

Executive Department

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4.01 CUSTODIAN OF STATE PROPERTY. In addition to the powers and duties prescribed by the constitution, the governor shall be the custodian of all property of the state not especially intrusted by law to other officers and may take possession thereof without legal process and adopt such measures for its safe-keeping as he deems proper.

[*R. L. s. 26*] (54)

4.02 SECRETARY AND OTHER EMPLOYEES. The governor shall appoint a private secretary, who shall keep a record of all important official letters to and from the governor and of such others as the governor shall direct, which record shall be preserved in the executive office and produced before the legislature whenever requested. He shall appoint an executive clerk, a stenographer, and two executive messengers. The governor shall prepare and enforce rules fixing the details of service for all these employees.

[*R. L. s. 27*] (55)

4.03 PROCLAMATIONS. When the governor convenes the legislature in extra session he shall do so by proclamation, giving to the members such notice as he deems necessary of the time of meeting; and when assembled he shall inform them of the purposes for which they are convened. He shall set apart and proclaim one day in each year as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings to the people and no business shall be transacted on that day at any of the departments of state. All proclamations of the governor required or authorized by law shall be filed with the secretary of state.

[*R. L. s. 28*] (57)

4.04 POWERS. The governor shall appoint and when necessary commission all officers and employees of the state whose selection is not otherwise provided for by law and, at his pleasure, may remove any such appointee whose term of service is not by law prescribed. He shall exercise such powers of appointment, suspension, and removal in respect of other officials as are conferred on him by law. Whenever the great seal of the state is lost or worn out, the governor shall cause the same to be replaced.

[*R. L. s. 29*] (58)

4.05 SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF STATE; PROCEEDS. Personal property belonging to the state, for which there is no immediate use, may be sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of with the consent of the governor. The official having custody and possession of the property shall apply, in writing, to the governor for his consent to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose thereof and, in his application, shall describe the property and shall state the terms or conditions upon which it is desired to dispose of the same. The governor shall then refer the application to the commissioner of administration for his recommendation. If the governor finds there is no immediate use for the property and the best interests of the state will be subserved by the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the property, he may order the property to be sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of and, in his order, may provide for such terms and conditions as, in his judgment, will be for the best interests of the state. Any money received from the sale of personal property belonging to the state shall be paid into the state treasury and accredited to the general revenue fund, except that money received from the sale of property purchased or used by the Minnesota highway department shall be credited to the trunk highway fund.

[1923 c. 94 s. 1; 1925 c. 384] (58-1)