

opened and the contents thereof examined only upon an order of a judge of a court having jurisdiction, and after the expiration of such time, such ballots may be disposed of in the discretion of the officer or board having charge of them.

Subd. 5. The municipal corporation adopting the machines shall have the custody thereof when not in use at an election and shall preserve and keep them in repair. All keys for voting machines shall be securely preserved under lock and key by the officer having them in charge. A public officer, who by any provision of law is entitled to the custody of the machine for any period of time, shall be entitled to the keys therefor of such machines in his charge. It shall be unlawful for an unauthorized person to have in his possession any keys of any voting machine; and all election officers or persons entrusted with such keys for election purposes or in preparation of the machine therefor shall not retain them longer than necessary to use them for such legal purpose.

Approved April 7, 1953.

CHAPTER 267—S. F. No. 1257

An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.26, Subdivision 9.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.26, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Release.** When the county agency of the county granting assistance to a recipient is satisfied that the collection of the amount paid him as old age assistance will not be jeopardized or that the release of the lien against his property, in whole or in part, is necessary for the maintenance or support of the recipient, his spouse, minor or incapacitated children, or when the county agency is satisfied by competent evidence that the major portion of the investment in the recipient's homestead was made by the children or grandchildren of the recipient by personal services in the home or otherwise and that substantial justice can only be done by the release of the lien, it may, with the approval of the state agency, release such lien with respect to all or part of the real property of the recipient, and such release, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed with the register of deeds of each county where the lien certificate is filed.

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