

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

Section 1. Certain counties to build and rebuild bridges.—Any county in this state having a population of not less than 28,000 nor more than 28,500 as shown by the federal census of 1930 shall build, rebuild and maintain all bridges in such county except where the cost thereof shall be less than three hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. County board to have supervision.—The county board shall have the general supervision of all bridges in such county, except where the cost of building is less than three hundred dollars, and shall have power to appropriate such sums of money from the county treasury as shall be necessary to build, rebuild and maintain such bridges.

Sec. 3. Application.—This act shall not apply to any bridge upon any county aid, state aid road or any trunk highway, nor to any viaduct or bridge over or under any railroad or street car tracks.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 14, 1931.

CHAPTER 60—S. F. No. 281

An act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter 187, Laws of 1917, relating to the creation of a board of poor and hospital commissioners in certain counties, extending the powers and duties of said board providing for the payment of mothers' pensions from the poor fund in such counties, and authorizing the levy of taxes to reimburse the revenue fund of such counties for certain past expenditures.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 187 Laws of 1917 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Appointment of board of poor and hospital commissioners.—**Qualifications.**—In all counties in this state containing not less than eighty congressional townships, and having an assessed valuation of not less than twenty million dollars, and not exceeding fifty million dollars, there shall be appointed, as herein provided, a board of poor and hospital commissioners, consisting of five members, who shall be electors of said county. Such board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of such

county, with the approval of a judge of *the* district court of the judicial district in which *such county is located*, by a resolution in writing duly adopted by said board of county commissioners, and filed in the office of the county auditor of such county. No member of the board of county commissioners shall be eligible to such appointment. The terms of two of the members of the first board so appointed shall expire on the first Monday in January of the second year after their appointment; and the terms of three members of the first board so appointed shall expire on the first Monday in January of the third year after their appointment. Upon the expiration of such first terms their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years each. Vacancies shall be filled by like appointment for the unexpired terms. All appointments, including those to fill vacancies and those for regular terms, shall be by resolution, and approved by a judge of the said district court, as aforesaid. Such board of poor and hospital commissioners shall elect one of its members to be president, and one of its members to be vice president, each to serve for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. Such board shall also appoint a clerk, as hereinafter provided. Such election of president and vice president shall be by the vote of a majority of the members of said board, which vote shall be duly recorded in the minutes and proceedings of said board. And the appointment of said clerk shall also be duly entered in the minutes, records and proceedings of said board. A certified copy of such minutes and records of said board, showing the election of said officers and the appointment of said clerk, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. Said board shall also adopt by-laws and make all necessary rules and regulations for its conduct and government, including the times and places for holding its meetings, and may amend such by-laws, rules and regulations at any time at a legal meeting of the board. The members of said board shall receive no compensation for their services, *but shall receive their actual expenses, the same to be audited by the board of Poor and Hospital Commissioners and paid from the poor fund of said county.* The board of county commissioners of the county shall provide a suitable room in the court house of such county for the meetings and use of such board of poor and hospital commissioners.

Section 2. Section 2 of Chapter 187 Laws of 1917 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. **Powers.—Duties.**—Such board of poor and hospital commissioners shall have all the powers and duties relative to the care of the poor which, in counties having the county system, appertain to the county board, *including the duty of investigating the need for allowance to mothers for the support of dependent children, the duties imposed on the county board with reference to*

the care and treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, and also including the duties imposed on the county board relating to the treatment of indigent persons in the Minnesota General Hospital. All moneys arising from the labor of poor persons in its care, or from the produce of the poor farm, shall be paid to the board and by it into the county treasury to the credit of the poor fund. No money shall be paid from such fund except on vouchers of the board, signed by its president or vice-president, and countersigned by its clerk. On the first Monday of January, April, July and October of each year, the board shall file with the county auditor an itemized statement of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding three months. Said board shall have full, complete and exclusive charge and control of the poor of such county, and the handling, use, paying out and expending of all moneys for poor purposes in such county, including the poor fund thereof. In each of said counties having a county hospital, or in which there shall be established or provided a county hospital under the laws of this state, such board shall have the full, complete and exclusive control, care, management, maintenance and operation of such hospital and shall operate the same as a county hospital. Said board shall provide such by-laws, rules and regulations in reference to such hospital, as to the control, management, maintenance and operation thereof, as it shall deem necessary, proper or desirable. It shall fix the rates to be charged all patients cared for in such hospital, including the rates to be charged against the county for paupers or poor persons cared for at the request of such county. It shall appoint a superintendent of such hospital, who shall hold office at the pleasure of said board, fix his salary, and prescribe his powers, duties and responsibilities. It shall have the power to employ and pay such other assistants, servants, physicians, surgeons, nurses and other employees as may be necessary or desirable for the maintenance and operation of such hospital. The amounts due, or to become due, from patients and others who may be served by said hospital, shall be collected by and paid to said board. Said board shall require to be kept accurate and complete books of account of all receipts and disbursements in the matter of the maintenance of such hospital, and on the first Monday in January of each year shall file with the county auditor an itemized statement of all such receipts and expenditures for the preceding year, which statement shall be appended to and published with the financial statement of such county.

Section 3. Section 3, Chapter 187, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Clerk.—Appointment of.—Duties and Compensation.
—Such board of poor and hospital commissioners shall appoint a clerk, to serve during the pleasure of such board, and fix his com-

pensation, *the same* to be paid out of the county poor fund. Such clerk shall keep a record of all the doings of the board, preserve all documents relating to its business, keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, the names and addresses of all persons to whom relief has been granted, with the amount of such relief, investigate the condition and needs of all persons by or for whom application is made for relief, *and shall also investigate the need for allowance to mothers for the support of dependent children, the need for treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis and of indigent persons requesting care in the Minnesota General Hospital, when application has been made therefor*, and report to the board thereon. The board may authorize such clerk to grant temporary relief in cases of emergency, without previous action by the board, but it shall by proper resolution limit the amount of such temporary relief to be so granted. Such clerk shall perform all of the duties and services, both as to such hospital and to the matter of the poor, as shall be prescribed by said board. The board may appoint such other assistants as may be necessary to discharge its duties.

Section 4. Section 4, Chapter 187, Laws of 1917 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. **Taxes.—How levied.**—Taxes shall be levied by said board for the support of the poor, *including allowances to mothers for the support of dependent children* and for said hospital as follows: On or before the first day of October in each year said board shall determine, by separate resolutions duly passed, the amount of taxes to be levied for the ensuing year for the support of the poor, *including allowances to mothers for the support of dependent children* in such county, the maintenance of the poor house and other buildings provided for the care of the poor, including the erection of any building or the making of any improvements for such purpose, and for the care, support, maintenance and operation of said hospital, *including the construction or repair of any buildings therefor*. The adoption of such resolution shall constitute a levy on the taxable property in such county to the full amount named therein, provided, however, that the tax so levied for said hospital purposes shall not exceed five-tenths of one mill (5/10 of \$.001) upon the said taxable property in said county. On or before the fifth day of October in each year said board shall file a certified copy of each of said resolutions with the county auditor of such county, who shall thereupon enter the amount upon the tax list, and thereafter proceed to the assessing and collecting of such tax in the same manner as village or corporation taxes. Such taxes when collected shall be placed in, or credited to the hospital fund and to the poor fund, respectively. *All allowances to mothers for the support of dependent children in such counties shall henceforth be paid from the poor fund of such counties. Provided further,*

that in each of such counties the Board of Poor and Hospital Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to levy against the taxable property in its county, by resolution as above provided, in the year 1931, in addition to other authorized levies, an amount equal to the aggregate sum paid to mothers for the support of dependent children from the revenue fund of such county during the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, said levy to provide that the collection thereof shall be equally spread over a period of three years, and that the proceeds thereof, when collected, shall be, by the auditor of such county, transferred to the revenue fund of such county.

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

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CHAPTER 61—S. F. No. 283

An act to amend Laws 1929, Sections 1, 2 and 3, relating to the erection and equipment of a state office building and providing funds for paying the cost thereof.

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

Section 1. **State building commission created.**—*That Laws 1929, Chapter 309, Section 1, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:*

“Section 1. A commission to be known as State Building Commission is hereby created to be composed of seven members appointed by the governor and to serve until the office building herein directed to be built is erected and equipped. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The commission from its own membership shall elect a chairman and a secretary to perform the duties usually incident to these offices, respectively. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of duty. *The commission shall forthwith proceed to erect, furnish and equip a suitable state office building at a cost, including lands, of not more than one million five hundred thousand dollars.*”

Sec. 2. **Commission may acquire lands.**—*That Laws 1929, Chapter 309, Section 2, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:*