

of state, for the sum of \$5,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall be provided with a suitable office and equipment at the seat of government, and have authority to appoint a deputy, and such other assistants, clerks, and employees as occasion may require, and fix their compensation.

Sec. 2. [482.27] **Department of agriculture; change of name.** *In preparing the 1961 edition of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the words "department of agriculture" for the words "department of agriculture, dairy, and food" and shall substitute the words "commissioner of agriculture" for the words "commissioner of agriculture, dairy, and food" wherever they appear in the statutes.*

Sec. 3. *This act takes effect on July 1, 1961.*

Approved March 16, 1961.

CHAPTER 114—S. F. No. 358

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the county welfare board of Itasca county, and the membership thereof.

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

Section 1. **Itasca county, welfare board, membership.** In the county of Itasca having a county welfare board as referred to in Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 393.01, Subdivision 6, the membership of said board is increased from five members to seven, two of the members of said board to be county commissioners as designated by the board of county commissioners. Such two members so designated will have the same powers and duties as the other members of the county welfare board, and shall receive compensation for such additional services, in conformity with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 393.03, or acts amendatory thereof.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon its approval by a majority of the members of the board of county

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commissioners of Itasca county and upon compliance with Laws 1959, Chapter 368.

Approved March 17, 1961.

CHAPTER 115—S. F. No. 431

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the creation of hospital districts by the county of Roseau, the organization and administration thereof, the annexation of territory thereto, the construction, equipment, acquisition, and operation of district hospitals, nursing homes, and board and care homes therein, and the issuance of bonds therefor; validating actions heretofore taken relative to said matters by said county and the Roseau area hospital district; repealing Laws 1957, Chapter 539, and Laws 1959, Chapter 8.

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

Section 1. **Hospital districts, county of Roseau authorized to create; annexations thereto.** Subdivision 1. The board of county commissioners of the county of Roseau may, when requested so to do by resolution of the governing body of each of four or more cities, towns, and villages within the county, by resolution create a hospital district comprising part of or the entire area of such cities, villages, and towns, provided that the area of each city, village, and town to be included is contiguous at one or more points to that of another, and provided further that the most recent assessed valuation of all taxable property within the area is not less than \$1,500,000.

Subd. 2. Alternatively, the resolution required by subdivision 1 with respect to any city, village, or town may be initiated by petition filed with the governing body thereof, signed by qualified electors of the city, village, or town, equal in number to 25% of the number of such electors voting at the last preceding election of officers thereof and residing within the area proposed by the petitioners to be included within the hospital district, requesting an election thereon. The governing body shall within 30 days from such filing call a special election within the area proposed to be included, upon 2 weeks' publication of notice of such election in a newspaper serving the area and ten days' posted notice in three

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