

CHAPTER 528—S. F. No. 448

An act to provide for the establishment of detention homes for boys and girls in counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or over and authorizing the placing of certain juveniles therein by the juvenile court.

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

Section 1. Hennepin County, detention homes. In counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or over the county board shall have authority with the approval of a majority of the judges of the district court to rent or lease a suitable building and to alter, equip, and maintain the same or any county building at reasonable cost as a detention home for boys and girls, and to arrange and provide therein separate housing and facilities for both boys and girls, and the same, with the approval of a majority of the district court judges of any such county, may be a separate institution or it may be established and operated in connection with any other organized charitable or educational institution; or some building owned by the county may be converted to such use.

Sec. 2. Personnel. There shall be a superintendent or matron, or both, appointed for such home and such skilled and other workers for proper detention, care and study as shall be deemed necessary and proper by the said district judges. The superintendent and matron shall be probation officers of the juvenile court and they and all other employees shall be appointed and removed by the district court judges. The salaries of the superintendent, matron and all other employees shall be fixed by said judges. The annual expenditures for salaries of all employees shall not exceed the sum of \$20,000.

Sec. 3. Juvenile Court, placement of children. The juvenile court or its authorized representative may place in the detention home during investigation or pending his hearing in court any child who in the opinion of said court is in need of custodial or detention care other than that which he receives in his own home; and any such child may be released therefrom by order of the court at any time.

Sec. 4. Funds, maintenance. The county board of any such county is hereby authorized and empowered to provide the necessary funds and to make all needful appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act.

Approved April 20, 1951.