

Subd. 6. **Legal guardian.** Unless a corporation formed to establish and maintain homes for orphaned, homeless, abandoned, neglected, or grossly ill-treated children is *licensed* as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 257.091, by the *commissioner* of public welfare as a child caring agency, it may not become the legal guardian of a child.

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CHAPTER 345—S. F. No. 567

An act relating to county commissioners' districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.02, is amended to read:

375.02. **Commissioner districts.** Each county shall be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as it has members of the board. In all counties such districts shall be bounded by town, village, ward, or precinct lines, composed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as practicable an equal population. Counties may be redistricted by the county board after each state or federal census, *except that no county shall after June 1, 1957, redistrict so that any city of the second, third or fourth class shall be in more than two commissioner districts in any one county.* When it appears that after a state or federal census 30 percent or more of the population of any county is contained in one district, exclusive of the inmates of any state penal or corrective institution, or state hospital for the insane, maintained wholly or partly within such district, such county shall be redistricted by its county board. The county board may first submit the question of redistricting to the voters of the county at the next regular election after such state or federal census or the passage of Laws 1943, Chapter 300, upon a separate ballot and in the following form:

Shall there be a redistricting of
county commissioners' districts?

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Yes

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No

In the event the voters on this question cast a majority vote in favor of redistricting, the county board shall redistrict. Otherwise it need not do so. When any board of county commissioners has not redistricted a county as by law required prior to the enactment of Laws 1943, Chapter 300, such board may submit to the voters the question of redistricting as herein provided and shall be subject to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 300.

The county board shall not have authority or jurisdiction to redistrict a county unless it shall cause at least three weeks' published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for the county for the current year. One commissioner shall be elected in each such district who, at the time of the election, shall be a resident thereof, and the person so elected shall be entitled to hold the office only while he remains a resident of the commissioner district. When a county is redistricted there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county at the next general election. The board shall determine that not less than two, nor more than three, members of the board shall be elected for a term of two years and the remainder for a term of four years at the next general election. Thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for four years; provided that where no change is made in the boundaries of a district, or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting, the commissioner in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full period for which he was elected, and where a county has heretofore been redistricted between the time of the general election and the time at which commissioners elected at such general election were required to qualify and no change was made in the boundary of the district to which such commissioner was elected, or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting, such commissioner-elect, after duly qualifying as a commissioner for the district, shall serve for the full period for which elected.

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CHAPTER 346—S. F. No. 583

An act relating to land forfeited to the State for taxes and providing for the granting of leases thereon; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.04, Subdivision 1, as amended.