

as issued by the city or its treasurer, unless the draft shall be returned to the bank before noon of the second business day next following the date of its payment; but this limitation shall not restrict the rights of the city or its treasurer to recover on any other ground or grounds from any party other than a depository bank any amount improperly or erroneously so paid or from any such depository bank or any other party to the instrument on a draft bearing any forged or other irregular endorsement. Any credit given by a depository bank to any party who shall have transferred such a draft to it for collection shall be conditioned upon final payment.

Approved April 16, 1941.

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CHAPTER 261—H. F. No. 1297

*An act relating to county welfare boards; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-11.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-11, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"974-11. County welfare boards—duties—powers.**—There shall be established in each county of the state a county welfare board which shall consist of five members, to be chosen as follows:

(a) Except in counties which contain a city of the first class and counties having a poor and hospital commission, three members shall be chosen by the board of county commissioners, and at least one but not more than three shall be members of the board of county commissioners. Such members shall be residents of the county, shall hold office for the term of two years, and thereafter as each term expires a successor shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners for a like term of two years. Two members, one of whom shall be a woman, shall be appointed by the director of social welfare from a list of residents, five men and five women, submitted by the board of county commissioners. One member shall hold office for the term of one year, and one for the term of two years, and thereafter as each term expires a successor shall be appointed by the *director of social*

*welfare* for the full term of two years from a list of five residents submitted by the board of county commissioners. When a vacancy occurs on the county welfare board by reason of the death, resignation or expiration of the term of office of a member of the board of county commissioners who is also a member of the county welfare board, the unexpired term of such member shall be filled by the appointment of another member of the county board. Except to fill a vacancy and for the first year of its existence the term of office of each member of the county welfare board shall commence on the first Thursday after the first Monday in July, and shall continue until the expiration of the term for which such member was appointed or until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Provided, however, that if the board of county commissioners shall refuse, fail, omit or neglect to submit the list of residents to the *director of social welfare* for appointment to the county welfare board by the *director of social welfare*, as herein provided, or to appoint the three members to the county welfare board, as herein provided, by the time when the terms of such members commence, or, in the event of vacancies, for a period of 30 days thereafter, the *director of social welfare* is hereby empowered to and shall forthwith appoint residents of said county to the county welfare board. Before the *director of social welfare* shall fill any vacancy hereunder resulting from the failure or refusal of the board of county commissioners of any county to act as required herein, the *director of social welfare* shall mail 15 days' written notice to the board of county commissioners of its intention to fill such vacancy or vacancies unless the board of county commissioners shall act before the expiration of said 15 day period.

(b) In any county containing a city of the first class operating under a home rule charter, wherein there is established in such city a board of public welfare for administration of poor relief in such city only, the board of county commissioners shall be the county welfare board. In such counties the members shall be reimbursed by the county for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties under the provisions of this act. In such counties the county auditor shall be ex-officio secretary of said board, but shall have no voice in its proceedings. In such counties the system of caring for the poor in effect at the time of the passage of this act shall be continued, subject to all provisions of law relating thereto, except that, if such county is operating under the township system of caring for the poor, such towns, villages and cities of the third and fourth class therein may by resolution of its governing body, agree with

the county welfare board that the latter shall supervise and administer the poor relief fund in such town, village or city, *or contract with any one or more of the public subdivisions of the county for the purpose of jointly supervising and administering the poor relief funds in such towns, villages or cities.* In any such county the powers and duties of such board of public welfare shall not be affected by the provisions of this act. Such board of public welfare in administering poor relief funds, granted by any state agency authorized so to do by law, shall comply with all standards of administration and procedure prescribed by such agency.

(c) In any county and any city of the first class within such county, which such city shall contain taxable property having an assessed valuation of more than 95 per cent of the assessed valuation for taxation purposes of all property in such county, the board of public welfare shall be continued as the county welfare board and shall be appointed or elected as provided by Laws 1929, Chapter 371, as amended. The said board shall receive such compensation and shall have and exercise all the powers as provided by the said act of 1929, as amended, in addition to any other and further powers granted herein and shall have and perform all of the additional duties referred to in *Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-17*, except that the executive secretary of such board shall be appointed and his salary shall be fixed pursuant to *Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-14*.

(d) That in any county in this state having a population of more than 200,000, and an assessed valuation of more than \$250,000,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles, the board of poor commissioners shall be continued as the county welfare board and shall be appointed or elected as provided by *Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3196, 3197 and 3198 and Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3199*. The said board shall receive such compensation and shall have and exercise all the powers as provided by the *Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3196, 3197 and 3198 and Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3199*, in addition to any other and further powers granted herein and shall have and perform all the additional duties referred to in *Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 974-17*.

(e) Any county now having a poor and hospital commission, said poor and hospital commission shall be the county welfare board.

*Section 2. Not to repeal existing laws.—Nothing herein contained or omissions shall be construed as repealing any other amendments to the foregoing sections by the 1941 session of the legislature.*

Approved April 16, 1941.

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CHAPTER 262—H. F. No. 1350

*An act granting to certain town boards power to print and distribute financial statements at the annual town meetings.*

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

**Section 1. Certain town boards to print and distribute financial statements.**—In addition to all other powers now or hereafter conferred by law the town board of any town having a population in excess of 6,000 inhabitants and in which the assessed valuation of the platted lands therein equals or exceeds 50 per cent of the total assessed valuation of all the lands of such town, shall have power to print and distribute to the electors at the annual town meeting copies of the town's annual financial statement, as approved by the town board of audit. There shall be included in such statement an estimate of the sums necessary to be raised for the various purposes for the ensuing year and such other information or recommendations as the town board deems advisable.

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CHAPTER 263—H. F. No. 1361

*An act authorizing any independent school district, with territorial limits which coincide with the territorial limits of any city of the first class in the state of Minnesota and the government of which independent school district is not provided for in the charter of any such city, to issue refunding bonds to refund its bonds, now outstanding or hereafter issued, which do not mature serially in annual installments throughout the life thereof, and to levy taxes for the purpose of pay-*