

voted, such city of the first class may exchange on such basis as may be approved by the governing body thereof, a portion of the tax forfeited lands acquired by the municipality for the privately-owned lot, and the officers of such municipality are hereby authorized to execute deeds to carry out such purpose.

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CHAPTER 563—S. F. No. 1474

An act relating to public health nurses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 145.08 and 145.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 145.08, is amended to read:

145.08. Public health nurses. Subdivision 1. Appropriation for compensation and expenses; exception. Every board of county commissioners, except in counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, and every city council, village council, school board and town board is hereby authorized and empowered to employ and to make appropriations for the compensation and necessary expenses of public health nurses, for such public health duties as may be deemed necessary.

Subd. 2. Expenses defined. The term "expenses" may cover and include suitable furnished office rooms, records, stationery, postage, nursing and nurses' supplies, transportation, including the purchase and maintenance of automobiles, meals and lodging of nurses when on duty away from their places of residence, telephone, rent and tolls, clerical assistance, and such other actual expenses as shall be necessarily incidental to the carrying out of these purposes.

Subd. 3. Nursing district in rural Hennepin County. *In each county now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, every city and village council and every school*

and town board is hereby vested with the authority and power provided for and imposed by provisions of Subdivision 1 of this section. In such counties two or more municipalities, school districts and towns may by written agreement of their respective governing bodies, form a nursing district within the territory comprising the contracting municipalities, school districts and towns for the purposes set out in subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section. All such agreements shall contain provisions for the apportionment of the cost and expenses incident to the carrying out of the hereinbefore mentioned purposes. Once formed, no such nursing district shall be discontinued, nor shall any municipality, school district or town withdraw from same, within three years from the effective date of formation.

Public health nurses employed by nursing districts as provided for in this subdivision shall be considered public health nurses in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 145.08 through 145.125. The Board of County Commissioners in each county as provided for in this subdivision shall act as the certifying agency in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 145.125, and all monies received from the State of Minnesota, the Federal Government or any monies provided for public health nurses shall be made available to such nursing districts in the same relation to the total sum available as the population of such districts bears to the total population of such county, exclusive of the population of any cities of the first class located in such county.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 145.12, is amended to read:

145.12. County board of health, nursing committee; exceptions. Subdivision 1. Membership of nursing committee. The board of county commissioners of any county, *except counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more*, may detail county public health nurses to act under the direction of the county board of health or a nursing committee composed of at least five members, as follows:

- (1) The county superintendent of schools;
- (2) The county health officer or a physician appointed by the county commissioners;
- (3) A county commissioner appointed by the board of county commissioners;

(4) Two residents of the county appointed by the county commissioners.

The nursing committee of each county shall effect a permanent organization and meet at regular intervals with the nurses.

Subd. 2. Hennepin County nursing committee. In each county now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, when a nursing district is formed under the provisions of section 1, subdivision 3 of this act, the governing bodies of the municipalities, school districts and towns comprising such nursing district, meeting in a joint session, shall detail the district public nurses to act under the direction of a nursing committee of seven members; one member shall be the county superintendent of schools; six members shall be appointed by such governing bodies meeting in joint session, as follows:

Three from the membership of said governing bodies; and,

Three residents of the nursing district who do not hold any other elective public office, at least one of whom shall be a physician.

The nursing committees shall have power to employ nurses and make all other commitments and expenditures necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, and may arrange with one of the participating public units in the district for the keeping and disbursement of its fund. Expenditures shall be by warrant or order signed by the chairman of the committee and countersigned by its secretary.

The nursing committee shall be a permanent organization and meet at regular intervals with the nurses. At its first meeting each year, the committee shall elect from its members a chairman and secretary. All appointments to membership of the nursing committee shall be for one year and until successors are appointed. The committee shall fill vacancies in its membership for the unexpired term.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1952.

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