

*neglected children, who are under the guardianship of the director of social welfare, become inadequate, the director, with the approval of the commissioner of administration, may arrange according to law, by gift or by lease, not exceeding two years in duration, for the use of any available buildings, dwellings and grounds appurtenant thereto or suitable for such purpose.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 640.34, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**640.34. State reformatory. Subdivision 1. Location and management.** The state reformatory shall be continued at its present site, in Sherburne county, and be under the general management of the director of public institutions. *During the period from June 30, 1945, until June 30, 1947, a building, or a wing or portion thereof, and the facilities thereat, of the state reformatory shall be designated and set apart by the director of public institutions for the care of feeble-minded persons.*

*Subd. 2. Accommodate feeble-minded persons. During the period from June 30, 1945, to June 30, 1947, all feeble-minded persons now institutionalized and who have been committed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or who may hereafter be committed by such court to an institution may be transferred out of such institution for the feeble-minded to the state reformatory; and all laws relating to the commitment and care of such feeble-minded persons so transferred to the state reformatory shall be applicable to such persons.*

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CHAPTER 566—S. F. No. 1217

*An act relating to the salary of the county surveyor in certain counties; amending Laws 1917, Chapter 456, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1919, Chapter 426, Section 1, and Laws 1943, Chapter 426.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1917, Chapter 456, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1919, Chapter 426, Section 1, and Laws 1943, Chapter 426, is amended to read as follows:

**Salary of county surveyor.** In each county of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than 2,500 square miles, and having an assessed valuation of more than \$15,000,000 and less than \$50,000,000, the county surveyor shall receive from such county an annual salary of \$2,400, in full payment for all services performed, which shall be paid in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury upon warrants of the county auditor, in the same manner as other county officers are paid, and in addition thereto the county surveyor in such counties shall be allowed and paid from the county treasury the actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his services.

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CHAPTER 567—S. F. No. 1236

*An act relating to the commitment of patients entitled to care or treatment by the veterans administration or other agency of the United States Government and amending Laws 1943, Chapter 612, Section 9.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1943, Chapter 612, Section 9, is hereby amended to read as follows:

525.753. **Commitment.** If the patient is found to be insane or inebriate, the court shall issue to the sheriff or any other person a warrant in duplicate, committing the patient to the custody of the superintendent of the proper state hospital, or to the superintendent or keeper of any private licensed institution for the care of inebriates or insane persons; provided, however, that such patients are required to pay the necessary hospital charge. If such patient be entitled to care or treatment by the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States Government, such warrant shall be in triplicate, committing him to the joint custody of the superintendents of the proper state and Veterans Administration or other federal institution. If the Veterans Administration or other federal institution be unable or unwilling to receive the patient at the time of commitment, he subsequently may be transferred to it upon its request. Such transfer shall discharge his commitment to the state institution and constitute