

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 343.07, is amended to read :

343.07 Annual meeting. The state bureau of child and animal protection shall hold its annual meetings on the second Monday in November, in each year, at the state capitol, or at any other place in the state which may be selected by its board of directors, for the transaction of its business and the election of its officers, at which meeting all questions relating to child and animal protection in the state may be considered.

Approved April 2, 1953.

CHAPTER 238—S. F. No. 992

An act relating to aid to the blind, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1951.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.51, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 600, is amended to read :

256.51 Public assistance. Subdivision 1. Persons receiving. Assistance shall be given under sections 256.49 to 256.71 to any person who :

(1) 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 ;

(2) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health which shall mean, with respect to personal property, a person whose personal property is worth not more than \$500 for a single person, or \$750 for a married couple. Personal property shall include stocks and bonds, bank savings, land contracts, mortgages and cash value of life insurance policies. *Personal property used as a regular abode by the applicant or recipient may be excluded in determining the value of personal property owned.* The first \$500 for a single person or \$750 in the case of a married couple, of the cash surrender value of life insurance, and the first \$500 for a single person, or \$750 for a married couple, of sale value of clothing and household goods shall be disregarded in determining how much personal property is owned ;

(3) Is not an inmate of, or being maintained by a municipal, county, state, or national institution at the time of receiving assistance, or a patient in a tuberculosis or mental institution, or a patient in a medical institution as a result of diagnosis of tuberculosis or psychosis; but part or all of any aid to the blind may be paid to patients in public or private medical institutions other than those herein excluded, who are eligible for such aid, subject to rules and regulations made by the state agency;

(4) 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;

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

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

(7) Is not, while receiving assistance under these sections, receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

Approved April 2, 1953.

CHAPTER 239—S. F. No. 1078

An act relating to visits and inspectors of state institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.08.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.08, is amended to read:

246.08 Inspections, investigations; testimony of witnesses. *At least once each year and in addition as frequently as he deems necessary, the director of public institutions, or his designated representative, shall visit and inspect each institution, and investigate its financial condition and management, and the care being provided for the inmates thereof. The director shall have power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses; to examine them under oath, and order the production of all books, property, and papers material to such investigation. Witnesses other than those in the employ of the state shall receive the same fees as in civil cases in the district court. The claim that any testimony or evidence sought to be*