

exercise, with reference to taxes levied and collected by the Board of Park District commissioners upon the annexed territory, the powers conferred upon auditors and treasurers by sections 16 through 19.

Sec. 22. In the event that any provision of this act or any application thereof to any facts or circumstances or to any person or any county or other political subdivision shall be held invalid in any legal proceedings, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application thereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and shall not affect the validity of any obligations created, issued or assumed hereunder, and to this end the provisions of this act and the applications thereof are hereby declared to be severable.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 807—S. F. No. 1174

An act relating to Old Age Assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, and Section 256.33.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Payments, limitation.** The manner and amount of old age assistance payments shall be fixed with due regard to the conditions in each case in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state agency, but in no case shall it exceed \$65 a month, except for medical, dental, surgical, hospital, nursing, or licensed nursing home care provided however that where the county welfare board determines that the infirmity or physical disability of an applicant or recipient requires board and room in the nature of congregate care but not in need of continual medical or nursing care such board may allow not to exceed \$75 per month providing such care is received from a nonrelative in a licensed boarding care home, subject to the following:

(1) The annual income of any property which is not so utilized as to produce reasonable returns shall be deemed to be the net income which would be available if the property were suitably used. Due consideration shall be given to the current or prevailing conditions affecting the use of such property.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.33, is amended to read:

256.33 **Counties reimbursed for payments.** Each old age assistance granted under sections 256.11 to 256.43 shall be paid by the county in which an old age assistance certificate is issued and while the same is in effect. The cost of old age assistance grants in each county shall be borne as follows:

(1) Payments shall be made by the state to the counties of that portion of old age assistance paid by the federal government and the state on or before the 20th day of each month for the succeeding month upon requisition from the counties as to the amount required for the succeeding month. The expense of old age assistance grants shall be paid from federal funds available for that purpose and the balance not paid by federal funds shall be paid as follows: two-thirds by the state from state funds and one-third by the counties from county funds; provided, that for payments made in excess of amounts matchable by federal funds, the cost shall be paid equally from county and state funds until January 1, 1956, after which date the cost shall be paid 55 per cent from county and 45 per cent from state funds.

(2) Not exceeding one-fourth of any funds available for administrative purposes shall be used to defray necessary expenses of the state agency in the supervision of the old age assistance laws of this state, and the balance shall be used to repay the counties pro rata in the proportion the total number of recipients in the county bears to the total number of recipients in the state for the period in question.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 808—S. F. No. 1188

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to county hospitals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 376.01, 376.02, 376.03, 376.04, 376.05, 376.06.

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

Section 1. [376.009] **County hospital.** *For the purposes of sections 376.01 to 376.06, "county hospital" means any hospital owned or operated by a county and this hospital may consist of any number of buildings at one location or any number of buildings at different locations within the county.*