

issued to such applicant, and such person shall immediately be placed on the practicing list as a licensed registered nurse.

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CHAPTER 287—S. F. No. 602

An act relating to the compensation of judges of probate in certain counties acting as juvenile court judges in proceedings as to dependent, neglected, and delinquent children; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 260.29.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 260.29, is amended to read as follows:

260.29. **Expenses payable by county.** *In counties having a population of less than 50,000, the expenses in probate courts acting as juvenile court for the proceedings of dependent, neglected, and delinquent children including the care of children when in the custody of the court and during continuance when not with the parents, medical and hospital care that may be necessary at the hearing or while the child is in the custody of the court, the fees and necessary mileage, not to exceed five cents per mile, of witnesses and of officers serving notices and subpoenas ordered by the court, the expenses for travel and board incurred by the probate judge when holding court in places other than the county seat, shall be paid by the county upon the certificate of the probate judge; and judges of probate acting as judge of juvenile court in such proceedings shall receive an annual salary for such service equal to \$25.00 for each 1,000 inhabitants, or fraction thereof within said county according to the then last preceding federal or state census. Such salary shall be paid monthly in the same manner as the regular salary of such probate judges.*

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CHAPTER 288—S. F. No. 637

[Coded as Sections 373.25 to 373.38]

An act authorizing any county which does not contain a city of the first class and the city, village or borough con-

stituting the county seat thereof to jointly acquire land for, erect, equip, furnish, maintain and operate a court house and city hall building; and providing for the issuing of bonds by such county and such city, village or borough.

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

[373.25] Joint county and municipal building authorized.

Section 1. Any county in this state which does not have within its limits a city of the first class, may, together with the city, village or borough in such county which is the county seat thereof, jointly acquire land for, erect, equip, furnish, maintain and operate a joint court house and city hall building to be used jointly by such county and such city, village or borough.

[373.26] Proportional division of cost. Sec. 2. The cost and expense of acquiring land for, erecting, equipping, and furnishing such building shall be borne by the county and the city, village or borough, in proportion to the amount of space to be used by each governmental unit in the building, and the architect preparing the plans and specifications for such building shall certify as to the amount of space within such building which is designed for use by each governmental unit. The building shall not be erected or contracted to be erected and no land acquired therefor and no bonds shall be issued or sold by the county, until the city, village or borough has been authorized to issue bonds to defray its proportion of the cost of such land and building and the ordinances providing for the issue of such bonds have been ratified by the vote of the electors of such city, village or borough in the manner provided in the charter of such city or by the laws of the state.

[373.27] Bond issue. Sec. 3. At any time after such city, village or borough has been authorized to issue bonds to defray its part of the cost of acquiring a site and erecting the city hall and court house building, the board of county commissioners of any such county may submit to the voters thereof, in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.20, the question as to whether or not to issue and sell bonds of such county to defray the county's portion of the cost of acquiring land for, and erecting, equipping and furnishing such building. The full faith and credit of the county shall be pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of any such bonds so issued. Such bonds may be issued in one or more installments, but the bonds of each installment shall be serial bonds, a portion of which shall be payable each year after issue, but none of such bonds shall run for a longer time than 20 years from their date, and the

board of county commissioners shall fix the denominations thereof and shall fix the dates of maturity of each installment so that the amounts necessary each year to pay the principal and interest maturing any year shall be approximately the same in each of the years during which the bonds of the installment shall run. Such bonds shall be sold in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 475.15. The rate of interest shall, in no case, exceed six per cent per annum.

[373.28] **Execution and delivery of bonds.** Sec. 4. Such bonds shall be executed in such manner as the board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, determine. The delivery of the bonds so executed at any time thereafter shall be valid, notwithstanding any change in officers or in the seal of the county occurring after their execution.

[373.29] **County tax levy.** Sec. 5. The board of county commissioners shall levy a tax, at the time and in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 475.26, to pay the principal and interest of such bonds. This section shall not be construed as limiting the power of a municipality to levy taxes to pay its obligations issued hereunder, but the governing body of every municipality shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to levy any taxes necessary to provide revenue to pay such obligations.

[373.30] **Bond limitation not applicable.** Sec. 6. The amount of indebtedness authorized to be incurred by any such county shall be in addition to and over and above any limits now fixed by law.

[373.31] **Building commission.** Sec. 7. As soon as such city, village or borough, and such county have both authorized the issuance of bonds for the erection of a joint court house and city hall building, the board of county commissioners and the council or other governing body of such city, village or borough shall constitute the court house and city hall building commission of such county, and the chairman of the board of county commissioners shall act as chairman of said commission. The commission shall select from its own members such other officers as it may deem necessary.

[373.32] **Joint ownership of site.** Sec. 8. The commission shall select a site for such building and may contract with the owner thereof for the acquisition of such site by gift or purchase, or such site may be acquired by proceedings in eminent domain, to be instituted and carried to completion in the name of either the city, village or borough, or the

county, as the commission may determine. All land acquired as a site for such court house, village, city or borough hall shall be owned jointly by such county and such city, village or borough, in the same proportion as each contributes to the acquisition of land and the construction of such building; and, in case the entire tract is acquired by either such city, village, borough or county, it shall convey the proper undivided interest therein to the other.

[373.33] **Plans and specifications.** Sec. 9. Either before or after the selection of the site of such building, the commission shall cause to be prepared plans and specifications for the building and may employ architects, engineers, draftsmen, and such clerical help as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of preparing such plans and specifications. The compensation of such employees shall be fixed by the commission.

[373.34] **Advertisement for bids.** Sec. 10. Upon the completion of such plans and specifications and their approval or adoption by the commission, the commission shall proceed to advertise for bids or proposals for all or any portion of the work or materials, or both, to be done, performed or furnished in the construction of the building. The advertisement for bids or proposals shall be published in the official newspaper of such city, village or borough, if there be one, and in the official newspaper of such county, and may be published in such other newspapers or publications, either within or without the state, as the commission may deem advisable, and shall be published for such length of time as the commission may determine. All bids or proposals shall be sealed by the bidders or proposers and shall be filed with the commission at or before the time specified in such advertising for the opening of bids or proposals, at which time the commission shall meet, open the bids or proposals and tabulate the same, and shall thereupon award the contract or contracts to the responsible bidder whose bid or proposal is the most favorable, or reject all bids and proposals. In the event all bids or proposals are rejected, the commission may re-advertise for bids or proposals or may modify or change the plans and specifications, and shall proceed to again advertise for bids or proposals in the manner hereinbefore provided.

[373.35] **Certified check; contracts.** Sec. 11. Each person submitting bids or proposals shall file with his bid or proposal a certified check in an amount prescribed in the specifications of the commission for the building, to be retained as liquidated damages in case of failure to enter into a contract if the bidder is awarded the same.

All contracts shall be in writing and shall be made in the name of the county and the city, village or borough proposing to erect such building, and shall be executed in behalf of such county, city, village or borough by the officers empowered by law or charter to execute contracts in behalf of such county and such city, village or borough. All persons who may be awarded contracts in connection with the erection of such building shall be required to furnish bonds in the amount and in the form prescribed by the laws of the state relating to contracts for public improvements and such bonds shall run to the county and the city, village or borough erecting such building.

[373.36] **Supervision.** Sec. 12. The work of erecting, equipping and furnishing the building shall be conducted and completed under the direction and supervision of the commission and the members thereof are charged with the duty of requiring the work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications. The commission is authorized to employ such architects, engineers, supervisors, inspectors, clerks and other employees as it may deem necessary or advisable to supervise and inspect the work and assist in the performance of the duties of the commission.

[373.37] **Management.** Sec. 13. The management of the building when erected shall be vested in the commission which shall have the power to appoint such employees as it may deem necessary for the proper care and management and operation of the building, and fix their compensation and determine the proportion thereof which is to be paid by the county and by the city, village or borough.

[373.38] **Compensation of commissioners; advertisement for bids.** Sec. 14. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services upon the commission other than their compensation which they receive as members of the board of county commissioners or of the council or other governing body of such city, village or borough, and no member of this commission shall have any financial interest in any of the contracts awarded by the commission.

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CHAPTER 289—S. F. No. 675

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing salary increases for the director of the Division of Public Institutions, the director of Employment