

election, as provided in section 449.11, and if a majority of the votes cast at such election be in favor of the question no further levy for that purpose shall be made until such time as the question may again be voted upon favorably.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 608—S. F. No. 1457

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An act relating to county auditors and county treasurers.

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

Section 1. [384.18] **Minimum salary; auditors and treasurers.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, no county auditor or county treasurer who is paid on a salary basis shall receive an annual compensation of less than \$4,500, said sum to include fees and cost of living increases.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 609—H. F. No. 346

An act relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of public welfare and authorizing the commissioner to provide for the care and treatment of indigent crippled children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 256.01 Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 256.01, Subdivision 2 is amended to read:

256.01 Subd. 2. **Specific powers.** Specific powers. The commissioner of public welfare shall:

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or services as may from time to time be vested in the commissioner. Nothing herein shall transfer from the soldiers home board any of its present

rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in boarding and foster homes or in private institutions; and generally perform all functions relating to the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

(3) Administer and supervise all non-institutional service to handicapped persons, including the blind, the deaf, the *tuberculous*, the crippled, and otherwise handicapped persons. *The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall include the authority and power to provide and contract for the care and treatment of qualified indigent children, as defined in section 250.02, in facilities other than those located and available at the Gillette State Hospital for crippled children when it is not feasible to provide such service in that hospital.*

(4) Assist and actively cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, local, state, and federal, by performing services in conformity with the purposes of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the establishment of an efficient working relationship with the director of institutions relating to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions under the supervision of said director of institutions.

(5) Act as the agent of and cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern relative to and in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of any functions of the commissioner as specified in Laws 1939, Chapter 431, and including the promulgation of rules and regulations making uniformly available medical care benefits to all recipients of public assistance, at such times as the federal government increases its participation in assistance expenditures for medical care to recipients of public assistance, the cost thereof to be borne in the same proportion as are grants of aid to said recipients.

(6) Establish and maintain such administrative units as may reasonably be necessary for the performance of administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

(7) Administer and supervise such additional welfare activities and services as may, from time to time, hereafter be vested by law in the state department.

(8) Establish within his department a bureau of old age assistance, of aid to dependent children, and a bureau of child welfare.

(9) The commissioner is hereby specifically constituted as guardian of both the estate and the person of all the wards of the state of Minnesota and other persons the guardianship of whom has been heretofore vested in the state board of control, whether by operation of law or by an order of court, without any further act or proceeding whatever, except as to persons committed as feebleminded or epileptic. All of said guardianships, and the funds and property of the same, are hereby transferred to and vested in said commissioner, and said commissioner is hereby constituted a legal entity and is hereby empowered to act as guardian under any laws of this state heretofore conferring such powers upon the state board of control.

(10) All the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the director of public institutions with reference to the Minnesota State Sanatorium are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public welfare. The commissioner of public welfare shall appoint the superintendent of the Minnesota State Sanatorium, but shall not have the power to fix his salary.

(11) Act as coordinating referral and informational center on requests for service for newly arrived immigrants coming to Minnesota.

(12) The specific enumeration of powers and duties as hereinabove set forth shall in no way be construed to be a limitation upon the general transfer of powers herein contained.

(13) Establish county, regional, or state-wide schedules of maximum fees and charges which may be paid by county welfare boards for medical, dental, surgical, hospital, nursing and nursing home care and medicine and medical supplies under the categorical aid programs.

(14) Require that county welfare boards shall not pay for non-emergency surgical, hospital, or licensed nursing home care under the categorical aid programs unless the board has given prior authorization for such care; and authorize county welfare boards to require prior authorization for non-emer-

gency medical, dental or nursing care or medicine and medical supplies.

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CHAPTER 610—S. F. No. 85

An act relating to taxation of real and personal property, providing for the exemption therefrom for natural cheese held in storage for aging by the original Minnesota manufacturer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 272.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 272.02, is amended to read:

272.02 **Exempt property.** All property described in this section to the extent herein limited shall be exempt from taxation:

- (1) All public burying grounds;
- (2) All public schoolhouses;
- (3) All public hospitals;
- (4) All academies, colleges, and universities, and all seminaries of learning;
- (5) All churches, church property, and houses of worship;
- (6) Institutions of purely public charity;
- (7) All public property exclusively used for any public purpose;
- (8) *All natural cheese held in storage for aging by the original Minnesota manufacturer:*
 - (9) (a) Personal property of every household of the value of \$100. The county auditor shall deduct such exemption from the total valuation of such property as equalized by the tax commissioner assessed to such household, and extend the levy of taxes upon the remainder only. The term "household" as used in this section is defined to be a domestic establishment maintained either (1) by two or more persons living together within the same house or place of abode, subsisting in common and constituting a domestic or family relationship, or (2) by one person.