

CHAPTER 620—S. F. No. 1461

An act relating to the powers and duties of the director of social welfare as concerns county welfare boards; validating certain acts performed and actions taken pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.07, Subdivisions 3, 4, 5; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 393.07.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 393.07, is amended to read:

393.07 Powers, duties. Subdivision 1. **Act as county welfare board.** After its establishment the county welfare board shall forthwith assume the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the county child welfare board, if any, existing in the county, and shall perform such duties as may be required of the county child welfare board or by law or by the director of social welfare with regard to the enforcement of all laws for the protection of defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected, and delinquent children.

Subd. 2. **Administer public assistance.** The county welfare board, except as provided in section 393.01, subdivision 3, shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of public assistance and public welfare, both of children and adults, and shall supervise, in cooperation with the director of social welfare, the administration of all forms of public assistance which now are or hereafter may be imposed on the director of social welfare by law, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, veterans aid, aid to the blind, and other public assistance or public welfare purposes. The duties of the county welfare board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the director of social welfare in order to comply with the requirements of the federal social security act and to obtain grants-in-aid available under that act. The county welfare board shall, when so designated, act as agent of the director of social welfare in the placement of his wards in adoptive homes or for foster care.

Subd. 3. **Federal Social Security Act.** *The county welfare board provided for in section 393.01, subdivision 3, shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of*

public assistance and public welfare within the purview of the federal social security act and which now are, or hereafter may be, imposed on the director of social welfare by law, of both children and adults, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, and aid to the blind. The duties of such county welfare board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the director of social welfare in order to comply with the requirements of the federal social security act and to obtain grants-in-aid available under that act.

Subd. 4. Rules, regulations. *The director of social welfare shall be the authority to adopt and enforce rules and regulations concerning the use and publication of lists of public assistance recipients and governing the custody, use, and preservation of public assistance records, files, and communications. The director of social welfare shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the federal social security board; but in any event shall provide for the annual publication of a summary financial statement giving total expenditures for each of the several programs of public assistance; and shall make all finance records available for such examinations and audits as are required by law. No use or publication of the lists, records, files, and communications herein referred to shall be made until such rules and regulations are adopted, and then only in the manner and form therein provided. All other laws, or parts of laws, now in effect inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed, superseded, modified, or amended so far as necessary to conform to and give full force and effect to the provisions of this chapter. The provisions of this chapter will not be construed to apply to poor relief or direct relief.*

Subd. 5. Compliance with federal Social Security Act. *The director of social welfare shall have authority to require such methods of administration as are necessary for compliance with requirements of the federal social security act, as amended, and for the proper and efficient operation of all welfare programs. This authority to require methods of administration includes methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis as concerns all employees of county welfare boards except those employed in an institution, sanatorium, or hospital. The director of social welfare shall exercise no authority with respect to the selection, tenure of office, and compensation of*

any individual employed in accordance with such methods. The adoption of methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis of all such employees of the county welfare boards and the examination thereof, and the administration thereof shall be directed and controlled exclusively by the director of social welfare.

Sec. 2. Validation; pending proceedings. *Subdivision 1. All transactions, actions, doings, or proceedings heretofore taken, done, or performed by any county welfare board provided for in Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.07, Subdivision 3, if taken, done, or performed within the purview and under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.07, Subdivision 3, including the expenditure or disbursement of moneys and funds thereunder, are in all things legalized, ratified, confirmed, and validated.*

Subd. 2. All actions, doings, or proceedings heretofore taken, done, or performed by the director of social welfare in adopting and enforcing rules and regulations and in requiring methods of administration necessary for compliance with the requirements of the federal social security act if taken, done, or performed within the purview and under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 393.07, Subdivisions 4 and 5, are in all things ratified, confirmed, and validated.

Subd. 3. Nothing contained in Subdivisions 1 and 2 shall be construed to affect any action or proceeding pending at the time of the enactment of this act.

Approved April 20, 1951.

CHAPTER 621—S. F. No. 1439

[Coded as Section 490.031]

An act relating to the retirement compensation of district judges.

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

[490.031] Section 1. **Retirement compensation, certain**