

CHAPTER 126—H. F. No. 349.

An act to amend Section 466, General Statutes, 1923, relating to elections and providing for the filing of returns by judges of elections and for the filing of summary statements of total votes cast at elections.

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

Section 1. **Filing of election returns.**—That section 466, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows :

"466. Before separating, the judges shall include one set of such returns in each of two envelopes, one of which envelopes shall then be sewed by drawing twice through it and the return therein a substantial twine, tying the ends thereof together and then sealing said envelope in three places with wax and stamp furnished by the county auditor, one of which places shall be over the knot in said twine, then indorse said envelope in the following form: 'Election returns of the election district of..... in the county of.....'and direct one of such envelopes to the auditor and the other to the proper town, village, or city clerk. In towns, villages, and cities of the fourth class, one set of such returns, together with all unused and spoiled white, pink, and blue ballots, shall be delivered to the auditor at his office, by a judge chosen by lot or agreement, and the other, in like manner, to the clerk of the municipality. The judges also shall make *two* summary statements of the total votes cast for each person for any office, and for and against each proposition voted upon, and cause *one of such statements* to be filed with the auditor with such returns, and *cause the other of such statements to be filed with the city, village or town clerk, as the case may be where they shall remain open to public inspection.*"

Approved April 3, 1925.

CHAPTER 127—H. F. No. 596.

An act relating to the boarding of prisoners confined in the county jail and the care and maintenance of such jail building, in all counties now or hereafter having a population of over 150,000 and less than 240,000 inhabitants and an area of over 5,000 square miles, and defining the powers and duties of the county board and the sheriff of such county with reference thereto, providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. Sheriff to board prisoners at jail.—That in any county in this state now or hereafter having a population of over 150,000 and less than 240,000 inhabitants and an area of over 5,000 square miles, the Sheriff of said county shall have the duty of preparing and delivering to the prisoners confined in the county jail at the county seat, the food and meals for such prisoners and the duty of causing to be washed in said jail the shirts, underclothing, and bed linen of all persons confined in said jail, but shall receive no compensation therefor in addition to his salary as fixed by law.

Sec. 2. County to provide kitchen equipment, etc.—That the county board of any such county shall equip the county jail with all necessary cooking utensils, dishes for boarding all prisoners, laundry utensils, and laundry and toilet supplies for the county jail, and the sheriff shall appoint and employ a cook and such assistants as said county board shall deem necessary, subject to the approval and at the pleasure of said county board and sheriff, to have charge of the preparation of all food and meals and said county board shall fix their compensation, which they shall be paid as the salaries of other county employes are paid.

Sec. 3. County to furnish supplies.—The sheriff of any such county shall make his requisitions upon the county board for the supplies and provisions needed by him for the board of such prisoners in said jail, quarterly in advance, at least twenty (20) days before the beginning of each quarterly period. Thereupon the county auditor shall advertise for bids by published notice once each week for two consecutive weeks, for the furnishing of all or such part of such supplies and provisions as the county board shall deem necessary, said bids to be received and opened by the county board at the next meeting of said county board following the completion of said publication, and the contract therefor shall be let by said county board to the lowest responsible bidder. Any supplies found necessary by the said sheriff during any quarterly period, and not included in such requisition, may be purchased by him as needed, and the reasonable cost thereof shall be audited and allowed by the county board on duly itemized verified bills in the same manner as other general claims against such county are allowed. Any food supplies produced by any department of any such county may be purchased for use in feeding jail prisoners at a price to be agreed upon between the county board and the board or commission in charge of said department for the county, without calling for bids therefor.

The county board shall also furnish all fuel, gas, electricity, and other supplies necessary for furnishing said food and meals to said prisoners and for the washing of the clothing of said prisoners.

Sec. 4. Prisoners to assist in kitchen work.—It shall be the duty of the sheriff of any such county to co-operate with said county

board by furnishing such prisoners from the prisoners confined in said jail, as can be trusted to do said work, to act as helpers in assisting in preparing said food and meals and in taking the same from the kitchen and serving the same to each of the prisoners confined in said jail.

Sec. 5. Prisoners to receive three meals per day.—It shall be the duty of said sheriff to cause to be prepared and delivered said food and meals promptly and regularly three times a day to said prisoners.

Sec. 6. Clothing to be washed weekly.—That it shall be the duty of said sheriff of any such county to have the personal clothing of each prisoner, and the bed sheets and pillow cases used in each cell, washed at least once a week without extra compensation.

Sec. 7. Not to use juvenile quarters for other prisoners.—Where any county jail is equipped with juvenile quarters, rooms for sick and insane persons, school rooms, hospital ward and rooms other than the cells for any other purpose, the sheriff shall not use any of said rooms for any other purpose than the ones for which they were provided, except on the written order of a judge of the district court of said county.

Sec. 8. Act not to apply to outside prisoners.—The provisions of this act shall not apply to the furnishing of meals to prisoners who may be confined in the cell rooms of any court building elsewhere than at the county seat, but the sheriff shall furnish meals to all such prisoners at the expense of the county at reasonable rates, without profit to said sheriff, to be paid by the county as other general claims against the county are paid.

Sec. 9. Jail to be under supervision of Court House engineer.—That in any such county the county board shall have charge of and be responsible for the care and maintenance of said county jail building, and shall have authority to place the care and maintenance of said jail building under the chief engineer of the county court house at the county seat of any such county and the said chief engineer and his assistants shall have authority, whenever found necessary, to enter said jail building for the purpose of the care and maintenance thereof.

Sec. 10. Sheriff to appoint matron.—That in any such county the sheriff, with the approval of a majority of the judges of the District Court therein, shall appoint a competent woman to act as matron in said jail, who shall be a deputy sheriff and qualify as such before performing her duties as matron and said matron shall act under the direction of said sheriff and shall have exclusive charge of all female prisoners confined in said jail and shall engage in no other occupation or employment. Whenever the average number of female prisoners confined in said jail during the proceeding six months shall have been ten or more, an assistant matron may be

appointed in like manner, who shall have like duties as the matron and shall engage in no other business or occupation. Whenever in any such county any such assistant matron shall be appointed, said assistant matron shall perform her duties as such during the night time and shall occupy the quarters provided for such matron in said county jail, and it shall be the duty of such matron or assistant matron to perform such duties in charge of the female prisoners confined in said jail as said sheriff may by order direct.

Sec. 11. Inconsistent acts repealed.—That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. Effective May 1, 1925.—That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 1st, 1925.

Approved April 3, 1925.

CHAPTER 128—H. F. No. 953.

An act to amend Section 4350, General Statutes 1923, relating to the salary of the secretary of board of trustees of Soldiers' Home to be fixed by board.

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

Section 1. Salary of Secretary of Soldiers' Home.—That Section 4350, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"4350. The board shall appoint a secretary, and elect from its members a president, a treasurer of the home, and an executive committee of three. The same person may hold the positions of treasurer and president. The secretary shall record its transactions and keep books, records and accounts, showing the administration of the soldiers' home and relief funds, and all facts of public interest relating to the home. He shall receive such salary as said board of trustees shall designate. The state treasurer shall be ex-officio the treasurer of the board. The board shall adopt and enforce rules for the government of the home, and proper by-laws for the conduct of its business and, with the approval of the governor, it may also make rules not inconsistent with this chapter, respecting the admission, maintenance and discharge of inmates, and the disbursements of the funds under its control."

Approved April 3, 1925.

CHAPTER 129—H. F. No. 1391.

An act relating to the trapping of muskrats.

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