CHAPTER 364.

[H. F. No. 145.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF OF THE POOR IN THE COUNTY OF FREEBORN.

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

SECTION 1. All applications for relief of the poor in the county of Freeborn shall be made first to the chairman of the board of supervisors in the town wherein the said poor person resides; *Provided*, that in those towns in which members of the board of county commissioners reside, application shall be made to the resident county commissioner and not to the chairman of the board of supervisors.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of supervisors to make a prompt and thorough investigation of each application made to him, visiting said poor person in his or her home, or seeing said poor person personally if he has no home, and to make a written report of said case to the county commissioner of the district in which he resides, in blanks to be furnished by the state board of corrections and charities. It shall be the further duty of the said chairman to forward the said report, by the first mail, to the county commissioner of the district in which he resides. In case of sickness, accident or other extraordinary emergency requiring immediate action, the chairman of the board of supervisors may transmit his report to the county commissioner by special messenger, who shall receive for his services ten (10) cents for each mile traveled going and returning and no more.

SEC. 3. No compensation shall be paid to the chairman of the boards of supervisors for the service required by this act, but they shall be paid mileage at the rate of ten (10) cents per mile for each mile going and returning in investigating cases as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the county commissioner, upon receipt of such report from the chairman of the township board, to take such action, without delay, as in his judgment the case may require; but nothing in this section shall preclude such county commissioner from making such further investigation as he may deem necessary.

SEC. 5. The mileage provided for in section two (2) and section three (3) of this act shall be paid from the county poor fund of said county of Freeborn; *Provided*, that every bill for such service must be certified as correct by the county commissioner of the district in which the service shall have been performed.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed so far as relates to the county of Freeborn.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. Approved February 24, 1891.