

nished and obtained for other departments of the city and the board shall appropriate and pay into the city treasury its proportionate share of the expense of the maintenance of such purchasing department. The officers and employes of said board shall be paid their salaries and compensation upon payrolls in like manner as other city employes are paid their salaries and compensation. All bill and claims of every kind against the department of public welfare shall be audited by the city comptroller, and no moneys shall be paid out of the city treasury for the uses or purposes of said department except upon orders signed by the president and secretary of the board and countersigned by the city comptroller.

Sec. 12. **Effective July 1, 1919.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of July, 1919.

Approved April 21, 1919.

CHAPTER 328—S. F. No. 726.

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 223, Laws 1917, which said chapter is entitled an act to provide for allowances out of county and state funds in certain cases for the support of dependent children in their own homes, and for investigation and supervision of such cases, and to repeal Sections 7197, 7198 and 7199, General Statutes 1913.

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

Section 1. **Support of dependent children in their own homes and procedure for obtaining same.**—That section 1 of chapter 223, Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Whenever any child under the age of sixteen years who is not lawfully entitled to apply for and receive an employment certificate is found by juvenile court to be dependent the court shall, when requested so to do, and in the same proceeding, make its findings upon the following points:

- (a) Whether the mother of the child is a widow;
- (b) If her husband is living, whether he is an inmate of a penal institution under a sentence which will not terminate within three months after the date of such finding; or is an inmate of a state insane asylum or hospital, or of a state hospital for inebriates; or is unable to labor for the support of his family by reason of physical disabilities; or is and for one year has been under indictment for the crime of abandoning such child;

(c) Whether the dependency of the child is due to the poverty of the mother without neglect, improvidence or other fault on her part;

(d) Whether the mother is otherwise a proper person to have the custody of the child;

(e) Whether the welfare of the child will be subserved by permitting him to remain in the custody of the mother, if adequate means of support shall be provided;

(f) Whether the mother is a citizen of the United States or whether she or her husband has made declaration of intention to become a citizen and has resided two years in the state and one year in the county.

Upon the making and filing of findings that the mother is a widow or that support is not obtainable from her husband by reason of one of the alternatives specified in subdivision (b), together with findings in the affirmative upon the points specified in subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), the courts shall further find, and order the payment of the sum of money which it deems necessary for the county to allow the mother in order to enable her to bring up the child properly in her own home, not exceeding fifteen dollars per month for one child and not exceeding ten dollars per month for each additional child; provided, however, that no allowance shall be made when the husband is under indictment for abandonment unless the court is satisfied that he is a fugitive from justice and that the mother has in good faith assisted and will continue to assist in all reasonable efforts to apprehend him.

Before making the findings above specified the court, in counties having a population of not more than 33,000, shall notify the county attorney of the county that an application has been made for the payment of an allowance. Such notice shall specify the name of the child and the name and address of the mother of such child and also specify the time and place when and where the court will hear the evidence relevant to the matters upon which the making of such findings depends. It shall be the duty of the county attorney to investigate the financial condition and status of such child or children and that of the mother and to appear at the time and place specified for such hearing and participate therein and present to the court such evidence or information as may be within his knowledge relevant to the matters on which the making of such findings depend.

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

Approved April 21, 1919.