

CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWNSHIP IN SWIFT COUNTY TO SUPPORT ITS OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. That each township in the county of Swift shall support all poor persons in the town, and the board of supervisors of each town in said county shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town in said county shall, at their annual town meeting in each year, vote to raise such sum of money for the support of the poor as they may deem expedient, which facts the town clerk shall certify to the county auditor. The county auditor of said county shall, at the time of making the grand tax duplicates of said county, assess and levy upon the taxable property of each town in said county such sums raised by each town for said purpose.

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors, and upon a proper case being made out for aid to care for the poor persons or paupers, the supervisors, or a majority of them, shall order such sum of money, or other things as they deem best, to be paid to such poor person or pauper at such time and manner as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of said county shall refund to the town treasurer of each township the amount of poor fund in his hands or that may come into his hands belonging to each town or collected from each town.

SEC. 5. The general laws of the state as to the residence of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties shall apply to townships in Swift county, and the rule as to residence in the county shall apply to residence of poor in towns. *Provided*, That no poor persons or paupers shall be entitled to aid from such towns unless he or she shall have been a resident therein for at least one (1) year.

SEC. 6. The township board of supervisors and the city or village council of any city or incorporated village in said Swift county shall be superintendents of the poor in their respective townships and cities or villages, and take charge of such paupers to the exclusion of the county commissioners of said county of Swift. *Provided, however*, That the county shall provide for the poor the same as now provided for until April first (1st), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887).

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 29, 1885.