

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 280 of 1939

400.47 Organization of district department of social welfare and medical relief; powers and duties vested in district social welfare board and medical advisory council; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; applicability of references; chairperson; conducting business at public meeting; notice; availability of writings to public.

Sec. 47. (1) Two or more counties may organize a district department of social welfare and medical relief by a majority vote of the members elect of the county board of commissioners of each county. The administration of the powers and duties of the department shall be vested in a district social welfare board and medical advisory council. The district social welfare board and medical advisory council shall consist of members appointed from persons who are residents within the district, for 3-year terms as follows: 1 member shall be appointed by the state social welfare commission and the county board of commissioners of each county included in the district shall each appoint 2 members. Of the members first appointed the member appointed by the state social welfare commission shall be appointed for a term of 1 year; 1 member appointed by the county board of commissioners of each county shall be appointed for the term of 2 years, and 1 member for the term of 3 years. A reference in this act to a county department of social services or to a county social services board, shall be deemed to apply to a district department of social welfare or a district social welfare board, where a district has been created as provided in this section. A member of a district board shall not hold an elective office. The members of the district social welfare board shall choose a chairperson as provided in section 46.

(2) The business which a district social welfare board may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(3) Except as prescribed in sections 35 and 64, a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a district department of social welfare or a district social welfare board in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976.

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