

RESOLUTION 59~~4~~7-2006
RESOLUTION BY PIPESTONE COUNTY
MANDATE REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Stat. §6.79 states, "A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the state auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate;" and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to consider submitting those state mandates, to list on her website, that they believe are in particular need of reform or repeal to help legislators identify them; and

WHEREAS, the Pipestone County Board supports actions which improve efficiency and increase effectiveness of state and local public services delivered to our joint constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the Pipestone County Board finds that it could provide better service for less tax dollars in some instances if certain state mandates were repealed and other shared and underfunded programs were more fully funded by our state partners; and

WHEREAS, the Pipestone County Board finds that listing and reforming mandates is only one tool to improving the state-county relationship and enhancing outcomes for citizens.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §256B.19 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota 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; and

WHEREAS, §256B.19 a direct shift of costs from the State to the counties to enable the State to evade its own responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners recommends that the legislature fully fund the requirements of §256B.19 or rescind Minn. Statutes §256B.19.

Adopted this 28th day of February 2006.



Jerry L. Remund, Chair
Pipestone County Board of Commissioners

Attest: 

Sharon Hanson
Clerk of County Board/County Coordinator