

CHAPTER 392—S. F. No. 479.

An Act to authorize counties to acquire lands for hospital purposes for patients other than insane and to authorize county boards to erect hospital buildings thereon and to improve and equip the same for hospital purposes and to lease such grounds and hospital when so equipped.

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

Section 1. Site and buildings for hospital purposes.—It shall be lawful for county boards of any county in this state to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the county, lands in their county for hospital purposes for patients other than insane and to erect suitable buildings thereon and to improve and equip the same for such hospital purposes.

Sec. 2. County boards may construct buildings.—The county board of any such county is hereby authorized to erect and construct on lands so acquired, suitable buildings and to improve, equip and maintain the same for such hospital purpose and to pay for the same out of any moneys in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated or to issue therefor the warrants or bonds of said county in payment therefor, and may fix the time and terms of payment of such warrants or bonds and the amount of interest they shall bear.

Sec. 3. To be submitted to voters.—If a majority of the electors of any county voting upon the proposition at any election at which the question of erecting hospital buildings as provided for in this act has been submitted, shall vote in favor of such proposition, the county board shall thereupon proceed to erect said buildings and make such improvements as shall be necessary to fit the same for such hospital purposes.

Sec. 4. To be submitted at general election—Form of ballot.—The question of erecting hospital buildings, as herein provided, shall be submitted upon a separate ballot to the qualified voters of any county at any general election. The election provided for in this act shall be called by resolution in writing of the board of county commissioners, passed by majority vote, which resolution shall distinctly state the time of the election, that a county hospital is proposed to be established, the proposed location thereof, the same to cost, including equipment, not to exceed the sum set forth in such resolution. Upon the passage of such resolutions the county auditor shall seasonably notify each town, city and village clerk in his county that the question of erecting hospital buildings shall be voted upon at the time stated in the resolution, such election to be controlled by the existing election laws.

The ballot to be used at such election shall be in the form following:

“For the erection of hospital buildings, including equipment, to be located (state location), at a cost not to exceed \$. (state amount), pursuant to the resolution of the board of county commissioners passed (state date).

Yes
No

Electors desiring to vote in favor thereof shall make their cross mark thus (X), opposite the word “yes,” and electors desiring to vote against the proposition shall make their cross mark thus, (X), opposite the word “No,” and such votes shall be cast in the same manner as votes cast at such general election and shall be counted by the same officers, and returns made to the county auditor, and canvassed in like manner as the returns on county officers.

Sec. 5. Procedure where proposition is favored.—If upon such election in any county a majority of the electors voting upon such proposition shall vote in favor of erecting such hospital buildings, the county board shall forthwith proceed to erect such buildings as may be deemed proper, suitable and convenient, and equip the same to effectuate such purpose.

Sec. 6. County board to have charge of hospital.—The county board of any county having erected buildings for hospital purposes as herein provided may operate the same as such hospital and may appoint a superintendent thereof for a term to be fixed by the board of county commissioners, fix his salary, and may at pleasure remove such superintendent and may prescribe his powers and duties and may provide for the management and operation of such hospital, and shall have and are hereby vested with full power and authority to operate, control and manage the same, and in addition thereto, if the board of county commissioners shall determine that it is in the interest of the public so to do, may appoint a hospital board of not exceeding three members who shall serve without compensation, and who shall be resident freeholders of the county wherein such hospital is located, and may subject to the supervision of said board of county commissioners commit the care, management and operation of such hospital to such hospital board so created and may provide for the organization of such board, its duties and the duties of the members thereof, and such further regulation in reference thereto and to the management, operation and control of such hospital as may be proper, necessary or desirable or may lease and let unto responsible hospital association such hospital grounds and buildings upon such terms as they may deem advisable. Provided, that this act shall not be construed as authorizing or permitting any county board to erect any such hospital

buildings or to pay for the same without first submitting the question to the vote of the people as herein provided, and no such erection of buildings or payment therefor shall be made unless a majority of the electors voting upon such proposition at any election vote in favor thereof.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 393—S. F. No. 510.

An Act to amend Section 3354, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the record title and lists of lands conveyed by the United States government to the state of Minnesota, in aid of certain railroads, and for completing the record title by registers of deeds.

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

Section 1. Lists of lands conveyed to railroads as grants to be certified by state auditor to various counties, on request, and recorded with register of deeds—*Prima facie* evidence.—That Section 3354 of the Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 3354. Every railroad company to whom lands have been or shall be conveyed by the state to aid in the construction of its road shall prepare, at its own expense, separate lists of such lands lying within the several counties, according to the government surveys, which lists shall be compared by the auditor with the original lists in his office received from the interior department of the general government; and each list when corrected by him shall have appended thereto his certificate that the same is a correct and complete list of the lands in said county certified to the state and by it conveyed to such company. Such lists so certified shall be filed by the companies with the registers of deeds of the respective counties where such lands lie, who shall keep the same as public records, and they shall be *prima facie* evidence of the title of such companies; *provided, however, that in all cases where any railroad company has failed to comply with the provisions of this act the board of county commissioners of any county in this state is hereby authorized to direct the register of deeds of said county to transcribe directly from the original patents or approved lists from the United States government to the state of Minnesota and the record of deeds from the state of Minnesota to the railroad company receiving such lands. Such original patents and record of deeds being on file in the state auditor's office, the state auditor shall*