

expiration of the term for which such member was appointed or until a successor is appointed and qualifies. If the board of county commissioners shall refuse, fail, omit, or neglect to submit the list of residents to the commissioner of public welfare for appointment to the county welfare board by the commissioner of public welfare, as herein provided, or to appoint the three members to the county welfare board, as herein provided, by the time when the terms of such members commence, or, in the event of vacancies, for a period of 30 days thereafter, the commissioner of public welfare is hereby empowered to and shall forthwith appoint residents of the county to the county welfare board. Before the commissioner of public welfare shall fill any vacancy hereunder resulting from the failure or refusal of the board of county commissioners of any county to act, as required herein, the commissioner of public welfare shall mail 15 days' written notice to the board of county commissioners of its intention to fill such vacancy or vacancies unless the board of county commissioners shall act before the expiration of the 15-day period.

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CHAPTER 227—H. F. No. 1013

[Coded]

An act authorizing the creation of hospital districts by certain counties, the construction, equipment and operation of district hospitals therein, and the issuance of bonds therefor.

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

Section 1. [397.01] **Hospital districts.** This act shall apply to any county in which the normal capacity of all public and private general hospitals licensed by the State Department of Health shall now or hereafter be twenty beds or less, according to standards established and published by said department in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 144.56, including beds housed in non-fire-resistive quarters but otherwise conforming to acceptable standards.

Sec. 2. [397.02] **Created by county board.** The board of county commissioners of any such county may, when requested so to do by resolution of the governing body of each of two or more cities, towns and villages within the county, by resolution create a hospital district comprising the entire area of such cities, villages and towns, provided that the most recent assessed valuation of all taxable property within such

area is not less than \$1,000,000 and no non-contiguous areas are included therein.

Sec. 3. [397.03] District hospital. The board of county commissioners may also authorize and direct the construction and equipment of a district hospital in any such district, to be operated under the supervision of a district hospital board comprising one member elected by the voters of each city, village and town in the district for a term of two years or until his successor has been elected and has qualified; provided that the expense of operation of any such hospital shall be paid from the revenues derived therefrom and, to the extent necessary, from ad valorem taxes to be levied solely upon the taxable property situated within the district, and, to the extent determined by the board of county commissioners from time to time, from appropriations made in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08. All revenues so received and taxes so levied shall be segregated in a special fund by the county treasurer and disbursed only upon orders signed by the chairman of the hospital board and countersigned by the county auditor, pursuant to resolutions of said hospital board. All contracts with reference to the construction, equipment and operation of such hospital shall be approved by the county board and executed in the same manner as other county contracts, and the county board shall at least annually examine and approve or take any necessary remedial action with reference to the receipts and disbursements shown by the books and records of each district hospital, and levy such tax in accordance with this section as may be necessary for the operation thereof in the succeeding year.

Sec. 4. [397.04] Bonds issued for hospital construction. The construction and equipment and the subsequent improvement of any such hospital may be financed in whole or in part by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 475. The amount of such bonds issued for any hospital district and outstanding at any time, less cash and investments held in the sinking fund therefor, shall not exceed \$200,000. Proceedings for the issuance thereof shall be instituted and completed by the board of county commissioners. Notice of the election on such bonds shall be published in each legal newspaper published in the district, not less than ten days before the election, [and all] but only the qualified electors residing in the district shall be entitled to vote at such election, each at the polling place for the voting precinct in which he resides, as established for state and county elections. Taxes for the payment of such bonds shall be levied by the county board on all taxable property

within the hospital district, and shall not be subject to any statutory limitation as to rate or amount. Such bonds shall not constitute indebtedness for any purpose of the county or any city, village or town, and shall be payable solely from taxes levied on properties within the hospital district, and the liability of the county thereon shall be limited to the completion of all proceedings required for the levy of such taxes and the creation and maintenance of a sinking fund and the payment of the bonds and interest from such fund in accordance with existing law; provided that the board of county commissioners may from time to time appropriate moneys for the erection of any hospital financed by such bonds, in the manner and to the extent authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08, and any moneys so appropriated shall be credited to the sinking fund for such bonds.

Approved March 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 228—H. F. No. 1224

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the compensation and mileage of the county hospital board in certain counties.

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

Section 1. County hospital board members, compensation and mileage. In any county having an assessed valuation over \$9,000,000 and less than \$12,000,000 exclusive of money and credits, having over 20,000 and less than 22,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census and less than 21 full and fractional congressional townships, the members of the county hospital board who are not members of the county board, shall receive \$5 per day for each day necessarily occupied in the discharge of their official duties, and seven and one-half cents for each mile necessarily traveled in attending meetings in the performance of their duties.

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CHAPTER 229—H. F. No. 1286

An act relating to financial institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 47.015, Subdivision 2.

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