

CHAPTER 28—H. F. No. 252

An act authorizing county boards to appropriate and expend county funds to assist in paying for sites for state armories in certain cases.

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

Section 1. County boards to purchase armory sites in certain cases.—That in all cases wherein subsequent to April 1, 1921, the owners of lots or parcels of land situated in any city of the fourth class have conveyed the same to the State of Minnesota and a state armory has been constructed thereon pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 506, Laws, 1921, and such city has contributed and paid not less than \$2,000 to the said owners as part of the agreed purchase price thereof, with the implied understanding that the county board would appropriate and pay the balance of the purchase price as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors of all wars, the county board of any such county hereby is authorized to appropriate and expend from the county funds and to pay to the grantors in such conveyance the amount of the unpaid portion of said purchase price as so agreed upon, with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from the date of delivery of said conveyance to the state; provided, however, that the total amount so appropriated, expended and paid shall not exceed \$3,500.

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CHAPTER 29—H. F. No. 86

An act providing for the creation of the office of public defender in counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 240,000 and less than 300,000 prescribing his duties, manner of appointment, term of office, and fixing his salary.

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

Section 1. Office of Public Defender created.—That in counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 240,000 and less than 300,000 the judges of the district court of such county may appoint an attorney at law, a member of the bar in such county, to appear for and defend all persons charged with a felony or gross misdemeanor in such county, who are unable by reason of poverty to employ counsel.

Sec. 2. Duties.—The attorney so appointed as aforesaid shall be known as the Public Defender. He shall appear for and defend all persons charged with a felony or gross misdemeanor whenever it shall appear to the court that the person accused is unable by reason of poverty to procure counsel.