

S. F. No. 48.

CHAPTER 130.

Amendment.
District
poor houses.

An Act to amend section one (1) of chapter two hundred and fifty-six (256) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (1899), entitled "An Act to create a system of district poorhouses."

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter two hundred fifty-six (256) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899) be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Two or more
counties may
establish
Dist. poor
houses.

Section 1. There may be established and maintained in two (2) or more counties of the State of Minnesota having a joint population of not less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding official census of Minnesota, a district poorhouse for the reception, proper accommodation and maintenance of all paupers for whose permanent and complete support the counties of such district may from time to time become chargeable, according to the provisions of this chapter; and for that purpose the chairman of the respective boards of county commissioners of the counties of such district shall be, ex officio, the board of directors of such poorhouse. Any county may, through its board of county commissioners, invite the co-operation of one or more other counties in the establishment of a district poorhouse and the board of directors of the district poorhouse thus established shall by resolution set a time and place at which they will hear and consider bids and inducements which may be offered by any county, city, borough, village, town or person within such district, for the purpose of any farm, lot or tract of land within such district, upon such terms as to time and manner of payment or otherwise as said board may deem most advantageous to the district, and in accordance with such resolution such board may at such adjourned meeting or at any later time to which they may adjourn negotiate for and purchase any such farm, lot or tract of land, and contract for and procure the erection of a poorhouse and other buildings thereon and necessary equipment and supplies, and provide for the employment of such paupers supported thereat as may be able to labor; provided, that before locating any such farms or erecting any such poor-

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house or such other buildings, drawings and specifications setting forth the location and plan of such farm and poorhouse or other such building shall be forwarded to the state board of control and the said location and erection shall be finally made only upon the return of such specifications with the certified approval of such state board endorsed thereon.

Provided, further, that in case such district consists of but two counties, such board of directors shall consist of five (5) members, to include the chairmen of the respective county boards, and of one other commissioner from each county of the district, to be chosen annually by the respective county boards at their annual meeting in January of each year, and some suitable resident elector of the district to be chosen by the two chairmen of such two county boards, and the two county commissioners thereof.

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two counties.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1901.

CHAPTER 131.

S. F. No. 167.

An act legalizing and confirming village ordinances contracts and grants of franchise for waterworks, electric light, heat and power plants in certain cases.

Villages.

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

SECTION 1. That in all cases where any village in the state organized and incorporated under the provisions of chapter one hundred forty-five (145) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five and the amendments thereto, or organized and incorporated under the provisions of chapter ten (10), title three (3), of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four and the amendments thereto, relating to villages, or organized and incorporated under any of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota, relating to villages, subsequent to September first (1st), 1900, and prior to April first (1st) in the year 1901, has heretofore adopted an ordinance or ordinances purporting to grant the right to any person, persons or corporation for the construction, operation and maintenance in such village of waterworks, gas, electric light or heating plants, and purporting to contract with such person, persons or corporation, or their assigns for the furnishing of water, gas, electric light, heat or power to such village and the inhabitants thereof, and

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