

erning body of a municipality resolved to issue bonds for any purpose requiring the approval of the electors, it shall provide for submission of the proposition of their issuance at a general or special election or town or school district meeting. Notice of such election or meeting shall be given in the manner required by law and shall state the maximum amount and the purpose of the proposed issue. *In any school district, the school board or board of education may, according to its judgment and discretion, submit as a single ballot question or as two or more separate questions in the notice of election and ballots the proposition of their issuance for any one or more of the following, stated conjunctively or in the alternative; acquisition or enlargement of sites, acquisition, betterment, erection, furnishing, equipping of one or more new schoolhouses, remodeling, repairing, improving, adding to, betterment, furnishing, equipping of one or more existing schoolhouses.*

Sec. 2. *All elections heretofore held in any of the school districts described in section 1 hereof, at which the proposition of issuance of bonds carried by the requisite majority voting on a ballot question which would have been valid if this act were then applicable, are hereby validated, notwithstanding the form or wording of the notice of election and ballots used thereat.*

Approved April 6, 1957.

CHAPTER 319—S. F. No. 1456

An act relating to patients at the state institutions for the mentally ill, mentally retarded and epileptic, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.13 is amended to read:

246.13 Record of inmates. The *commissioner* of public welfare shall keep in his office, accessible only by his consent or on the order of a judge or court of record, a record showing the residence, sex, age, nativity, occupation, civil condition, and date of entrance or commitment of every person, patient, inmate, or convict in the institutions under his exclusive control, the date of discharge and whether such discharge was final, the condition of such person when he left the institution, and the date and cause of all deaths. The record shall state every transfer from one institution to another,

naming each. This information shall be furnished to the *commissioner of public welfare* by each institution, with such other obtainable facts as he may from time to time require. The chief executive officer of each such institution, within ten days after the commitment or entrance thereto of a person, patient, inmate, or convict, shall cause a true copy of his entrance record to be forwarded to the *commissioner of public welfare*. When a patient or inmate leaves, is discharged or transferred, or dies in any institution, the chief executive officer, or other person in charge shall inform the *commissioner of public welfare* within ten days thereafter on forms by him furnished.

The commissioner of public welfare may authorize the superintendent of any state institution for the mentally ill, mentally retarded or epileptic, to release to public or private medical personnel, hospitals, clinics, county welfare boards or other specifically designated interested persons or agencies any information regarding any patient thereat if, in the opinion of the commissioner, it will be for the benefit of the patient.

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CHAPTER 320—H. F. No. 133

An act relating to eligibility requirements for old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 256.16, as amended, 256.18, 256.19, Subdivision 2, as amended, 256.20, and 256.26, Subdivision 11, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.16, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 527, is amended to read:

256.16 Applicants, requirements to obtain aid. Old age assistance may be granted to an applicant who:

- (1) Has attained the age of 65 years;
- (2) Has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the application for old age assistance;
- (3) Is not, because of physical or mental condition, in need of continued institutional care and such care is reasonably available to him.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.18 is amended to read:

256.18 Pensioners, disqualification. No old age assistance shall be paid a person: