53C.05 TESTIMONIAL POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.

(a) The commissioner shall have power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, papers, books, records and other evidence before the commissioner in any matter over which the commissioner has jurisdiction, control or supervision pertaining to sections 53C.01 to 53C.14. The commissioner shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to any person whose testimony is required.

(b) If any person shall refuse to obey any such subpoena, or to give testimony, or to produce evidence as required thereby, any judge of any district court may, upon application and proof of such refusal, make an order for the issuance of a subpoena, or subpoena duces tecum, for the witness to appear before the commissioner and to give testimony, and to produce evidence as required thereby. Upon filing such order in the office of the court administrator of such court the commissioner shall issue a subpoena, as directed, under the seal of said court, requiring the person to whom it is directed to appear at the time and place therein designated.

(c) If any person served with any such subpoena shall refuse to obey the same, or to give testimony or to produce evidence as required thereby, the commissioner may report such refusal to the court, and the court shall thereupon enforce obedience to the subpoena in the manner provided by law for enforcing obedience to subpoenas of the court.

History: *1957 c 266 s 5; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82; 2005 c 19 s 1*