

CHAPTER 177.

H. F. No. 294.

An act to authorize the board of education of independent school districts to issue bonds in certain cases.

Independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. That in all cases where the legal voters of any independent school district have within six months prior to this date, at a legally called meeting, by a majority vote, authorized the purchase of a site for and the construction and erection of a schoolhouse, or the improvement of any schoolhouse, and designated the sum so authorized to be expended, the board of education of such independent school district may issue the bonds of such district for the amount so designated, which bonds shall be signed by the president of such board of education and the clerk of the board of education. Such bonds shall be payable in such amounts and at such times, not exceeding fifteen years, as the board of education may direct, with interest not to exceed five per cent, and shall not be sold for less than their par value.

May issue bonds in certain cases.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1893.

CHAPTER 178.

H. F. No. 85.

An act to amend chapter fifteen of the general statutes of 1878, in relation to county commissioners and the care of the poor.

Care of the poor.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter fifteen of the general statutes of 1878 be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Amending general statutes of 1878, chap. 15.

SEC. 2. Amend section five so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5. County commissioners to be superintendents of the poor.—The county commissioners shall by virtue of their office, be superintendents of the poor of their respective counties; and the commissioners of each county shall take charge of any poorhouse, farm, workhouse, or other place provided for the accommodation, support or employment of the poor therein. Provided, that no member of any board of commissioners which is charged with the care of the poor under this act shall be either directly or indirectly interested in the furnishing of any supplies for the benefit of poor persons or in the erection or maintenance of any poorhouse, and no such member shall be a physician for the poor or overseer of the county poorhouse. Any person violating the

Superintendents of poor.

provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. Amend section twelve so as to read as follows:

Relief by single
commissioner.

Sec. 12. Powers of single commissioners—Limit to relief.—Whenever application is made to a county commissioner by or on behalf of any person in his district for public relief or support, and reliable information is furnished that such person is in a suffering condition from poverty and requires public assistance or support, said commissioner shall inquire into the condition and necessities of such person, and if satisfied that such person is in actual need of, and is a proper subject for public relief or support, and is legally settled in said county, or has no legal settlement in this state, said commissioner shall make an order in writing, signed by him officially, directed to the overseer of the poor of said county, that such person be received into the charge of the overseer of the poor, and furnished suitable support, which order shall contain or be accompanied by a statement of facts signed by said commissioner, setting forth the name, age, former occupation, place of residence, and length of residence in the county if a resident thereof, and the condition of such person; and said overseer shall, upon delivery to him of such order and presentation of such poor person, receive into his charge such poor person, and provide him with support at the expense of such county, until the further order of the board of county commissioners; the commissioner making an order to send any person or persons to the county poorhouse is hereby required to report in writing the facts in the case to the board at its next session, said report to be filed by the auditor; and the overseer is hereby required to report to the board in writing at its next session when any inmate in his keeping shall have left or been discharged from the county poorhouse. Provided that, if the commissioner to whom application for relief or support is made shall, upon such inquiry, be of the opinion that only temporary and limited assistance to the extent herein specified will be required by such person or family, and that it will be for the best interest of the county to grant the same, he may, instead of making the order aforesaid, allow such person or family relief to the amount that he deems expedient, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions of
relief.

First. In no case shall any money be paid to any poor person under the provisions of this section except, in cases where transportation is furnished, a small sum of money may be given to the pauper for the purchase of food.

Second. The said county commissioner shall not grant relief to any one person or family in a sum exceeding twenty dollars between January first of one year and

January first of the year following; except that in case where extended relief is asked for before July first of any year, and approved by the commissioner, the board may, by resolution, authorize him to increase the relief to the amount of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Provided further, that in all cases where relief is furnished in accordance with the provisions of this section, a fully itemized bill of goods furnished or services rendered, accompanied by an acknowledgment of the same from the person receiving them, must be presented to the said commissioner for his approval. When he shall have approved the bill the party who shall have furnished the goods or performed the service or his agent or assignee, upon presenting the same to the county auditor, shall be entitled to receive an order, duly signed and sealed, upon the county treasurer of said county for the amount specified therein, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the support and relief of the poor.

The bill shall be made in the following form:

County of, State of Minnesota, to, Dr., for supplies furnished or services rendered to, residence in the town of, same being authorized by commissioner, District No., as follows:

Form of
voucher.

(Here insert a suitable number of blank lines, not less than ten in number, after which insert the following acknowledgment.)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all of the goods charged for in the foregoing account and that the services charged for therein (if any) have been duly performed. (Signed)

The back of the bill shall have the following indorsement:

(To be filled by the commissioner.)

Temporary Relief Order No.

Claim of for goods furnished, or services rendered, to, residing in the town of

To the county auditor of county, state of Minnesota. I hereby approve the within bill, the same having been authorized by me, and you are hereby directed to draw an order on the county treasurer for dollars in favor of in payment of the same.

Dated this day of, 18.

County Commissioner, District No.

(To be filled in by auditor.)

Filed in my office on this day of, 189., and paid in warrant No.

County Auditor.

It shall be the duty of each county commissioner to keep a correct record of each order issued by him in accordance with this section upon blanks to be prescribed by the state board of corrections and charities.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

Approved April 18, 1893.

CHAPTER 179.

H. F. No. 629.

Intoxicating
Liquors.

An act to amend section twenty-nine of chapter eighty-one of the general laws of the state of Minnesota of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven entitled "an act to amend chapter sixteen general statutes of 1878, relating to intoxicating liquors?"

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

Amending gen-
eral laws of
1887, chap. 81.

SECTION 1. That section twenty-nine of chapter eighty-one of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words:

License only to
bona fide resi-
dents.

"Provided that no license shall be granted to any person or persons who are not bona fide residents of the state of Minnesota."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 27, 1893.

CHAPTER 180.

H. F. No. 427.

Divided or new-
ly organized
towns.

An act to amend section 114 of chapter eight of the statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the powers of county commissioners.

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

Amending gen-
eral statutes of
1878, chap. 8.

SECTION 1. That section one hundred and fourteen of chapter eight of the statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said section one hundred and fourteen, at the end thereof, the following:

Power of com-
missioners to
apportion funds
and taxes.

Such board of county commissioners shall also have power, whenever a town of their county shall be divided or have any part set off or stricken therefrom, to apportion pro rata according to assessed valuation among the several parts of the town so divided any funds then belonging to such town or to which such town is entitled, and not raised or theretofore appropriated for a purpose inconsistent with such apportionment. And said board shall also have power, whenever a town of their county shall be divided or have part stricken therefrom, to apportion in like manner, but with due regard for the purpose for which the same shall have been levied, all taxes then