

Section 1. **Minnesota historical society; appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949.** There is hereby appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society from the general revenue fund of the state not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$4,347 for the year commencing July 1, 1948, to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, for the purpose of reimbursing said Society for expenditures advanced and paid out of its funds not otherwise available for such purpose, covering two-step cost-of-living increases in salaries of its employees adjusted according to the cost of living index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics to meet comparable cost-of-living salary increases ordered by the director of civil service and made to civil service employees of the State under authorization given by the Legislature at its 1947 session.

Approved April 20, 1949.

CHAPTER 533—S. F. No. 1179

An act relating to the commissioner of banks; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 46.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 46.03, is amended to read:

46.03. **Seal of division.** The commissioner of banks, in *Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 46 to 59, called the commissioner*, shall devise a seal for the use of his office, which shall continue to be the seal of the division of banking. A description of the seal; with an impression thereof, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Approved April 20, 1949.

CHAPTER 534—S. F. No. 1254

An act relating to public assistance for blind persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.51, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.51, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 343, Section 1, is amended to read:

256.51. **Public assistance.** Assistance shall be given under sections 256.49 to 256.71 to any person who:

(1) Is a *blind* person found, by the state agency, to be in need of financial assistance to enable him to pay for his maintenance or for other purposes;

(2) Has lost his eyesight while a resident of the state, or shall have resided in the state for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for assistance;

(3) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(4) Is not an inmate of, or being maintained by any municipal, county, state, or national institution at the time of receiving assistance; an inmate of an institution may make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate of the institution;

(5) 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;

(6) Is not, because of his physical or mental condition, in need of continuing institutional care;

(7) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, soliciting alms;

(8) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, receiving old age assistance.

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