

your name, initials or any other identifying mark on the ballot.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 203.09, is amended to read:

203.09 Voter to mail ballot. Any qualified voter of any district of this state to whom ballots have been delivered by the county auditor, may mark and mail the ballots so delivered to him at any place the same to be marked and mailed in the manner specified in the directions to voters, set forth in section 203.07, and before an attesting witness belonging to one of the classes specified in the directions to voters.

Approved March 31, 1955.

CHAPTER 309—S. F. No. 852

An act relating to poor relief in counties operating under town system; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 263.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 263.03, is amended to read:

263.03 Board, council; powers and duties. Each board and council shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) It may appoint a practicing physician to be physician of the poor, who shall hold office during its pleasure, and receive such compensation as it may from time to time determine. When directed by a member of the board or council, such physician shall attend upon and prescribe for any sick poor person entitled to support or relief from the town, city, or village;

(2) When any person not having a legal settlement therein shall be taken sick, lame, or otherwise disabled, or for any other cause shall be in need of relief as a poor person and make application for relief to any such board or council of such municipality, its chairman, mayor, or president shall warn him to depart; and if he is unable or refuses to do so within a reasonable time and is likely to become a public charge, such chairman, mayor, or president may in writing require any constable or marshal of the town, city, or village to convey him to the place of his settlement, if he have a settlement in this state. If such person is so sick or infirm as to render it unsafe or inhuman to remove him and is in need of

immediate support or relief, the board or council shall provide such assistance as it deems necessary and, if he dies, give him decent burial. The expense so incurred shall be paid by the town, city, or village, and shall thereupon become a charge against the county, *except in counties containing a city of the first class*. Upon payment thereof, the county may recover the same from the county, town, city or village of such person's settlement, if he have any within this state. *Except in counties containing a city of the first class, such board or council within five days after such person becomes a public charge, shall notify the county auditor, and thereupon the county board may take him in charge, or relieve him in such manner as it may seem fit;*

(3) When any minor becomes a chargeable upon any town, city, or village for support, the board or council, or a member thereof, *except in counties containing a city of the first class*, shall apply to the county board to secure him a home with some respectable householder, if one can be found who will take him;

(4) No poor person removed or departing from any political subdivision to the political subdivision wherein he has a legal poor settlement, as provided for in clause (2), shall return or be returned to the political subdivision from which he has been removed or departed for a period of at least 90 days after such removal or departure. Any person who shall voluntarily return and applies for support or relief within the 90-day period, and any official of any county, city, or town who shall remove any poor person in violation of the order of any court of this state determining the poor person's settlement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 31, 1955.

CHAPTER 310—S. F. No. 917

[Not Coded]

An act ratifying and confirming contracts made between the State Teachers College Board and the Veterans Administration of the United States for the furnishing of instruction to veterans.

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

Section 1. **Validating certain contracts.** The contracts heretofore made between the State of Minnesota, acting