

the work by labor employed therefor. When work is to be let under contract he shall publish a notice to the effect, for three successive weeks prior to the date such bids are to be received, in such local newspaper or other periodicals as may be deemed advisable, provided that in case of emergency requiring immediate action, contract may be awarded without published notice. Emergency shall be defined as the doing of such work on the highways of the State of Minnesota as is necessary for immediate action in order to maintain existing highways in a passable condition. Provided, no emergencies shall be declared to exist except upon the written authority of the highway commissioner or his deputy. *And provided further, that where relief labor is employed, payable out of federal funds in the construction or reconstruction of trunk highways, and where the state is the sponsor for such projects, also necessitating the use of trunk highway funds in order to complete such construction or reconstruction, the commissioner of highways is authorized to furnish supervision, equipment, equipment operators, materials, and such labor as is necessary therefor.*"

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CHAPTER 370.—S. F. No. 1043

An act relating to the publication and disclosure of information concerning aid to persons in need in certain cases, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 667 and 974-17; and repealing Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-22.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 667, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"667. **Publication of annual financial statement.**—Annually not later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February such board shall make a full and accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, which shall contain a statement of the assets and liabilities, a summary of receipts, disbursements and balances of all county funds together with a detailed statement of each fund account together with an itemized account of amounts paid out, to whom and for what purpose, under the form and style prepared by the State Comptroller, and approved by the Attorney General, and state expert printer in December 1932,

and within thirty days thereafter shall cause the same to be published for one issue in some newspaper within the county which newspaper must be a duly qualified legal newspaper, as provided by law which in counties having a population of seventy-five thousand or more shall be a daily of general circulation publishing local and world news of varied and general public interest. In addition to the publication thereof in the newspaper designated by the board as the official newspaper for publication of the financial statement, the same shall be published in one other newspaper of the county, located in a different section of the county than the official paper. Provided, however, that the county board shall call for separate bids for each publication. At its meeting in July and January of each year it shall examine and count all the funds in the Treasury, examine the accounts and vouchers of the auditor and treasurer, and make a written certificate of the condition of the treasury, showing the amount, kind and character of the funds therein, and all other matters in connection therewith, and file the same with the auditor. *Provided, however, that insofar as any provision of this act is inconsistent with the provisions of Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-17, as amended, the provisions of that section shall prevail.*"

Sec. 2. Law amended.—Mason's 1940 Supplement, Section 974-17, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"974-17. Duties and powers of board.—(a) After its establishment the County Welfare Board shall forthwith assume the powers, duties and responsibilities of the County Child Welfare Board, if any, existing in the county, and shall perform such duties as may be required of the County Child Welfare Board or by law or by the *Director of Social Welfare* with regard to the enforcement of all laws for the protection of defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

"(b) The County Welfare Board, except as provided in Section 1, Subdivision (b), shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of public assistance and public welfare, both of children and adults, and shall supervise, in cooperation with the *Director of Social Welfare*, the administration of all forms of public assistance which now are or hereafter may be imposed on the *Director of Social Welfare* by law, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, veterans aid, aid to the blind, and other public assistance or public welfare purposes. The duties of the County Welfare Board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the *Director of Social Welfare* in order to comply with the require-

ments of the Federal Social Security Act and to obtain grants-in-aid available under said act.

“(c) The County Welfare Board provided for in Section 1, Subdivision (b), shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of public assistance and public welfare within the purview of the Federal Social Security Act and which now are, or hereafter may be, imposed on the *Director of Social Welfare* by law, of both children and adults, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance and aid to the blind. The duties of such County Welfare Board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the *Director of Social Welfare* in order to comply with the requirements of the Federal Social Security Act and to obtain grants-in-aid available under said act.

“(d) The *Director of Social Welfare* shall be the authority to adopt and enforce *rules and regulations* concerning the use and publication of lists of public assistance recipients and governing the custody, use and preservation of public assistance records, files and communications. The *Director of Social Welfare* shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Federal Social Security Board; but in any event shall provide for the annual publication of a summary financial statement giving total expenditures for each of the several programs of public assistance; and shall make all finance records available for such examinations and audits as are required by law. No use or publication of the lists, records, files and communications herein referred to shall be made until such rules and regulations are adopted, and then only in the manner and form therein provided. All other acts or parts of acts now in effect inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, superseded, modified or amended so far as necessary to conform to and give full force and effect to the provisions of this act. The provisions of this act will not be construed to apply to poor relief or direct relief.”

Sec. 3. Law repealed.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-22, is hereby repealed.

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