

CHAPTER 641—S. F. No. 1396

An act authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to accept and disburse certain funds on behalf of children under guardianship or custody of the commissioner of public welfare and patients of the state institutions for the mentally ill, mentally retarded or epileptic; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.01, Subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.01, Subdivision 5 is amended to read:

256.01. **Commissioner of public welfare; powers, duties.** Subdivision 5. **Gifts, contributions; acceptance.** The commissioner shall have the power and authority to accept in behalf of the state contributions and gifts, not exceeding \$200.00 at one time from one person, for the use and benefit of children under the guardianship or custody of the commissioner; *he may also receive and accept on behalf of such children, and on behalf of patients at the several state institutions for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, or the epileptic during the period of their hospitalization and while on provisional discharge therefrom, monies due and payable to them as old age and survivors insurance benefits, veterans benefits, pensions or other such monetary benefits.* Such gifts, contributions, *pensions and benefits* shall be deposited in and disbursed from the social welfare fund provided for in sections 256.88 to 256.92.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 642—S. F. No. 1575

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An act relating to urban and rural development in certain counties; authorizing certain counties to levy taxes, appropriate money and otherwise act in the matter; providing for the creation of a county governmental study commission in certain counties; and prescribing duties of various governmental officials in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. **Ramsey county governmental study commission.** Subdivision 1. In any county having over 300,000 and less than 600,000 inhabitants, the county board shall ap-

point a county governmental study commission to consist of members appointed as follows: (a) the mayor of any city of the first class in the county, (b) one member from the council of any such city of the first class, (c) one member of the county board, (d) one member of the board of each special and independent school district located entirely within the county, (e) one member from the governing body of each other city, village and municipal subdivision located entirely within the county, (f) one member from the governing body of each other municipal corporation having a function within the county, (g) one member from the board of public welfare in the county, (h) one member from the board of water commissioners of any city of the first class in the county, (i) one member residing in each ward of any city of the first class in the county.

Subd. 2. Senators and representatives to be members. In addition two members of the senate from the county concerned shall be appointed by the committee on committees of the senate and two members of the house of representatives from the county concerned shall be appointed by the speaker.

Sec. 2. Study by commission. The commission so appointed shall conduct a detailed and complete investigation into the land use programs of the county, the boundaries and organization and function of the several governmental subdivisions and municipal corporations and school districts in the county, conduct hearings, investigate facts and consider the law in relation thereto for the purpose of advising the county board and the legislature concerning the development of the governmental structure, the providing of the essential governmental services, and the organization of the municipal governmental subdivisions within the county.

Sec. 3. Meetings, rules and regulations. The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall formulate and adopt necessary rules of procedure and organization. It shall select a chairman and other officers from its membership. It may act through committees or sub-committees or otherwise as it may designate. The chairman, other officers and chairman of any duly appointed committee or sub-committee may swear witnesses and take testimony. The commission may issue subpoenas for witnesses and documents which shall be enforced by the district court upon application by the commission.

Sec. 4. Expenses of members and employees. The members of the commission and its employees shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the perform-

ance of their duties. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 5. Employment of assistants. The commission may retain such employees and assistants as it determines necessary to enable it to perform its duty.

Sec. 6. Report to county board. The commission shall make its report to the county board and to the legislature on or before January 1, 1959. The report shall include recommendations for action to be taken by the county board and the legislature with reference to any problem within the scope of its study. If the commission recommends any change or alteration of the governmental structure or organization and if legislation is necessary to accomplish such change, the report shall contain a draft of the recommended necessary legislation.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. The county board shall appropriate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the calendar year 1957 and \$20,000 for the calendar year 1958 for the use of the commission for the purposes of this act.

Sec. 8. Tax levy. The county board may levy taxes in excess of any limitation otherwise imposed by law for the purpose of providing funds for the purposes of this act.

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CHAPTER 643—S. F. No. 1782

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An act relating to certain cities of the second class not operating under home rule charters, and authorizing the expenditure of money to be used for advertising and promoting such city.

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

Section 1. Expenditure authorized for advertising city. Any city of the second class not operating under a home rule charter is hereby authorized and permitted to expend not more than \$2,500 to be used for advertising and promoting said city.

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