

the poor, five mills in any town having a taxable valuation of \$100,000 or more, and the amount of which shall not exceed \$350 in any town having a taxable valuation of less than \$100,000, and the rate of which shall not exceed one per cent in any town; the rate of tax for road and bridge purposes in any town shall not exceed the rate provided by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 163.05, and the tax for poor purposes shall not exceed five mills, provided, that in any town in which the amount levied within the above limitations is not sufficient to enable such town to carry on its necessary governmental functions, the electors, during the business hours after disposing of the annual report, may make an additional levy of not to exceed five mills to enable such town to carry on such necessary governmental functions.

(4) For school district purposes, such amounts as are provided in Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 120 to 132, both inclusive.

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CHAPTER 419—S. F. No. 1328

An act authorizing county boards in counties containing 25,000 inhabitants or less to appropriate money to aid in the maintenance or erection of hospitals in certain cases, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 376.08.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sec. 376.08, is amended to read:

376.08. **Purchase of bonds by the state.** The board of county commissioners in any county in this state having 25,000 inhabitants, or less, is hereby authorized to appropriate from the general revenue fund of such county a sum not exceeding \$65,000 in any one year to aid in the maintenance or erection of a hospital within such county.

Before any such appropriation shall be made the board of county commissioners of such county may, in its discretion, require a bond on the part of the authorities of such hospital in a

sum of at least the amount of the appropriation, with sureties to be approved by such board, conditioned that such hospital shall be operated in a first-class manner for the year for which the appropriation is made, or for such further time as the board may require, and that the authorities of such hospital shall receive, at such price or compensation as may be fixed and agreed upon by and between the board and the authorities of the hospital at or before the time of the giving of the bond, all patients who may be a charge or dependent upon such county.

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CHAPTER 420—H. F. No. 922

An act relating to poor relief and providing for permissive payments of cash to recipients thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 261.15, 262.01, 262.07, 262.13, 263.01, and 263.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 261.15, is amended to read:

261.15. **Definitions.** As used in sections 261.15 to 261.20, unless the subject matter or context requires otherwise:

(1) The term "political subdivision" includes any subdivision of the state or any municipal corporation or public quasi-corporation, however organized.

(2) The words "support or relief of the poor" shall have the same meaning as the words are given by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Chapter 15, *as amended*, and the words "poor persons" shall mean such persons for whom a legal liability is imposed under that chapter.

(3) The term "work relief" means support or relief in wages or other compensation, in cash or in kind, paid for work under the following conditions: (a) That the recipients of work relief and the amounts given are both determined on