

Form of ballot
to be used.

written and partly printed, thereon, the following words: "Amendment to article four (4) of the constitution, in relation to keeping the internal improvement lands or the proceeds thereof in the hands of the people—yes," and by those voting against such amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Amendment to article four (4) of the constitution, in relation to keeping the internal improvement lands, or the proceeds thereof in the hands of the people—no."

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1872.

CHAPTER XV.

An act to establish a State Board of Health.

March 4, 1872.

- SECTION 1. Organization of the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics.
2. Duties of the State Board of Health.
 3. Relating to meetings and the officers of the board.
 4. Duties of the secretary defined.
 5. Salary of the secretary and expenses of the board.
 6. When act to take effect.

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

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Governor to ap-
point board of
health.

SECTION 1. The governor shall appoint seven physicians, one from the city of St. Paul, and the other six from different sections of the state, who shall constitute the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics. The physicians so appointed shall hold their offices for four years, and until their successors are appointed, and all vacancies in the board shall be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The state board of health shall place themselves in communication with the local board[s] of health,

the hospitals, asylums, and public institutions throughout the state, and shall take cognizance of the interests of health and life among the citizens generally. They shall make sanitary investigations and inquiries respecting the causes of disease, especially [of] epidemics; the source of mortality and the effects of localities, employments, conditions and circumstances on the public health; and they shall gather such information in respect to these matters as they may deem proper for diffusion among the people. They shall devise some scheme whereby medical and vital statistics of sanitary value may be obtained and act as an advisory board to the state in all hygienic and medical matters, especially such as relate to the location, construction, sewerage, and administrations of prisons, hospitals, asylums and other public institutions. They shall at each annual session of the legislature make a report of their doings, investigations, and discoveries, with such suggestions as to legislative action as they may deem proper. They shall also have charge of all matters pertaining to quarantine, and authority to enact and enforce such measures as may be necessary to the public health.

Duties of the board.

SEC. 3. The board shall hold regular meetings at least once every three months, one of which meetings shall be held at the capitol during the session of the legislature. Their first meeting shall be held at the capitol within ten days after their appointment shall have been made, and three members shall always constitute a quorum for business. They shall elect, from their own number, a president and permanent secretary; the latter shall be their executive officer. No member, except the secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the actual expenses of any and all the members while engaged in the duties of the board shall be allowed and paid to the extent authorized by this act.

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Regular meetings and officers.

SEC. 4. The secretary shall perform and superintend the work prescribed in this act and shall perform such other duties as the board may require. He shall furnish to the Legislature when in session such information cognate to this act as from time to time they may deem necessary.

Duties of secretary.

SEC. 5. The secretary of the board shall receive from the treasury, in quarterly payments, an annual salary of two hundred dollars, and his necessary and actual traveling expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, after they have been audited by the board and approved by the governor, and all other necessary expenses arising in his office shall be paid out of the treasury in the same manner

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Salary of secretary and expenses of board.

as those of the different departments of state government, provided, that the expenses of said board shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1872.

CHAPTER XVI.

March 4, 1872.

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the establishment and location of a Hospital for Insane in the State of Minnesota, and to provide rules for the Regulations of the same, approved March 6th, 1868.

SECTION 1. Amendment to section 17 of chapter 18 of General Laws of 1868 relating to a hospital for the insane.

Section 17. Manner of committing an insane person to the hospital.

2. Regulating the admission of private patients.
3. The word destitute in section 15 defined.
4. Amendment of section 18 of the same chapter.

Section 18. Relating to fees to be allowed for examining and conveying

7. Chronic and harmless cases may be returned to the counties sending them, until some ample accommodations are provided.
8. Inconsistent acts repealed.
5. Fees of judge of probate.
6. Patients to be legally discharged from hospital by a vote of the trustees, insane person to the hospital.
9. When act to take effect.

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

Amendment to
section 17 of
chapter 18 of
General Laws
of 1868 relating
to a hospital
for the insane.

SECTION 1. That section 17 of chapter 18 of the general laws of 1868, be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 17. The probate judge, or in his absence the court commissioner of any county, upon information being filed before him that there is an insane person in his county

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