

ment is an eligible voter of your county he must state the fact below his signature. Insert the "Ballot Envelope" in the "Return Envelope" and seal the "Return Envelope."

(7) Deposit the "Return Envelope" in the mail in the presence of the attesting witness or have him do it for you.

(8) The ballots may be marked and mailed at any time after you receive them from the county auditor. However, they must be marked and mailed so that they can be delivered by the post office to the judges of election at your polling place before the polls close on election day."

Approved May 24, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 678—S.F.No.1302

*An act relating to health; organization of public health nursing services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 145.12, Subdivision 1; and 393.07, Subdivisions 2 and 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 145.12, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**145.12 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES; COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOME HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE.** Subdivision 1. **MEMBERS; EXPENSES AND PAYMENTS.** The board of county commissioners of any county, except counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, may and except Cook, Isanti, and Kanabec counties, shall detail county public health nurses and home health service personnel to act under the direction of the county board of health or a public health nursing committee composed of at least five members, as follows:

(1) The county superintendent of schools if there be one, otherwise the county commissioners shall appoint one from among the superintendents of independent school districts in such county;

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(2) The county health officer or a physician appointed by the county commissioners;

(3) A county commissioner appointed by the board of county commissioners;

(4) Two residents of the county appointed by the county commissioners.

The public health nursing committee of each county shall effect a permanent organization and meet at regular intervals with the nurses. The public health nursing and home health services shall be available to the entire population and shall not be restricted to persons eligible for public assistance.

The county board of each county having a county board of health or nursing committee may allocate in its annual budget a sum not to exceed \$2,000, which sum may be used by such county board of health or nursing committee for the purpose of purchasing supplies and for the payment of necessary mileage at the legal rate, for the members of such board or committee when attending regular or special meetings of said board or committee such meetings not to exceed 12 in number annually, or for the payment of a per diem of \$5 to members of such board or committee not on any other public payroll for each such meeting necessarily attended; said expenses and payments to be made on verified accounts and payable out of the general revenue fund of such county by auditor's warrant after allowance by the county board.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 393.07, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WELFARE.** The county welfare board, except as provided in section 393.01, subdivision 3, and subject to the supervision of the commissioner of public welfare, shall administer all forms of public welfare, both for children and adults, responsibility for which now or hereafter may be imposed on the commissioner of public welfare by law, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, aid to the blind, child welfare services, mental health services, and other public assistance or public welfare services, provided that the county welfare board shall not employ public health nursing or home health service personnel other than homemaker-home help aides, but shall contract for or purchase the necessary services from existing community agencies. The duties of the county welfare board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the commissioner of public welfare to achieve the purposes intended by law and in order to comply with the requirements of the federal social security act in respect to public assistance and child welfare services, so that the state

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may qualify for grants-in-aid available under that act. The county welfare board shall supervise wards of the commissioner and, when so designated, act as agent of the commissioner of public welfare in the placement of his wards in adoptive homes or in other foster care facilities.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 393.07, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY.** The county welfare board shall be charged with the duties of administration of all forms of public assistance and public child welfare or other programs within the purview of the federal social security act, other than public health nursing and home health services, and which now are, or hereafter may be, imposed on the commissioner of public welfare by law, of both children and adults. The duties of such county welfare board shall be performed in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations which may be promulgated by the commissioner of public welfare in order to achieve the purposes of the law and to comply with the requirements of the federal social security act needed to qualify the state to obtain grants-in-aid available under that act. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the welfare board may delegate to the director the authority to determine eligibility and disburse funds without first securing board action, provided that the director shall present to the board, at the next scheduled meeting, any such action taken by him for ratification by the board.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 679—S.F.No.1445

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to courts; amending numerous provisions pertaining to the county court and judges of the county court; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 487.01; 487.03, Subdivisions 2 and 4, and by adding a subdivision; 487.08; 487.09; 487.10, Subdivisions 1, 2, and by adding subdivisions; 487.16; 487.18; 487.19, by adding a subdivision; 487.21, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 487.23, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 5, and by adding subdivisions; 487.24, Subdivision 3; 487.25, Subdivisions 3 and 4; 487.26, Subdivision 2; 487.27, Subdivision 3; 487.29; 487.30; 487.31, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3; 487.33, Subdivision 5; 487.36; 487.37; 487.39, Subdivision 1; 487.40, by adding a subdivision; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sec-*

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