

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1893.

#### CHAPTER 145.

S. F. No. 265.

*An act to authorize boards of county commissioners to appropriate moneys in certain cases.*

County commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners in any county in this state may appropriate to any hospital association which maintains a hospital in any city of more than ten thousand inhabitants and less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, situated within the county wherein such board of county commissioners is elected, and at which patients who are county charges are cared for, such sum of money, not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, as such board of county commissioners may deem expedient or advisable in order to enable such hospital association to maintain such hospital; and may levy a tax in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied to provide for payment of such appropriation in cases where there are no funds properly applicable to the payment thereof.

May give aid to private hospital in certain cases.

SEC. 2. Any amount so appropriated by any board of county commissioners for the purpose specified in section one of this act shall be paid at such time and in such manner as such board of county commissioners may provide by resolution adopted at the same time of making such appropriation.

Manner of payment.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1893.

#### CHAPTER 146.

H. F. No. 633.

*An act to provide a public morgue in certain counties within this state.*

Public morgues.

Whereas, in all large centres of population there are many unknown dead bodies found, which remain for a greater or lesser time unidentified, together with many accidental and sudden deaths, all requiring a post mortem examination, autopsy or coroner's inquest, as the case may require; and whereas, the good health and sanitation of the community is not only jeopardized by the present haphazard and unsatisfactory conduct and disposition of the cases, but the friends and relatives of suddenly deceased persons are unable to locate or find

Reasons for establishing public morgues.

said bodies without a degree of search and inquiry altogether out of keeping with the respect and homage they owe the dead; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners in all counties in this state having a population of one hundred thousand people or over not already provided with a public morgue, shall, on or before July 1, 1893, provide and equip a public morgue within the limits of the county seat of such county, for the reception and proper disposition without charge to anyone of all dead bodies which under the present law are subject to a post mortem examination or coroner's inquest; provided that the entire cost of equipping and building such morgue shall not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, and that the cost of maintaining such morgue shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars in any one year.

County commissioners in certain counties to have morgues erected.

Maintenance of the same.

SEC. 2. Such public morgue shall be maintained in a suitable building separate and apart from any other business, and shall be equipped with the best modern and approved appliances for the handling and disposition of dead bodies, and shall not be connected in any manner with any undertaking establishment nor shall any person be employed in or about said morgue who is in any manner connected with or interested in any undertaking business, and shall be at all times under the control of said board of county commissioners.

Inquests and post mortem examinations

SEC. 3. All inquests, post mortem examinations or autopsy held by the coroner upon any bodies subject to the same within such counties shall be held at such public morgues, and the coroner or deputy coroner of any county having such a public morgue is hereby prohibited from holding any post mortem examinations, autopsy or coroner's inquest upon any body subject to the same at any other place within said county, excepting only the residence of such deceased person where the death occurred upon the premises of deceased. The county coroner and his deputy or deputies and the keeper of such public morgue are hereby prohibited from influencing, interfering or in any manner attempting to direct or designate the undertaker who shall take charge of and inter any dead body from such public morgue.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 24, 1893.