

as superintendent and chief surgeon of such hospital and who shall also serve without additional compensation as county and city physician.

Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting in any way arrangements as to selection, rules and regulations, or otherwise pertaining to a visiting staff of the hospital.

The board may appoint and remove at its pleasure a superintendent of almshouse. *The county welfare board shall fix the salary of the superintendent and chief surgeon of such hospital and of such superintendent of almshouse, subject to the approval of the county board of such county and the council of such city.*

The county welfare board is hereby given the power to employ and discharge all other necessary employees and officers and to fix and determine their compensation *excepting such as are subject to the provisions of the civil service system of such county.*

All employees of such county welfare board shall be paid at least semi-monthly the wages earned by them to within ten days of the date of such payment.

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CHAPTER 227—S. F. No. 854

An act providing for notification to the director of social welfare of the placement of a child in a permanent home or for adoption and providing further for the director of social welfare to visit and investigate the home in which such placement has been made; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 257.03 and 257.04.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 257.03, is amended to read as follows :

257.03. Notification of director of social welfare. When any person, group of persons, organization, association or so-

ciety shall place or assist in placing a child in a private home, not licensed as an infants' home, for the purpose of providing the child with a permanent home or for adoption, the person or those responsible for the placing of the child shall as soon as possible and not more than 30 days after the child is so placed notify the director of social welfare, in writing, giving the name and address of the child, the name, address and relationship to the child of the person or persons with whom the child has been placed together with such other information regarding the child and his foster home as may be required by the director of social welfare.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 257.04, is amended to read as follows:

257.04. Visitation. Upon the receipt of the notice provided for in section 257.03, or at any time thereafter, the director of social welfare may cause the child and the home in which the child has been placed to be visited by his agents and such investigation to be made as shall satisfy the director of social welfare that the home is a suitable one for the child and that the child is a suitable one for the home. The director of social welfare may continue to visit and supervise the case of such child the same as though the child were placed out by him.

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CHAPTER 228—S. F. No. 1027

An act transferring all the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the director of social welfare with reference to the investigation, examination and supervision of correctional institutions, prisons, jails and lockups to the director of public institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.02, is amended to read as follows:

256.02. Investigations; examinations; supervision. Sub-division 1. Duties of director. The director of social welfare