

Salary of county surveyor. In each county of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than 2,500 square miles, and having an assessed valuation of more than \$15,000,000 and less than \$50,000,000, the county surveyor shall receive from such county an annual salary of \$2,400, in full payment for all services performed, which shall be paid in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury upon warrants of the county auditor, in the same manner as other county officers are paid, and in addition thereto the county surveyor in such counties shall be allowed and paid from the county treasury the actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his services.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 567—S. F. No. 1236

An act relating to the commitment of patients entitled to care or treatment by the veterans administration or other agency of the United States Government and amending Laws 1943, Chapter 612, Section 9.

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

Section 1. Laws 1943, Chapter 612, Section 9, is hereby amended to read as follows:

525.753. **Commitment.** If the patient is found to be insane or inebriate, the court shall issue to the sheriff or any other person a warrant in duplicate, committing the patient to the custody of the superintendent of the proper state hospital, or to the superintendent or keeper of any private licensed institution for the care of inebriates or insane persons; provided, however, that such patients are required to pay the necessary hospital charge. If such patient be entitled to care or treatment by the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States Government, such warrant shall be in triplicate, committing him to the joint custody of the superintendents of the proper state and Veterans Administration or other federal institution. If the Veterans Administration or other federal institution be unable or unwilling to receive the patient at the time of commitment, he subsequently may be transferred to it upon its request. Such transfer shall discharge his commitment to the state institution and constitute

a sole commitment to the Veterans Administration or other federal institution.

Upon commitment, such person when admitted to the Veterans Administration or other federal institution within or without this State shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Veterans Administration or other federal agency.

The chief officer of any facility of the Veterans Administration or institution operated by any other agency of the United States to which the person is so committed shall with respect to such person be vested with the same powers as superintendents of state hospitals for mental diseases within this State with respect to retention of custody, transfer, parole, or discharge.

The judgment or order of commitment by a court of competent jurisdiction of another state or the District of Columbia, committing a person to the Veterans Administration, or other agency of the United States Government for care or treatment shall have the same force and effect as to the committed person while in this State as in the jurisdiction in which is situated the court entering the judgment or making the order. Consent is hereby given to the application of the law of the committing state or district in respect to the authority of the chief officer of any facility of the Veterans Administration, or of any institution operated in this State by any other agency of the United States to retain custody, or transfer, parole or discharge the committed person.

Upon receipt of a certificate of the Veterans Administration or such other agency of the United States that facilities are available for the care or treatment of any person heretofore committed to any hospital for the insane or other institution for the care or treatment of persons similarly afflicted and that such person is eligible for care or treatment, the superintendent of the institution may cause the transfer of such person to the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States for care or treatment. Upon effecting such transfer, the committing court or proper officer thereof shall be notified thereof by the transferring agency. No person shall be transferred to the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States if he be confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or misdemeanor if he has been acquitted of the charge solely on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other authority originally committing such person shall enter an order for such transfer after appropriate motion and hearing.

Any person transferred as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States pursuant to the original commitment.

If the patient is found to be feeble-minded or epileptic, the court shall appoint the director of public institutions guardian of his person and commit him to his care and custody.

Whenever a defendant in a criminal proceedings has been examined in the probate court, pursuant to an order of the state or federal district court, the probate court shall transmit its findings and return the defendant to such district court, unless otherwise ordered. A duplicate of the findings shall be filed in the probate court, but there shall be no petition, property or report, nor commitment, unless otherwise ordered.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 568—S. F. No. 1261

An act relating to the salaries of clerks of district court in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salaries of clerk of district courts in certain counties. Subdivision 1. In any county having a population of less than 5,000 according to the last federal census, if the salary and fees of the clerk of district court do not aggregate \$1,500 at the end of the calendar year 1945, and each calendar year thereafter, the clerk of district court may file with the county auditor of such county a sworn statement showing the total amount of salary, fees, and emoluments received by him for official services during the calendar years, whereupon the auditor shall issue to the clerk a county warrant of the difference between the amount received by the clerk and the sum of \$1,500.

Subd. 2. In any county having a population of more than 5,000 and not to exceed 9,000, according to the last federal census, if the salary and fees of the clerk of district court do not aggregate \$2,000 at the end of the calendar year 1945, and each calendar year thereafter, the clerk of district court may file with the county auditor of such county a sworn statement showing the total amount of salary, fees and