

CHAPTER 348—S. F. No. 1266

An act to require the county auditor in counties of over 450,000 population to advertise for bids for the purchase of goods, materials and supplies, and to award such contracts to the lowest possible bidder.

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

Section 1. **County Auditor in certain counties to advertise for bids.**—In counties having a population of more than 450,000, no contract for the purchase of goods, materials and supplies (including ballots and election supplies, assessment books and blanks) required by law to be provided, prepared, or printed by the county auditor, the estimated cost of which exceeds \$500, shall be made by such auditor without giving at least seven days published notice that bids or proposals in writing will be received therefor, stating the time and place. The notice shall contain specifications as to the character and quantities of the goods, materials and supplies called for, or shall state where such specifications are on file for public inspection. All such contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. In case no satisfactory bid is received, the auditor may re-advertise.

Approved April 21, 1941.

CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 1357

An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 706, relating to tuberculosis sanatoriums.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 706, be amended so as to read as follows:

"706. **Sanatorium commission.**—Upon the decision to establish and maintain a tuberculosis sanatorium under this act, the county commissioners of any county shall appoint a commission consisting of three members, residents of the county, at least one of whom shall be a licensed physician. These members shall be chosen with reference to their special fitness for such office and the appointment of said licensed physician before becoming effective shall be approved by the state board of health. Under the first appointment one mem-

ber shall be chosen to hold office for one year, one for two years and one for three years, all from the first Monday of the next July following such appointment, and thereafter one member shall be chosen each year to serve for a period of three years commencing with the first Monday in July in each year respectively, and each appointee shall hold office until his successor is appointed and has qualified. This commission shall be known as the county sanatorium commission. Its members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties.

“Said county sanatorium commission shall have full charge and control, except as hereinafter provided, of all moneys received for the credit of the tuberculosis sanatorium fund hereinafter described and full charge and control of the location, establishing, and maintenance of any sanatorium building constructed under this act and shall make such regulations concerning the same as may seem to it advisable, but no site shall be secured and no buildings erected or equipped without the approval and consent of the *Director of the Division of Social Welfare*, and before final action is taken and plans and specifications shall be submitted to the state board of health for approval as provided by Section 2131, Revised Laws of 1905. The *Director of the Division of Social Welfare* shall have full power and control over the construction and equipment of any such sanatorium whose establishment has been determined upon by said county sanatorium commission as hereinafter provided.

“Said county sanatorium commission may when deemed necessary appoint and employ with the approval and consent of the *Director of the Division of Social Welfare* a competent superintendent who shall employ other necessary help at a compensation to be determined by the county sanatorium commission. Said superintendent shall be the executive officer of the sanatorium and he shall act as secretary of the county sanatorium commission. One member of said commission shall be elected annually by the commission as its president.

“The county sanatorium commission of a county or group of counties may authorize the superintendent of a sanatorium to employ a nurse or nurses to visit in their homes consumptives who have been discharged from such institution and who reside within such county or group of counties. Such nurse shall render monthly reports in duplicate to the superintendent of the sanatorium and to the state board of health. Said sanatorium commission may establish an open air school or preventorium for child patients in connection with the sanatorium

with the consent and approval of the *Director of the Division of Social Welfare*. When one or more units of said preventorium is not needed for the care of child patients infected with the tubercle bacillus, the said commission may with the consent and approval of the *Director of the Division of Social Welfare*, and the local authorities charged with the responsibility for the operation and management of the said Preventorium, use such unit or units for the care of indigent children convalescing from disease in a non-communicable stage.

“Said county sanatorium commission of a county or group of counties is hereby authorized, with the approval of the *Director of the Division of Social Welfare*, to use any surplus of the tax levy made for the maintenance of a Sanatorium, for building, purchasing equipments, building additions, building cottages, making improvements and repairs.”

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CHAPTER 350—S. F. No. 1375

An act relating to the salaries of county treasurers in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of County Treasurers in certain counties:

In each County of this State containing not less than eighteen (18), or more than twenty (20), full and fractional Congressional Townships and having a population of not less than thirty-six thousand (36,000) nor more than thirty-six thousand five hundred (36,500) inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal census, and having an assessed valuation of all property, including money and credits, as last fixed by the tax commission, of not less than \$18,000,000 nor more than \$25,000,000, the County Treasurer shall receive from the County in full payment for his services an annual salary of \$3,000.

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