

conducted by the state board of health, or carried on by the said board jointly with other persons, agencies or organizations, or procured by such other persons, agencies or organizations, for the purpose of reducing the morbidity or mortality from any cause or condition of health shall be confidential and shall be used solely for the purposes of medical or scientific research.

[Subd. 2.] Such information, records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data shall not be admissible as evidence in any action of any kind in any court or before any other tribunal, board, agency or person. Such information, records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data shall not be exhibited nor their contents disclosed in any way in whole or in part, by any officer or representative of the state board of health, nor by any other person, except as may be necessary for the purpose of furthering the research project to which they relate. No person participating in such research project shall disclose, in any manner, the information so obtained except in strict conformity with such research project. No officer or employee of said board shall interview any patient named in any such report, nor a relative of any such patient, unless the consent of the attending physician and surgeon is first obtained.

[Subd. 3.] The furnishing of such information to the state board of health or its authorized representative, or to any other cooperating agency in such research project, shall not subject any person, hospital, sanitarium, rest home, nursing home or other person or agency furnishing such information, to any action for damages or other relief.

[Subd. 4.] Any disclosure other than is provided for in this act, is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 770—S. F. No. 858

An act relating to court reporters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 486.01.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 486.01, is amended to read:

486.01 **Appointment, duties, bond.** Each judge, by duplicate orders filed with the clerk and county auditor of the several counties of his district, may appoint a competent

stenographer as reporter of the court, to hold office during his pleasure, and to act as his secretary in all matters pertaining to his official duties. Such reporter shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$2,000, to be approved by the judge appointing him, conditioned for the faithful and impartial discharge of all his duties, which bond, with his oath of office, shall be filed with the clerk in the county in which the judge resides.

Whenever the official reporter so appointed, because of sickness or physical disability, is temporarily unable to perform his duties, the judge of the court affected may, if another official court reporter is not available, secure for the temporary period of disability of the official court reporter, another competent reporter to perform such duties for not to exceed 60 days in any calendar year. The substitute court reporter so appointed shall receive as salary an amount equal to the salary of the official court reporter for the period of time involved and shall also receive in addition thereto his expenses and fees provided by sections 486.05 and 486.06. The salary of such substitute reporter shall be paid in the manner now provided by law for the payment of the salary of the official court reporter. The substitute court reporter shall not be required to furnish bond, unless ordered by the judge to do so. The employment of and the compensation paid to such substitute reporter shall in no way affect or prejudice the employment of and the compensation paid to the official court reporter of said court.

Approved April 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 771—S. F. No. 902

An act relating to the duties and functions of the director of the division of waters, amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 105.40.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 105.40, is amended to read:

105.40 Director; qualifications, duties. *Subdivision 1.* The director of the division of waters of the department of conservation shall be a registered professional engineer, skilled in hydraulics. Under the direction of the commissioner, he shall make the surveys and engineering investigations required by sections 105.37 to 105.55 and perform the following duties.