

lage in a reasonable and business like manner for at least six (6) months during the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), seven (7) months during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety (1890), and eight (8) months during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891).

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 2, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 281.

[S. F. No. 545.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWN, CITY AND INCORPORATED VILLAGE IN MEEKER COUNTY TO SUPPORT ITS OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. That each township, city and incorporated village in the county of Meeker shall provide for and support all poor persons in the town, city or village, and the board of town supervisors of each town in said county, and the city or village council of any city or incorporated village in said Meeker county shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns, cities or villages.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town, city or village 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, city or village in said county, such sums raised by each town, city or village for said purpose.

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors or to the common council of the cities or villages of said county in which the applicant resides, and upon a proper case being made out for aid to care for the poor persons or paupers, the supervisors or the members of the common council or a majority of them, shall order such sum of money or other thing 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, city and village treasurer of each township, city or village the amount of poor funds in his hands belonging to each town, city or village or collected from each town, city or village.

SEC. 5. The general laws of this state as to residence of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties, shall apply to townships,

cities and villages in Meeker county; provided, that no poor person or pauper shall be entitled to aid from such township, city or village, unless he or she shall have been a resident of said town, city or village for at least one year.

SEC. 6. The township 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, cities or villages, and shall take charge of such paupers to the exclusion of the county commissioners of said county of Meeker; provided, however, that the county of Meeker shall provide for the poor the same as now provided for until May first (1st), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891).

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 or 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 ninety-one (1891); otherwise, not.

SEC. 8. It is hereby made the duty of the county auditor of said county, at least twenty (20) days prior to said annual town meeting, to notify the town clerks and city or village recorders of the several towns, cities or villages in said county, to insert a paragraph in the notice of the annual town meeting, setting forth that the question if each town, city or village 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, and city or village recorders of the several towns, cities or villages 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, city or village recorder to give such notice, shall not invalidate such election or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon such proposition.

SEC. 9. That the act entitled "An act authorizing each town, city and village in Meeker county to support its own poor," approved February fifth (5th), eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), is hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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