

commit the care, management, and operation of such hospital to such hospital board so created, and may provide for the organization of such hospital board, its duties and the duties of the members thereof, and such further regulation in reference thereto and to the management, operation, and control of such hospital as may be proper, necessary, or desirable, or it may lease and let unto a responsible hospital association such hospital grounds and buildings upon such terms as it may deem advisable. Sections 376.01 to 376.06 shall not be construed as authorizing or permitting any county board to erect any such hospital buildings or to pay for the same without first submitting the question to the vote of the people, as herein provided, and no such erection of buildings or payment therefor shall be made unless a majority of the electors voting upon such proposition at an election vote in favor thereof.

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CHAPTER 327—H. F. No. 1370

[Coded as Section 375.43]

An act relating to increases in the salaries of elective county officers in counties with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, including judges of the probate courts but excluding clerks of the district courts, on the basis of increases in the cost of living and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.055, Subdivision 7; Section 384.151, Subdivision 4; Section 385.373, Subdivision 4; Section 388.18, Subdivision 3; Section 526.127, and Laws 1949, Chapter 477, Section 2; Chapter 551, Section 5; Chapter 552, Section 5.

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

[375.43] Section 1. **Salary increases; county commissioners, auditors, treasurers, county attorneys, judges of probate, in certain counties.** [Subdivision 1] **Resolution of county board.** The county board of each county with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, may, at any time after the passage of this act, adopt a resolution providing salary increases, based upon the increases in the cost of living, for the elective county officers

of such county, including the judge of the probate court but excluding the clerk of the district court, as provided in this act.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2] Reports of director of civil service, cost of living. The director of civil service shall on or before June 1, 1951, and annually thereafter, on or before June 1, forward to the county auditor of each county with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants, a certified copy of his report covering the investigation of the cost of living as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 43.123, stating therein the increase or decrease in the cost of living which has taken place subsequent to his report for the preceding year. The report to be furnished on or before June 1, 1951, shall cover the period from March 1, 1950 to March 1, 1951, and each report thereafter shall cover a period of one year. Upon the receipt of such report the county auditor shall present it to the county board at its next meeting and thereafter file it in his office.

If the report of the director of civil service shall show that the cost of living has increased at least 5 but less than 10 points since March 1, 1950, then the salaries of all elective county officers included in this act may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$200 per annum. If the report shows an increase in the cost of living of 10 but less than 15 points since March 1, 1950, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$300 per annum. If the report shows an increase in the cost of living of 15 but less than 20 points since March 1, 1950, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$400 per annum. If the report shall show an increase in the cost of living of 20 points or more since March 1, 1950, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$500 per annum. In determining the salary increases, as hereinbefore provided, the county board shall grant the same amount of increase to each elective county officer included in this act, except that the amount to be allowed to members of the county board may be less than the amount provided for the other elective officers. The county board is authorized to increase the salaries of the other elective county officers, as hereinbefore provided, without providing for any increases in the salaries of the members of the county board.

Sec. 3. [Subd. 3] **Cost of living increases; change, revocation.** After the county board of any county has adopted a resolution providing that the salaries of the elective county officers of such county shall be increased on the basis of the cost of living, as provided in this act, it may, at any time, revise or change the amounts to be granted such officers, and may revoke or terminate such salary increases whenever it is convinced that such increases are no longer necessary or justifiable.

Sec. 4. [Subd. 4] **Restoration of salary in event of reduction.** If the salary of any elective county officer will be reduced because of a decrease in the population of his county, when the 1950 federal census shall become effective, under the provisions of the law now in force fixing such salary, the county board of such county is authorized to restore and fix the salary of such officer at the amount provided by law and in effect prior to such reduction.

Sec. 5. [Subd. 5] **Supplementary.** All laws relating to salaries of elective county officers in force at the time of the passage of this act shall remain in full force and effect except as modified or repealed by this act.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.055, Subdivision 7; Section 384.151, Subdivision 4; Section 385.373, Subdivision 4; Section 388.18, Subdivision 3; and Section 526.127, and Laws 1949, Chapter 477, Section 2; Chapter 551, Section 5; and Chapter 552, Section 5, are repealed.

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CHAPTER 328—H. F. No. 1401

[Not Coded]

An act to legalize proceedings in certain towns for the purchase of road equipment, the warrants issued therefor and to provide a levy to pay the same.

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

Section 1. **Validation of purchase of road equipment.** In any case where the town board of any town having not less than 36 nor more than 38 sections of land, a population of not