

H. F. No. 260.

## CHAPTER 317.

Place of  
detention for  
alleged  
insane.

*An act to provide for places of detention for alleged insane, to be located in cities of fifty thousand (50,000) or more inhabitants in the State of Minnesota, and to provide for the commitment of such alleged insane persons to such places, and for the care, control and management of such places and the persons committed thereto.*

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

In cities of  
50,000 Pop-  
ulation.

SECTION 1. There shall be established, and it is hereby made the duty of the board of control to establish in every city in the State of Minnesota with fifty thousand (50,000) or more inhabitants, a place, to be known as a place of detention, for alleged insane. Such place shall consist of a ward in the city or county hospital or some other suitable place, which place shall be under the charge, supervision and control of the board of control.

Detention of  
doubtful  
cases.

SEC. 2. That whenever the judge of probate, or the court commissioner, as the case may be, and the examining physicians constituting the jury, in their judgment deem it advisable to commit any person alleged to be insane, whose case is doubtful and who is before them for examination, to place of detention, they shall have power to do so in the same way and under the same procedure as persons are now committed to the state hospital for insane, and persons so committed to such places of detention shall be in said place until such time as it shall be determined by the person in charge of such place of detention, the judge of probate and the physicians constituting the examining jury that committed such person to such place, that the person so committed is cured or a fit subject for the state insane hospital. If the person is cured, he or she shall be discharged on the recommendation of the judge of probate and the examining jury of physicians and the person in charge of such place.

Final  
action.

If the person has not improved, and in their judgment is a fit subject for the state institution, they shall so endorse on the warrant of commitment, and the person shall be conveyed to the state hospital for the insane by some suitable person or persons designated by the judge of probate or the court commissioner making the commitment; and a record of his or her case shall be transmitted to the state institution. Such person or persons, while in places of detention, shall be under the medical care of the city or county physician, as the case may be, and such

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other consulting physician as the person committed, or his or her relatives, may determine; but in no case shall any patient be kept in a place of detention for more than six (6) weeks.

SEC. 3. No examiner in lunacy shall be entitled to his or her pay as such examiner until after the case is disposed of in the place of detention where such person has been committed, after which time they shall be paid as examiners in lunacy are now paid. The cost of establishing such places of detention and maintaining such persons in the places so established shall be paid out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated and sufficient money for that purpose is hereby appropriated.

Compensation of examiners.

SEC. 4. The person or persons in charge of such places shall be and are hereby deemed to be the guardian of the person or persons committed to such places of detention for the purpose of retaining them in such places, but all persons confined in such places shall have the privilege of freely writing to and corresponding with their relatives, friends and legal advisers, and they may also receive visits from them, except when it is deemed inadvisable by the physician in charge.

Guardians.

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

Approved April 13th, 1901.

#### CHAPTER 318.

H. F. No. 284.

*An act to amend section 720 of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to salaries and allowance of clerk hire of county auditors.*

Amendment. County auditors.

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

SECTION 1. That section 720 of the General Statutes of 1894 be and the same be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 720. The salary of the county auditors shall be regulated by the value of the property in their respective counties, as fixed by the state board of equalization for the preceding year as follows: In counties where the amount of taxable property does not exceed the sum of one and one-half million dollars, they shall be entitled to receive six (6) mills on each dollar of the first one hundred thousand dollars and one mill on each dollar of all amounts in excess of said last named sum, and less than two hundred thousand dollars, and one-third of one

Salary, how regulated.