

has not been made by the County Board within a reasonable time. The State Board may make such additional investigation as it may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of public assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this sub-title. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Board shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Board. All decisions of the State Board shall be final and shall be binding upon the County involved and shall be complied with by such County Board.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 28. 1939, ch. 733, sec. 28.

24. (Periodic Reconsideration and Changes in Amount of Assistance.) All public assistance grants made under this sub-title shall be reconsidered as frequently as may be required by the rules of the State Board. After such further investigation as the County Board may deem necessary or the State Board may require, the amount of assistance may be changed or may be entirely withdrawn if the State and County Boards find that the recipient's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action. The County Board may at any time cancel and revoke assistance for cause and it may for cause suspend assistance for such period as it may deem proper. All such decisions shall be subject to review by the State Board as provided in Section 22 of this Article.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 29.

25. (Recovery from a Recipient.) If at any time during the continuance of public assistance the recipient thereof becomes possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount stated in the application provided for in Section 16 of this sub-title, it shall be the duty of the recipient to notify the County Board of the receipt or possession of such property or income and the County Board may after investigation either cancel the assistance granted or alter the amount thereof in accordance with the circumstances. Any excess assistance previously paid shall be recoverable by the County as a debt due to the State and the County in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each respectively.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 30. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 4, sec. 30.

26. (Recovery from the Estate.) On the death of any recipient the total amount of assistance paid under this sub-title, accounting from the time the recipient reaches the age of sixty-five shall be allowed as a preferred claim against his estate, ranking in order of priority after funeral expenses, and prior to all other claims and expenses. The net amount realized from all such claims shall be divided between the State and County in proportion to the amount of assistance paid by each respectively; provided, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the surviving spouse or dependents.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 31.

27. (Removal to Another County.) Any recipient who moves to another County in this State with the approval of the State Board, shall be entitled to continue to receive assistance in the county to which he has moved