

CHAPTER 82—S. F. No. 499

An act to organize a county as a school district and provide for the election and duties of the School Board.

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

Section 1. County may be organized as school district.—Any county having less than five (5) organized school districts and having within its borders a district of ten or more townships, which contains more than one-half of the area of the county, may consolidate such districts into one county district, which shall be designated as County District of County, in the following manner.

The board of county commissioners of such county may by a resolution, and upon petition to such board signed by not less than ten per cent of the qualified voters of the county according to the votes of the then last preceding general election, shall submit to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election to be held in such county not less than thirty days thereafter, the proposition of consolidating said districts into a county district. The ballots submitting the same shall read as follows:

For Consolidation.....
Against Consolidation.....

Such ballots shall be voted, canvassed and the result declared and returned in the same manner as ballots for elective county officers. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition be for consolidation, the county auditor shall make proper orders to give effect to such vote and shall transmit a copy thereof to the clerk of each district.

The school board of each district shall continue to maintain schools therein in the same manner as if no consolidation had been voted until July 1st next following, at which time all records, moneys, credits and funds of said districts, except the ten townships district herein referred to, shall be delivered to the county treasurer to act as custodian of same until such time as the organization of the county district shall have been completed. The county treasurer shall give a receipt for such records and funds and shall cause the financial accounts and statements to be audited by competent authority.

Sec. 2. School Board—organization.—The school board of any such county district shall consist of six members to be elected at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as school board members in a ten or more townships districts, provided, that each member of the board of the ten or more townships district herein referred to shall continue to serve as a member of the school board of the county district

for the full term for which he was elected and until his successor has qualified. The board of county commissioners shall be and are hereby authorized to appoint the remaining members of such board for the same term as such members herein referred to. The school board shall organize in the same manner and at the same time as boards of independent districts.

Sec. 3. Powers.—The school board of any such county district shall have and shall exercise all powers, and be subject to the same laws and regulations as school boards of ten or more townships and independent consolidated districts and all laws applicable to ten and more townships and independent consolidated districts shall apply to said county district.

Sec. 4. Elections.—The election of the county district shall be held on the same day as the election in ten or more townships district, at the same time and in the same manner as elections are held therein.

Sec. 5. Election districts.—That until otherwise determined by the electors, county commissioner districts numbers 1 and 5 shall constitute election district number 1, from which shall be elected two members of said board, and county commissioner districts numbers 2, 3 and 4 shall constitute election district number 2, from which shall be elected three members of said board, and that the remaining member of said board shall be elected at large in said county.

Sec. 6. Per diem and mileage.—The members of the board shall receive a per diem of \$6.00 while attending any regular or special meeting of the board, but not, however, more than \$72.00 in any one year, and shall receive 4c per mile in going to and from his place of residence to the place of meeting by the usual route of travel.

Sec. 7. Office of County Superintendent abolished.—Upon the completion of the organization of a county district and the election of a superintendent, the office of county superintendent of schools in said county shall cease to exist from January 1 next following and the functions and duties of the county superintendent of schools shall be performed by the superintendent of the county district.

Approved March 29, 1927.

CHAPTER 83—S. F. No. 443

An act to repeal Laws 1919, Chapter 198, and for the disposition of taxes collected thereunder.

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

Section 1. Disposition of unexpended funds.—In every case