

SEC. 2. The duties of said superintendent of the poor shall be the hearing of applications for relief, and the granting of relief to the poor as provided for in the statutes of this state in reference to the duties of the members of the board of county commissioners. And it is further provided, that the board of county commissioners of Washington county, may, by resolution duly entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of said board,, authorize said superintendent to grant such other and further relief to the poor as they may deem expedient, and when said superintendent is so authorized, it shall be lawful for him to grant such relief to the poor, as he is so authorized to do, under, and by virtue of the said resolution. And it is further provided, that the board of county commissioners may limit the duties of such officer to any particular district or section of said county, leaving the remainder of the duties of said board of county commissioners in reference to the poor in said county, to be performed and administered by the members of said board of county commissioners. And the said board may authorize the said superintendent to make certificates to the county auditor of said county of Washington of allowances made by him as such superintendent, and may limit the amount of such certificates, and may prescribe the way and manner in which the same shall be given, as they shall deem expedient. And in general direct and control the actions and proceedings of said superintendent, all of which shall be done by resolutions, duly passed by said board of county commissioners, and entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of said board.

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

Approved February 21, 1887.

CHAPTER 243.

[H. F. No. 308.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWN IN MEEKER 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 Meeker shall provide for and support all poor persons in the town; and the board of town supervisors of each town in said county, shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns.

SEC. 2. That 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 in such 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 funds in his hands, belonging to each town or collected from each town.

SEC. 5. The general laws of this state, as to residents of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties, shall apply to townships in Meeker county, and the rule applied to residence in the county shall apply to residence of poor in towns. *Provided*, That no poor person or pauper 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. That the township board of supervisors and the city or village council of any city or incorporated village in said Meeker county shall be the 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 Meeker.

SEC. 7. This act shall be submitted to the legal voters of said county for their approval or rejection at the next annual town meeting after the passage of this act. Those voting in favor of this act shall have written or printed, or partly written or partly printed on their ballots the words, "For township support of poor—Yes," and those voting against this act shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots the words, "For township support of poor—No." The votes cast upon the question thus submitted shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as votes for county officers, and if a majority shall be found to have voted in favor of the provisions of this act, it shall take effect and be in force from and after January first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (1888), otherwise, not.

SEC. 8. It is hereby made the duty of the county auditor of said county, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the said annual town meeting, to notify the town clerks of the several towns in said county, to insert a paragraph in the notice of the annual town meeting, setting forth that the question of each town shall support its own poor will be voted upon at said town meeting, and it is hereby made the duty of the town clerks of the several towns of said county to insert such notice in said notice of annual town meeting. *Provided, however*, That any neglect or failure on the part of said auditor, or any town clerk to give such notice, shall not invalidate such election, or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon such proposition.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 2d, 1887.