

## CHAPTER 261

## COUNTY RELIEF OF POOR, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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When a person dies in any county without apparent means to provide for burial and without relatives of sufficient ability to procure the burial, the county board shall first investigate to determine whether the person who has died has contracted for any prepaid burial arrangements. If such arrangements have been made, the county shall authorize burial in accord with the written instructions of the deceased. If it is determined that the person did not leave sufficient means to defray the necessary expenses of burial, nor any relatives therein of sufficient ability to procure the burial, the county board shall cause a decent burial or cremation of the person's remains to be made at the expense of the county. Cremation shall not be used for persons who are known to be opposed to cremation because of religious affiliation or belief.

**History:** 1991 c 292 art 3 s 32