

CHAPTER 643

WORK FARMS

643.01 TRANSFER OF PRISONERS FROM JAIL TO WORKHOUSE OR WORK FARM.

The only workhouses the city of St. Paul is authorized by its charter to establish and maintain are such as are subject to the management and control of municipal authority and whose managers are public officers or agents, and accordingly an ordinance establishing the House of the Good Shepherd as a workhouse for female prisoners is void. The city will not be enjoined from paying the House of the Good Shepherd for past services. *Farmer v City of St. Paul*, 65 M 176, 67 NW 990.

The board of St. Paul workhouse directors are merely the agents of the city and cannot sue or be sued. Any suit brought for their benefit must be brought in the name of the city of St. Paul. *Montfort v Wheelock*, 78 M 169, 80 NW 955.

643.06 LAND, HOW ACQUIRED; IMPROVEMENTS; PRISONERS.

Acquisition of two tracts of land widely separated for workhouse purposes would be illegal since it would in fact constitute two such establishments while only authorized to establish one. 1930 OAG 161, June 19, 1929.

643.09 COST, HOW DEFRAYED.

Contracts such as the furnishing of light cannot be entered into for a longer term than one year. OAG May 8, 1936 (125-A-17).

643.29 DIMINUTION OF SENTENCE.

HISTORY. 1947 c. 130 s. 1.