

## CHAPTER 63—H. F. No. 287

*An act relating to the county welfare board in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.01, Subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.01, Subdivision 4, be amended to read as follows:

Subd. 4. **Board of Public Welfare in Ramsey county.** In any county and any city of the first class within such county, which such county shall have more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants, the board of public welfare shall be continued as the county welfare board and shall be appointed or elected as provided by Laws 1929, Chapter 371, as amended. This board shall receive such compensation and have and exercise all the powers as provided by Laws 1929, Chapter 371, as amended, in addition to any other and further powers granted herein and shall have and perform all of the additional duties referred to in section 393.07, except that the executive secretary of such board shall be appointed and his salary shall be fixed pursuant to section 393.04.

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CHAPTER 64—H. F. No. 288

[Not Coded]

*An act defining the duties, providing for the bond, filling of vacancies and fixing the fees of county abstract clerks in all counties having a population of more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants, providing penalties for destroying or defacing records; amending Laws 1945, Chapter 561, Section 1.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1945, Chapter 561, Section 1, is amended to read:

**Section 1. Ramsey county; County Abstract Clerks; defacing records.** In counties having *more than 300,000 and less than 450,000* inhabitants:

(a) The records and indices in the office of County Abstract Clerk are hereby designated and defined as public records, open to inspection, but only to the extent in this section provided.

(b) Every record, index, abstract copy, plat, bookkeeping record, or paper of any type whatsoever, prepared in such office, shall be the property of the County for the use of the County Abstract Clerk and his successors in office, and shall at the expiration of the term of any such Abstract Clerk be turned over to his successor in office.

(c) The County Abstract Clerk shall permit, without fee and within such reasonable business hours as not to interfere with the conduct of the work of the office, and under such supervision as shall assure the safety of the records, inspection of the Tract Index as hereinafter defined, by any party interested in the ownership of any particular parcel of land, or his agent or attorney. There shall be no right on the part of anyone to make general or indiscriminate searches of the records or to copy any part thereof for the purpose of making abstracts of title or abstract books or in any manner to deprive the Abstract Clerk of the fees provided by law for his official duties.

(d) Any person who destroys, attempts to destroy, deface or alter any record in the office of the County Abstract Clerk shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to punishment according to law.

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CHAPTER 65—H. F. No. 289

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*An act fixing the salary of the county auditor and the number of his employees in counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants.*