

CHAPTER 193—S. F. No. 1068

An act authorizing counties having a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants and an area of more than 5,000 square miles to erect or purchase an auxiliary county hospital.

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

Section 1. Counties may purchase auxiliary county hospital in certain cases.—That counties, having a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants and an area of more than 5,000 square miles, shall have the power in addition to authority heretofore granted by law, to acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation proceedings, lands for an auxiliary county hospital site and/or to purchase or erect buildings thereon, for an auxiliary general county hospital; provided that such hospital shall be located as centrally as possible for the territory to be served thereby, and not nearer to an established county hospital in said county than sixty miles from such county hospital at the county seat of such county.

Sec. 2. County warrants to be issued—tax levy.—That the cost of such hospital and site shall be paid for out of moneys not otherwise appropriated, and/or, if sufficient funds be not on hand, by county warrants to be paid by a special tax to be levied at a rate not exceeding one-half of one mill upon the assessed valuation, provided that the total cost not exceed \$100,000.00.

Sec. 3. County board to erect hospital.—The County Board of such County shall determine whether the acquisition and construction of such auxiliary county hospital is advisable and necessary; and if it be determined by said County Board upon due investigation of conditions, that the acquisition of lands for a site, and/or the purchase or erection of a building, or buildings is advisable, for such purpose, then the County Board may by resolution provide therefor and shall designate the location of such hospital and provide for the acquisition thereof according to the provisions hereof; except as herein provided such auxiliary county hospital when established shall be subject to the jurisdiction, rules, and regulations of the authorities having charge of the County Hospital and shall be operated in conjunction therewith.

Sec. 4. Definition.—That the term County Hospital as used herein shall mean a hospital owned by any such county at the county seat and operated by the Board or Commission having charge of the Administration of poor relief in any such county; and the term Auxiliary County Hospital shall mean a county hospital, located not nearer to said county hospital than sixty miles.

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