

for and on behalf of any established county which had not been organized at the date of the issuance of said orders, and which had been attached to said other county for judicial purposes.

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

Approved March 14, 1901.

S. F. No. 55.

CHAPTER 45.

Amendment.
County com-
missioners.

An act to amend section nineteen hundred and sixty-two (1962) of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), the same being section twelve (12) of chapter fifteen (15) of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred seventy-eight (1878) as amended, relating to powers of compensation of county commissioners in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. That section nineteen hundred and sixty-two (1962) of the general laws of eighteen hundred ninety-four (1894), the same being section twelve (12) of chapter fifteen (15) of the general statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878) as amended, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1962. Powers of Single Commissioner—Limit to Relief. Whenever application is made to a county commissioner by or on behalf of any person in his district for public relief or support, and reliable information is furnished that such person is in a suffering condition from poverty and requires public assistance or support, said commissioner shall inquire into the condition and necessities of such person, and if satisfied that such person is in actual need of, and is a proper subject for public relief or support, and is legally settled in said county, or has no legal settlement in this state, said commissioner shall make an order in writing, signed by him officially, directed to the overseer of the poor of said county, that such person be received into the charge of the overseer of the poor, and furnished suitable support, which order shall contain or be accompanied by a statement of facts signed by said commissioner, setting forth the name, age, former occupation, place of residence and length of residence in the county, if a resident thereof, and the condition of such person; and said overseer shall, upon delivery to him of such order and presentation of such poor person, receive into his charge such poor person, and provide him with

Powers of one
commissioner
in granting
public relief.

support at the expense of such county until the further order of the board of county commissioners; the commissioner making an order to send any person or persons to the county poorhouse is hereby required to report in writing the facts in the case to the board at its next session, said report to be filed by the auditor; and the overseer is hereby required to report to the board in writing at its next session when any inmate in his keeping shall have left or been discharged from the county poorhouse. Provided that, if the commissioner to whom application for relief or support is made shall, upon such inquiry, be of the opinion that only temporary and limited assistance to the extent herein specified will be required by such person or family, and that it will be for the best interest of the county to grant the same, he may, instead of making the order aforesaid, allow such person or family relief to the amount that he deems expedient, subject to the following conditions:

Commitment to poor house.

First—In no case shall any money be paid to any poor person under the provisions of this section except, in cases where transportation is furnished, a small sum of money may be given to the pauper for the purchase of food.

Conditions of granting relief

Second—The said county commissioner shall not grant relief to any one person or family in a sum exceeding twenty dollars between January first of one year and January first of the year following; except that in case where extended relief is asked for before July first of any year, and approved by the commissioner, the board may, by resolution, authorize him to increase the relief to the amount of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Provided further, that in all cases where relief is furnished in accordance with the provisions of this section, a fully itemized bill of goods furnished or services rendered, accompanied by an acknowledgment of the same from the person receiving them, must be presented to the said commissioner for his approval. When he shall have approved the bill the party who shall have furnished the goods or performed the service, or his agent or assignee upon presenting the same to the county auditor, shall be entitled to receive an order, duly signed and sealed, upon the county treasurer of said county, for the amount specified therein, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the support and relief of the poor.

Itemized accounts.

The bill shall be made in the following form:

County of State of Minnesota, to Dr.,
for supplies furnished or services rendered to residence in the town of same being authorized by Commissioner District No. as follows:

Form of voucher.

(Here insert a suitable number of blank lines, not less than ten in number, after which insert the following acknowledgment):

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all the goods charged for in the foregoing account, and that the services charged for therein (if any) have been duly performed.

The back of the bill shall have the following endorsement:

(To be filled by the commissioner.)

Temporary Relief Order No.

Claim of for goods furnished or services rendered to residing in the town of

To the county auditor of county, state of Minnesota: I hereby approve the within bill, the same having been authorized by me, and you are hereby directed to draw an order on the county treasurer for dollars in favor of in payment of the same.

Dated this day of 19..

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County Commissioner District No. .

Filed in my office on this day of
.... 19.., and paid in warrant No. .

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County Auditor.

It shall be the duty of each county commissioner to keep a correct record of each order issued by him in accordance with this section upon blanks to be prescribed by the state board of corrections and charities. Provided, that in the performance of the duties required by this section such county commissioner shall receive the sum of three (3) dollars per day for each day necessarily employed; and ten (10) cents per mile for every mile necessarily traveled in the performance of such duty, but no commissioner shall receive pay for the performance of such duty for more than fifteen (15) days' service, nor mileage to exceed one hundred (100) miles in any year.

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

Approved March 14, 1901.