



*Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota*

Adopted on: February 28, 2006

Resolution No. 143

Offered by Commissioner: Fink

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of St. Louis County, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as cost effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of St. Louis County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation (M.S. 6.79) which allows local governments to file resolutions with the State Auditor which either object to particular state mandates or make recommendations for reforming particular state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments in achieving those reforms;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has been involved in the systematic shifting of costs to County property taxpayers for obligations which are rightly the responsibility of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the State Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for repeal;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Auditor take any measures available to aid the repeal of these mandates.

Commissioner Fink moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas - Commissioners Fink, O'Neil, Kron, Forsman, Raukar, and Chair Nelson - 6

Nays - None

Out of Room - Commissioner Sweeney - 1

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **DONALD DICKLICH**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28th day of February, A.D. 2006, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 28th day of February, A.D., 2006

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of County Board

Human Services

Eliminate County Share for Medical Assistance Costs for Under-65 Disabled Placed in Nursing homes more than 90 days and for certain ICF/MR and IMD Placements

256B.19

Currently, the state requires counties to pay the indicated portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance costs for stays in excess of 90 days in the following situations:

- 10% for individuals placed in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR's) of seven beds or more,
- 20% for individuals placed in institutions of mental disease (IMD's),
- 20% of for under-65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes.

The state reneged on its commitment to pay all those costs when counties surrendered homestead and agricultural credit aid on a dollar for dollar basis for the state takeover of all income maintenance programs in the early 1990's. These cuts in state funding, enacted in 2003, should be restored now that the state finances are back in the black.

Note: In addition, these persons are screened before entering the nursing facility and are seen on a regular basis to determine if other living arrangements are options. They are in the facilities because they need this high level of care and other alternatives are not available.