

CHAPTER 347 H. E. No. 497.

In Act to enable counties to establish and maintain public tuberculosis sanatoria.

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

Public sanatorium for treatment of tuberculosis.—Section 1. That the board of county commissioners in any county of this state shall have the power to establish and maintain a public sanatorium for the treatment and care of persons afflicted with tuberculosis.

Commissioners to appoint a commission—Membership—Duties.—Sec. 2. Upon the decision to establish and maintain a public tuberculosis sanatorium under this act, the county commissioners shall appoint a commission consisting of three members, at least one of whom shall be a licensed physician.

These members shall be chosen with reference to their special fitness for such office, and their appointments before becoming effective shall be approved by the state board of health.

Under the first appointment one member shall be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and thereafter one member shall be chosen each year to serve for a period of three years.

This commission shall be known as the "county sanatorium commission."

Its members shall serve without compensation or financial benefit, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all actual expenses in connection with their official duties.

Said sanatorium commission shall have full charge and control of all moneys received for the credit of the sanatorium fund and for the construction of any sanatorium building, its location, erection and maintenance, and shall make such regulations concerning the same as may seem to it advisable.

It shall appoint and employ a competent superintendent and other necessary help.

The superintendent shall be the secretary of the commission, and one member of the commission shall be designated by it as its president.

The members of said commission shall qualify by subscribing to and taking the usual oath of office, and shall hold office as indicated above or until their successors are appointed and approved and have qualified.

Two or more counties may unite.—Sec. 3. Two or more counties may unite in acquiring, establishing, equipping and maintaining such sanatorium, and in such case such commission shall be composed of three members chosen from the county in which said

sanatorium is to be located, as provided for in section 2, and two members shall be chosen in like manner from each of the other counties interested.

Commissioners may appropriate \$20,000 for establishment and equipment—To be inserted in tax levy.—Sec. 4. A county or counties wishing to provide a sanatorium as indicated in section 1 may, through its county commissioners, appropriate not to exceed twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for the establishment and equipment of same.

Such commission shall determine by resolution each year prior to July 1st, the amount of money necessary for the equipment and maintenance of the sanatorium the following year, and a certified copy of such resolution shall be forthwith forwarded to the county board, and such board shall at its regular meeting in July, include such amount in its annual levy of county taxes (unless after due hearing such amount be determined to be unreasonable and unnecessary in which event such amount may be reduced accordingly by said board).

But in no case shall the amount of such levy in any one year exceed four-tenths (4-10) of one mill on the dollar of assessed valuation.

Such amount when collected shall be credited to the sanatorium fund.

In case two or more counties unite in establishing such sanatorium then such commission shall in its annual resolution or budget apportion the same between or among such counties and designate the amount to be so raised by each county and shall in like manner forward to the county board of each county a certified copy of such resolution and such county boards shall then proceed to levy such proportion in the same manner as previously designated in this section.

All moneys received for such sanatorium shall be deposited in the treasury of said county or counties to the credit of the "Tuberculosis Sanatorium Fund," and shall not be used for any other purpose, and shall be drawn upon by the proper officials of said county or counties upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the sanatorium commission.

Expenses; how paid.—Sec. 5. No money shall be paid from such fund except on orders signed by the president and secretary of such commission, which orders shall be drawn upon the county treasurer or treasurers of such county or counties.

The sanatorium commission shall annually file with the auditor or auditors of such county or counties a full itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements.

Admission of patients.—Sec. 6. The commission shall fix the amount to be charged for the care, treatment and maintenance of

each patient. When a patient is unable to pay such charges and has no kindred legally liable therefor, such patient may be admitted without charge, or the commission may fix a charge according to the patient's ability to pay.

Any individual outside of a county or counties maintaining a tuberculosis sanatorium may apply for treatment; or any city, village or county may apply on behalf of its charges, and the same may be provided for under a stipulated agreement by the party or municipality to pay a weekly sum designated by the sanatorium commission.

Who may apply for admission.—Sec. 7. Any inhabitant of such county or counties maintaining a tuberculosis sanatorium, who is afflicted with tuberculosis, whether in the incipient or advanced stage, is eligible for care in the sanatorium and may apply for admission thereto; or any licensed physician, visiting nurse, charity worker, humane officer or health officer may apply on behalf of such individual; and the superintendent, after examining the facts of the case, may admit such person to the sanatorium for care, treatment and maintenance.

Commission may accept gifts, donations, etc.—Sec. 8. The sanatorium commission is empowered to accept as a trust any gift, donation or funds from any other source, whether subject to the special provisions of the donors or not, and such gifts, donations or funds shall be placed to the credit of the "Tuberculosis Sanatorium Fund" in the treasury of the county in which the sanatorium is located, and shall be disbursed as provided for under section 5.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1909.

CHAPTER 348—H. F. No. 552.

An Act to amend section 3894, Revised Laws 1905, relating to summons in justice court.

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

Summons under section 3973, Revised Laws 1905.—Section 1. That section 3894, Revised Laws 1905, be amended so as to read as follows, viz.

Section 3894. Summons—Service—In all cases not otherwise provided for, the first process shall be a summons commanding the officer to summon the defendant to appear before such justice at a time and place specified therein, not less than six (6) nor more than twenty (20) days from the date thereof, to answer to