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