

out of the general revenue fund of the county in which such trial occurs and the auditor and treasurer of such county shall cause such fees and expenses to be paid upon presentation of the order of such court.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This act shall apply to all persons whose means of communication includes the sign language and finger spelling.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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#### CHAPTER 139—H. F. No. 408

*An act authorizing the county welfare board of certain counties having a population of 500,000 or more, to provide support in emergency cases for dependent and neglected children, amending Laws 1943, Chapter 149, Section 1.*

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

**Section 1. County welfare board of Hennepin County to provide support for dependent children in emergency cases.** The county welfare board of any county now or hereafter having a population of 500,000 or more, and operating under the township system of caring for the poor, may provide at the expense of the county, such board, room, medical treatment and incidentals as it may deem necessary in emergency cases to care for any child who is separated from its parents and under supervision of the county welfare board and has been placed for lodging in a children's boarding home licensed by the Director of Social Welfare and who may be committed by the juvenile court as a dependent or neglected child as defined in Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 8636. The county welfare board of any such county may maintain at the expense of the county places in such licensed children's boarding homes available at all times for the placement and lodging of such children.

**Sec. 2. Costs prior to commitment.** The cost of such board, room, medical expenses and incidentals furnished prior to commitment by the juvenile court shall be a legal claim against the parent, guardian, trustee or custodian of any such child and in favor of the county.

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