

included under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, as amended.

Approved April 6, 1957.

CHAPTER 314—S. F. No. 1173

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the county auditor and county treasurer in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **Counties, salaries of auditor and treasurer.** In any county having an assessed valuation over \$20,000,000 and less than \$23,000,000 exclusive of money and credits, over 34,000 and less than 35,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census and over 17 and less than 25 full and fractional townships, the county board may increase the annual salary of the county auditor and county treasurer, in addition to the salary now received by them in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per annum.

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CHAPTER 315—S. F. No. 1185

[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:

[376.101] Section 1. **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 be not less than 63 nor more than 70 beds, 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.

[376.102] Sec. 2. **Petition.** Subdivision 1. Upon receipt of a petition therefor, executed by and from the gov-

erning body of each of at least five contiguous cities, villages or towns, the county board may by resolution, create a hospital district comprising the entire area of the cities, villages, or towns executing the petition.

Subd. 2. Petition for creation of a hospital district shall be addressed to the county board and executed by the governing body of the city, village or town when authorized by the voters at a special election on the question as follows:

“Shall the (city, village, town) of _____
petition the county board of _____ county
to create a hospital district including this
(city, village, town) according to law?

Yes _____

No _____”

[376.103] Sec. 3. **Bond issue, tax levy.** Subdivision 1. The county board shall authorize the construction or acquisition, equipping and improving of a hospital in any such district and may levy taxes on all taxable property in the district and borrow money and issue bonds secured thereby in the name of the district according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

Subd. 2. The county board shall retain architects, other professional services, approve contracts, pay for construction and equipment and do all things necessary and proper to the erection of a hospital in such district.

[376.104] Sec. 4. **Treasurer to keep books of account.** The county treasurer shall be the treasurer of the district and shall keep separate books of account for the funds of the district.

[376.105] Sec. 5. **Hospital board, appointment.** The county board shall appoint a hospital board of from five to nine members for staggered terms as follows: two members for one year, two members for two years and the balance for a term of three years each. Thereafter vacancies shall be filled by popular elections of the qualified voters residing in such district.

[376.106] Sec. 6. **Powers of hospital board.** The hospital board shall have power to operate and maintain the hospital; to set rates and charges, to hire necessary employees and to contract with medical and nursing personnel as necessary and do all things necessary and required to operate and maintain a hospital.

[376.107] Sec. 7. **Revenue deposited with treasurer.**

All revenue derived from the hospital shall be deposited by the hospital board with the treasurer of the county and by him credited to the district account.

[376.108] Sec. 8. **Operating expenses, claims.** Operating expenses and claims against the district shall be allowed by the hospital board and the secretary of the board shall issue his warrant on the county treasurer therefor and such warrants when countersigned by the chairman of the hospital board shall be paid by the county treasurer from the hospital district fund as and when presented.

[376.109] Sec. 9. **Rules.** The hospital district board shall adopt and publish rules and regulations necessary for the operation of such hospital including rules for electing members of the board. The rules so adopted shall be approved by the county board and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the hospital district. Upon such approval and publication the rules shall have the force and effect of law.

[376.111] Sec. 10. **Financing.** The construction or acquisition 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 \$500,000. 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 the qualified electors residing in the district shall be entitled to vote at such elections. The polling place shall be a centrally located place within the municipality where the hospital is located. 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. Upon the request of the hospital board, the county board may levy a tax on the taxable property in the municipality wherein the hospital is located, which is double the amount of the levy on other property in the district. 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.

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CHAPTER 316—S. F. No. 1214

[Not Coded]

An act relating to tuition of pupils in secondary schools in certain counties and providing a deficiency tax levy therefor.

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

Section 1. **Secondary school pupils, tuition.** The county board of any county having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles shall levy in the year 1957 a tax on all the property in the county in an amount not exceeding \$60,000 to make up any existing deficit in the county school tax fund caused by the failure of the county in any year or years prior to 1957 to levy sufficient taxes under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 128.088, Subdivision 4. The proceeds of such levy shall be distributed by the county auditor to the districts which would have been entitled thereto under said section if levies had been made as provided therein.

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CHAPTER 317—S. F. No. 1308

An act relating to control of tuberculosis; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 144.422, Subdivision 6, 144.424, Subdivisions 10 and 11 and 144.425, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 144.422, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Findings, commitment.** If the patient be found to be afflicted with tuberculosis in the infectious stage and the court shall find that the patient does by his conduct