

CHAPTER 338—H.F.No.2482

An act relating to hospitals; prescribing the time for filing to be a candidate for membership on a hospital board; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 447.32, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 447.32, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **HOSPITALS; BOARDS; ELECTIONS.** Any person desiring to be a candidate for member of the hospital board shall file with the clerk of the city, village, or town in which he resides, not more than ~~30~~ 60 nor less than ~~12~~ 45 days before the election, an application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election either as member at large or as a member representing such city, village, or town, and all such applications shall be forwarded forthwith to the clerk of the hospital district or, for the first election, the clerk of the most populous city, village, or town. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The clerk shall prepare, at the expense of the district, necessary ballots for the election of officers, placing thereon the names of the proposed candidates for, and the length of the term of, each office, with an additional blank space for the insertion of another name by the voter. The ballots shall be marked and initialed by at least two judges as official ballots and shall be used exclusively at the election. Any proposition to be voted upon may be printed on the same ballot as that provided for the election of officers or on a different ballot. The hospital board may also authorize the use of voting machines subject to the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 206, and any laws amending or supplementing the same. Election judges may be appointed in such number as deemed necessary to receive the votes at each polling place, and may be paid by the district at a rate not to exceed \$1 per hour. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit them to the board for canvass. After canvassing the election, the board shall issue a certificate of election to the candidate for each office who received the largest number of votes cast for that office. The clerk shall deliver such certificate to the person entitled thereto in person or by registered mail, and each person so certified shall file an acceptance and oath of office in writing with the clerk within 30 days after the date of delivery or mailing of the certificate. The board may fill any office in the manner provided in subdivision 1 if the person elected thereto fails to qualify within said period, but such qualification shall be effective if made at any time before action to fill the vacancy has been taken.

Approved May 17, 1971.

Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.