

subdivision 1, if there is no suitable place available within the allowable distance. The new polling place or polling places for precincts 1, 2, and 3 may not be located more than four miles from the existing precinct boundaries.

Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL. *

Section 1 is effective upon approval by the governing body of the city of Mankato and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective until December 31, 1991.

Presented to the governor May 5, 1989

Signed by the governor May 9, 1989, 11:55 a.m.

CHAPTER 92—H.F.No. 529

An act relating to local government; permitting counties, cities, and towns to contribute to certain hospitals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 376.09; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 465.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 376.09, is amended to read:

376.09 AID TO HOSPITALS IN COUNTIES HAVING NO COUNTY HOSPITAL.

In any county in which there is no county hospital, the county board may appropriate and pay money from the general fund of the county, for the construction ~~and~~, maintenance, and operation of a private, nonprofit, or public hospital in the county for the treatment of sick, diseased, and injured persons. Admission preference shall always be given to patients who are, in whole or in part, public charges, and are sent to the hospital by the county board.

Sec. 2. **[465.037] GIFTS TO HOSPITALS.**

A home rule charter or statutory city or town may make grants for the use of a private, nonprofit or public hospital that serves the city or town when authorized by the council in the case of a city and the town board in the case of a town upon the affirmative vote of the town electors at the annual or a special town meeting.

Presented to the governor May 5, 1989

Signed by the governor May 9, 1989, 12:14 p.m.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.