

## CHAPTER 40—H. F. No. 13

*An act enabling county welfare boards to place wards of the director of social welfare in adoptive homes or for foster care and to amend Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 256.01 and 393.07.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.01, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

**256.01. Director of social welfare, powers and duties.**  
**Subdivision 1. Certain powers transferred.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the state board of control by the laws of this state or by any law of the United States are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare, except the powers and duties otherwise specifically transferred by Laws 1939, Chapter 431, to other agencies. The director of social welfare is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state.

**Subd. 2. Specific powers enumerated.** The director of social welfare shall :

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, relief to veterans, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or services as may from time to time be vested in the director. Nothing herein shall transfer from the soldiers home board any of its present rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise private child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in boarding and foster homes or in private institutions; *designate such county welfare boards as he may select to act as his agent in the placement of his wards in adoptive homes or for foster care* and generally perform all functions relating to

the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.07, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**393.07. Powers and duties.** Subdivision 1. **Assumes duty of child welfare board.** After its establishment the county welfare board shall forthwith assume the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the county child welfare board, if any, existing in the county, and shall perform such duties as may be required of the county child welfare board or by law or by the director of social welfare with regard to the enforcement of all laws for the protection of defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected, and delinquent children.

Subd. 2. **Administers all forms of public assistance and public welfare; agent or director of social welfare.** The county welfare board, except as provided in section 393.01, subdivision 3, shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of public assistance and public welfare, both of children and adults, and shall supervise, in cooperation with the director of social welfare, the administration of all forms of public assistance which now are or hereafter may be imposed on the director of social welfare by law, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, veterans aid, aid to the blind, and other public assistance or public welfare purposes. The duties of the county welfare board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the director of social welfare in order to comply with the requirements of the federal social security act and to obtain grants-in-aid available under that act. *The county welfare board shall, when so designated, act as agent of the director of social welfare in the placement of his wards in adoptive homes or for foster care.*

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CHAPTER 41—H. F. No. 62

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*An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain corporations whose period of duration has*