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shall have the power to appropriate during the year 1951 to any agricultural society of its county which is a member of the state agricultural society a sum of money not exceeding \$2,000.

Sec. 2. Additional power. The power herein granted is in addition to all other powers granted to the board of county commissioners of such county to appropriate money to or levy taxes for such agricultural societies.

Approved March 29, 1951.

CHAPTER 173-S. F. No. 724

An act relating to payment by counties of expenses and maintenance of persons committed to public institutions; amending Minnesota Stautes 1949, Section 246.31, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Stautes 1949, Section 246.31, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Allocation of monies. For the pur-246.31pose of partially defraying expenses and cost of maintenance of each person hereafter committed to any one of the public institutions referred to in subdivision 1, the county where any such person hereafter committed to any such public institution has legal settlement, as defined by Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.19, Subdivision 1, shall pay to the State of Minnesota the sum of \$10 per month for each month or portion of a month during which that person is an inmate of that institution. Any county which has paid to the state any sums pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall have a valid claim for reimbursement for all moneys so paid (1) against the property or estate of the person committed, and (2) against the relatives of such person in the following order: spouse, children, and parents. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 526.01, Subdivision 3, shall apply to each claim of any county made under this subdivision.

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