

or school district to designate banks as depositories shall be construed to include trust companies authorized to do a banking business. *All bonds furnished under the provisions of this act shall be approved by the governing body of the municipality making such designation and shall be filed in the office of the county auditor as provided by Chapter 118, of the Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1927, and all collateral deposited under the provisions of this act shall be approved by the governing body of the municipality making such designation and after such approval be deposited with the treasurer of such municipality, unless the governing body of such municipality shall by resolution fix and determine some other place for the safe keeping of such collateral. Provided such collateral shall not be re-deposited in the bank or trust company furnishing the same."*

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

Approved April 25, 1929.

CHAPTER 371—S. F. No. 617

An act authorizing any county and any city of the first class within such county which such city shall contain taxable property having an assessed valuation of more than 95% of the assessed valuation for taxation purposes of all property in such county to create and maintain a board of public welfare, to jointly supervise and care for the poor therein, defining the powers and duties of said board of public welfare, providing the funds for operation thereof and empowering the county board to authorize and require the executive secretary of such board of public welfare to purchase supplies for any home schools for boys and girls, operating under the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 397, General Laws 1917, and repealing the act entitled "An act to authorize the County of Ramsay and the City of St. Paul to issue bonds to build an almshouse and hospital and for other purposes," approved February 29, 1872, (printed as a joint resolution and designated as Chapter 99 in extra session laws of 1902), and all amendatory and supplemental acts and other acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. Board of Public Welfare created.—Any county in this state which shall now or hereafter contain a city of the first class, which such city shall contain taxable property having an assessed valuation of more than 95% of the assessed valuation for taxation purposes of all property in such county may jointly, with such city, create a commission, known as the board of public welfare, such board of public welfare shall be created by resolution of the board of county commissioners of any such county and the city council or governing body of any such city. Such board shall have under its jurisdiction and control any hospital and almshouse now owned jointly by any such city and any such county and shall provide for the relief of the poor in any such city and any such county as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Composition of Board.—Appointment.—Such board of public welfare shall consist of five legally qualified citizens of the county who shall hold no elective or appointive office or position with the said city or county government, two of whom shall be appointed by the mayor and shall be known as the city members of such board, and whose appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the city council at a meeting held within fifteen days after such appointment, and the remaining three to be appointed by the mayor and shall be known as the county members of such board, whose appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the board of county commissioners at a meeting held within fifteen days after such appointment, all subject to removal at any time by the mayor at will. Two members of the board of public welfare so appointed shall serve for one year, two for two years, and one for three years, and upon the expiration of each of such terms, the successor shall be appointed to serve for three years, and the respective terms of original appointment shall be fixed at the time such appointments are made.

Sec. 3. Duties.—May appoint secretary.—The board of public welfare, the members of which shall serve without pay, shall be charged with the relief of the poor of such county and city and with the control and management of such hospital and almshouse. It may make rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs and for the discipline, order and supervision of such hospital and almshouse. It may appoint, and at its pleasure remove, an executive secretary at a salary of not to exceed \$4,000.00 per annum who shall have immediate charge under the direction and control of the board of public welfare of the relief of the poor and who shall have authority to require reports of any nature from any of the appointees of such board, and to do and perform all such acts and duties as he may be directed or authorized by said board. The board may appoint, and at its pleasure remove, a physician and surgeon as superintendent

and chief surgeon of such hospital and who shall also serve without additional compensation as county and city physician at a salary not exceeding \$5,000.00 per annum.

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 at a salary not to exceed \$2,500.00 per annum. The board of public welfare is hereby given the power to employ and discharge all other necessary employees and officers and to fix and determine their compensation.

Sec. 4. Shall make quarterly report.—The board of public welfare shall make a quarterly report to the county board and to the city council of its expenditures and activities. It shall keep complete and accurate accounts of all its financial transactions and records of its proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the auditing officers of the county and the city to examine at least once in each year the accounts and affairs of the commission and make report thereof to the county board and the city council.

Sec. 5. Shall purchase supplies.—Said board of public welfare shall make provision for the proper purchase of all supplies and materials of every kind and character for the use of said almshouse and said hospital needed for the relief of the poor. All purchases made which exceed \$500.00 in amount, shall be made by bids called for by one week's published notice.

Sec. 6. Cost to be divided.—Such county shall pay two-thirds and such city one-third of the cost of relief of the poor therein and of the maintenance and support of such almshouse and hospital. Such cost shall be paid by the county and the city in proportions herein set forth upon presentation of verified claims approved by the county board and the city council, respectively. Such public welfare commission shall in no case contract any debt in excess of amounts appropriated for the operation of such public welfare commission by any such city and any such county.

Sec. 7. Secretary may be purchasing agent.—The county board of any such county may by resolution authorize and require such executive secretary to have charge and control of the purchase of all supplies and materials of every kind and character for the use of any home school for girls and any home school for boys now operating under the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 397, General Laws of 1917. Funds therefor shall be supplied wholly by such

county and shall in no case become a charge against the fund created by any such county and any such city for operation of the board of public welfare.

Sec. 8. **Laws repealed.**—The act entitled “An Act to Authorize the County of Ramsey and City of St. Paul to Issue Bonds to Build an Almshouse and Hospital, and for other purposes,” approved February 29, 1872 (printed as a joint resolution designated as Chapter 99, in Extra Session Laws of 1902), and all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and all other acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. **Effective July 1, 1929.**—This act shall take effect and be in force on July 1, 1929.

Approved April 25, 1929.

CHAPTER 372—S. F. No. 685

An act to authorize counties, cities and villages to install and use time controlled seal presses to authenticate and mark election ballots.

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

Section 1. **Ballots may be marked with seal.**—Any city of the first class using the Australian ballot system in city elections may, at the option of the governing body having control and supervision of elections in such city install and use in one or more voting precincts in such city one or more time controlled seal press or presses for authenticating paper ballots with a special official seal upon the head of said ballot before it is given to the voter which seal will identify it as a legally voted ballot; and a time controlled seal press for each voting booth in one or more voting precincts which shall be used by the voters for impressing the ballots with a special seal of the particular voting precinct opposite the name of each candidate voted for. All ballots cast at any general, special or primary election in each precinct where such time controlled seal press is installed shall be so stamped with said seal presses and no ballot shall be counted or be regarded as a vote legally cast unless so stamped.