

treasurer thereof, or trustee authorized to receive the same, shall file a bond with the city clerk or village recorder, as the case may be, with sufficient sureties approved by the common council, or other governing body of such municipality, in double the amount received by virtue hereof, and shall from time to time, whenever required by such council or other governing body of such municipality, file a new or additional bond conditioned to safely keep all of said money and to disburse the same only for the purpose authorized by this act."

Approved March 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 72—S. F. No. 837

An act to amend Sections 2, 8 and 9, Subdivision (1) of Section 18, and Section 20 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929, relating to old age pensions.

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

Section 1. **Who entitled to pensions.**—That Section 2 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Any person who shall comply with these provisions, shall be entitled to a pension, *while continuing to reside in the county in which such pension is granted.* The amount of such pension shall be fixed with due regard to the conditions in each case, *as herein provided,* but in no case shall it be an amount, which, when added to the income of the applicant, including income from property, as computed under the terms of this act, shall exceed a total of one dollar per day.

Sec. 2. **Applications.**—That Section 8 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. An applicant for a pension shall file his application in writing with the *clerk of the district court* of the county in which he resides in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the *judge of the district court.* All statements in the application shall be sworn to or affirmed by the applicant, setting forth that all facts are true in every material point. Upon the filing of such an application, the *district judge shall make an order fixing the time and place for the hearing thereon, which hearing shall be not sooner than thirty days after the making of such order.* The

clerk of the district court shall forthwith upon the making of such order mail a copy of the same and of the application to the clerk or recording officer of the city, town or village of which the applicant is a resident *and copies thereof to the investigator hereinafter provided for*; a like copy of such order shall be mailed to the applicant.

Sec. 3. Judge to direct investigation.—That Section 9 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 9. The district judge shall promptly make or cause to be made such investigation as he may deem necessary, *either in person or through a probation officer designated for that purpose or through an official investigator appointed as provided in Section 8676, General Statutes 1923, or Section 8677, General Statutes 1923 except that the entire court shall make such appointment provided for by said Section 8677 or an investigator may be appointed by the county attorney with the approval of the district court at the salary provided for therein. The investigator shall represent the public. The district judge shall have the power to make all necessary citations, orders and judgments requiring support for the applicant from relatives under legal obligation to render such support and to enforce the same. All findings and orders provided for herein may be made upon the written reports of official investigators with like effect as if based upon competent testimony given in open court.* The district judge shall decide upon the application, and fix the amount of the pension, if any, and such decisions shall be final. An applicant whose application for a pension has been rejected, may not again apply for a pension until the expiration of twelve months from the date of his previous application.

Sec. 4. County board to provide for funds.—That subdivision (1) of Section 18 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 18 (1). The county board of each county shall annually appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act. Upon the orders of the judge of the district court, the county auditor shall draw his warrant on the proper fund in accordance with said order of said court and the county treasurer shall pay out the amounts ordered to be paid as pensions, under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. District Judge to make rules.—That Section 20 of Chapter 47, Laws of Minnesota for 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 20. The *district judge* shall from time to time prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations to efficiently carry out the provisions of this act.

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

Approved March 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 73—H. F. No. 288

An act to amend Statutes 1923, Section 4523, relating to the parole of patients of the institutions for the insane.

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

Section 1. **Patients may be paroled in certain cases.**—That Statutes 1923, Section 4523, be and hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

4523. The superintendent, whenever he deems it advisable that a patient should return home or remain away from the institution on trial, may allow him to be absent on parole for a period not exceeding *one year*. The order of commitment shall remain in force until he is legally discharged, and he may be recalled at any time.

Approved March 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 74—H. F. No. 357

An act relating to the care and maintenance of feeble-minded and epileptic persons and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4500.

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

Section 1. **Who may be admitted—expenses.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4500, be amended so as to read as follows:

"4500. All feeble-minded persons, resident of the state, *duly committed to the guardianship of the state board of control, who, in the opinion of said board, are in need of care and training at some state institution for the feeble-minded may be admitted to such an institution, and epileptic persons who are not feeble-minded*