

**563.01 FORMA PAUPERIS PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZATION.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1999 c 216 art 7 s 45]

Subd. 2. **Expenses.** Whenever pursuant to this section the court directs expenses to be paid, the expenses shall be paid by the state.

Subd. 3. **Authorization of forma pauperis.** Any court of the state of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof may authorize the commencement or defense of any civil action, or appeal therein, without prepayment of fees, costs and security for costs by a natural person who makes affidavit stating (a) the nature of the action, defense or appeal, (b) a belief that affiant is entitled to redress, and (c) that affiant is financially unable to pay the fees, costs and security for costs. Upon a finding by the court that the action is not of a frivolous nature, the court shall allow the person to proceed in forma pauperis if the affidavit is substantially in the language required by this subdivision and is not found by the court to be untrue. Persons meeting the requirements of this subdivision include, but are not limited to, a person who is receiving public assistance, **who is represented by an attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program based on indigency**, or who has an annual income not greater than 125 percent of the poverty line established under United States Code, title 42, section 9902(2), except as otherwise provided by section [563.02](#) [which refers to prison inmates].