

least two other members of the commission and then paid in the manner provided by law. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 693—S. F. No. 92

An act relating to blind aid; authorizing certain deductions from gross income before determination of monthly earned income; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.53, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 600, Section 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.53, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 600, Section 5, is amended to read:

256.53 Amount of assistance. Subdivision 1. **Determined by state agency.** The amount of assistance which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the state agency, with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the state agency, and sufficient when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide him with a reasonable subsistence compatible [compatible] with decency and health. *The first \$50 of earned monthly income shall be disregarded in determining the need of an applicant or recipient and the following deductions from the gross income of the applicant or recipient from salaries, wages, commissions, sales and fees unless reimbursed by the employer, shall be deducted before determining such earned monthly income:*

- (1) *expenses of travel incidental to employment;*
- (2) *cost of meals and lodging away from home necessarily incurred to earn income;*
- (3) *cost of merchandise purchased for sale;*
- (4) *salaries, wages, commissions or fees paid by the applicant or recipient where necessary in carrying on his business or profession;*
- (5) *interest paid on business or professional indebtedness;*

(6) *cost of telephone service used in business or profession;*

(7) *taxes, reasonable depreciation, rent, service charges and cost of repairs on property used in business or profession;*

(8) *cost of supplies purchased for business or profession;*

(9) *bad debts resulting from sale of merchandise or equipment used in business or profession.*

Such applicant or recipient shall furnish a monthly report of all earnings within ten days after the close of each month and the state agency shall consider such reports in adjusting subsequent monthly grants.

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CHAPTER 694—S. F. No. 538

An act providing for one additional judge for the district court of the fourth judicial district; prescribing the powers and the duties of such office; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 2.72; repealing Laws 1951, Chapter 698.

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

Section 1. Fourth judicial district, 12 judges elected. There shall be elected in the fourth judicial district 12 district judges, any one or all of whom may perform the duties and exercise the powers of the court as prescribed by law. Each of the present judges of the district court shall continue as one of the judges thereof for the term for which elected.

Sec. 2. Additional judges. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 2.72, the fourth judicial district comprising the county of Hennepin shall be entitled to 12 judges of the district court until July 1, 1955, and thereafter until a vacancy shall occur, other than by expiration of the elected term, in one of the offices of district judge in and for said county and district. When such vacancy does occur after July 1, 1955, same shall not be filled by appointment or election and the additional judgeship herein created shall thereupon cease to exist and said county and district shall thereafter be entitled to 11 judges only.

Subd. 2. Upon the passage of this act, the governor shall appoint a competent person, learned in the law, to be the