

the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214 and Laws 1976, Chapter 222, Sections 2 to 7.

Sec. 3. The initial term of the additional land surveyor member appointed to the board of architecture, engineering, land surveying and landscape architecture pursuant to section 2 of this act shall expire the first Monday in January, 1982.

Approved May 25, 1979.

CHAPTER 210—H.F.No.370

An act relating to hospitals; providing for payment of election judges; providing hospital board members with travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; authorizing hospital boards to set compensation for board members; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 447.32, Subdivision 4, and by adding a subdivision; and Laws 1961, Chapter 115, Section 2, Subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 447.32, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Any person desiring to be a candidate for member of the hospital board shall file with the clerk of the city or town in which he resides, not more than 60 nor less than 45 days before the election, an application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election either as member at large or as a member representing such city or town, and all such applications shall be forwarded forthwith to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the first election, the clerk of the most populous city or town. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers, placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates for, and the length of the term of, each office, with an additional blank space for the insertion of another name by the voter. The ballots shall be marked and initialed by at least two judges as official ballots and shall be used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted upon may be printed on the same ballot as that provided for the election of officers or on a different ballot. The hospital board may also authorize the use of voting machines subject to the applicable provisions of chapter 206, and any laws amending or supplementing the same. Election judges may be appointed in such number as deemed necessary to receive the votes at each polling place, and may be paid by the district at a rate ~~not to exceed \$1 per hour~~ to be determined by the board. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass. After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate for each office who received the largest number of votes cast for that office. The clerk shall deliver such certificate to the person entitled thereto in person or by certified mail, and each person so certified shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days after the date of delivery or mailing of the certificate. The board may fill any office in the manner provided in subdivision 1 if the person

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elected thereto fails to qualify within said period, but such qualification shall be effective if made at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 447.32, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. The members of the hospital board shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. In addition each board member may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the same manner and amount as state employees, except for mileage which shall be compensated as provided in section 471.665, subdivision 1.

Sec. 3. Laws 1961, Chapter 115, Section 2, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. DISTRICT HOSPITAL BOARD; MEMBERS; ORGANIZATION AND FINANCES. Subdivision 1. The district hospital board may authorize and direct the construction and equipment or the acquisition and equipment and the betterment of a district hospital, a nursing home, and a board and care home, or any of them, to be operated under the supervision of the district hospital board. The hospital board shall consist of not less than six nor more than fifteen members appointed by the board of county commissioners. As nearly as may be one-third of the members of the first board shall be appointed for a term to expire two years from May 1 next following such appointment, one-third for a term to expire four years from such date, and one-third for a term to expire six years from such date, each of which members shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Successors to the original board members shall each be appointed for terms of six years and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Terms of all members shall expire on May 1. The terms of any members appointed over and above the number initially appointed shall be so fixed as to cause the terms of one-third of all members to expire every two years, as nearly as possible. In case of a vacancy on the hospital district board, whether due to death, removal from the district, inability to serve, or resignation, the board of county commissioners at its next regular meeting shall make an appointment to fill such vacancy for the then unexpired term. ~~Members of the district hospital board shall be entitled to mileage of ten cents per mile, each way, for every mile necessarily traveled for attending meetings of the board, not to exceed 12 meetings in any one year receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. In addition, each board member may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the same manner and amount as state employees, except for mileage which shall be compensated as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.665, Subdivision 1.~~ The expense of acquisition, betterment, administration, operation, and maintenance of any such hospital or home shall be paid from the revenue derived therefrom and any donations or grants received for such purpose and, to the extent necessary, from ad valorem taxes which shall be certified by the district hospital board to the board of county commissioners and levied by that board solely upon the taxable property situated within the district. All revenues received shall be kept in the hospital district fund by the treasurer of the hospital district, and all such taxes when collected shall be credited to the said fund.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final
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enactment.

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CHAPTER 211—H.F.No.487

An act relating to education; authorizing school districts to discontinue certain grades and provide instruction by contract with other districts; providing for calculation of aids, levies and tuition agreements; providing for the employment rights of teachers in participating districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 122.41; 122.43, Subdivision 1; 122.44, Subdivision 1; and Chapter 122, by adding a section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 122.41, is amended to read:

122.41 **POLICY.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to encourage the organization of school districts into such local units of administration as will afford better educational opportunities for all pupils, make possible a more economical and efficient operation of the schools and insure a more equitable distribution of public school revenue. To this end all area of the state shall be included in an independent or special school district maintaining classified elementary and secondary schools, grades one through twelve, unless a district has made an agreement with another district or districts as provided in section 4.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 122.43, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

122.43 **DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICTS NOT A PART OF INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.** Subdivision 1. If there be any organized school district not a part of an independent school district maintaining classified elementary and secondary schools, grades one through twelve, unless the district has made an agreement with another district or districts as provided in section 4, such district shall hereby be dissolved.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 122.44, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

122.44 **ATTACHMENT TO ORGANIZED DISTRICTS; PROCEDURE.** Subdivision 1. Upon notice and hearing, as provided in section 122.22 for the attachment of dissolved districts, all territory of school districts dissolved by sections 122.41 to 122.52 and all area of the state not in a district maintaining classified elementary and secondary schools shall be attached by order of the county board to organized districts maintaining classified elementary and secondary schools, grades one through twelve ~~upon notice and hearing, as provided in section 122.22 for the attachment of dissolved districts,~~ unless a district has made an agreement with another district or districts as provided in section 4.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 122, is amended by adding a section to read:

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