

such officer to any dependent or other person whomsoever, nor be subject to garnishment, attachment or other legal process.

To provide funds for the payment of such pensions the city council or other proper authority may levy a tax of not more than one-fifth of one mill on all the taxable property of such municipality, and may provide for the use for said purposes of some portion of the fines and penalties collected by said municipality from time to time.

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CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 1018

An act to amend Chapter 245, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1923, relating to the completion of the work of county war records committees, however constituted, in counties having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand and no more than twenty-nine thousand inhabitants, according to the last federal census, and having an assessed valuation of not less than twenty million dollars, including money and credits, nor more than twenty-five million dollars; the appropriation of funds therefor, providing for the manner of completion of such work and the appointment of persons to perform the same, and fixing their compensation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Certain counties to provide for war records commission.**—That Chapter 245, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1923 be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. That in all counties of this state having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand, nor more than twenty-nine thousand *inhabitants, according to the last federal census, and having an assessed valuation of not less than twenty million dollars, and not more than twenty-five million dollars, including money and credits as last equalized by the Minnesota Tax Commission,* the respective boards of county commissioners of such counties are hereby authorized, *at their discretion* to appropriate from their respective treasuries such sums as may be necessary for the completion of the work of their respective duly appointed county war records committees, *however appointed and constituted,* but not to exceed a total

appropriation by any such county of \$5,000.00, provided, however, that if any portion of the above and foregoing stated amount, however appropriated and expended, has been expended for such work in such counties subsequent to the passage of Chapter 245, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1923 and in pursuance to the provisions thereof, then, only the unexpended balance thereof shall be appropriated or re-appropriated and set aside from the county revenue fund of such counties and allowed in manner provided herein for the completion of such work contemplated by the provisions of this act; such unexpended balance, (which shall not be diminished by any appropriations or expenditures made prior to the passage of Chapter 245, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1923) and the amount thereof is to be determined by the accounting and the report of the chairman of the war records committee of such counties, the constitution of such war records committee being hereby continued and confirmed. Such accounting and report shall be authenticated as to its correctness by the county auditor and by him certified to the county board; which accounting and report when so authenticated and certified shall be approved by the county board and published with the proceedings of the board.

Sec. 2. County board to set aside funds.—Such unexpended balance so appropriated or re-appropriated shall be set aside from the county revenue fund by resolution of the county board at the first meeting of said board held after the passage and approval of this act, and the sum so set aside shall be designated as to the county war records fund, and all sums expended for the completion of such work shall be paid out of such county war records fund, on the order or warrant of the county board of such counties, signed by the chairman thereof and attested by the county auditor, when certified to the county board by the chairman of the county war records committee showing that the services charged therein were actually rendered and the expenses charged were actually incurred. Arrangements may be made between the county board of such counties and the chairman of the county war records committee, as to the method of paying for services rendered and of payment for expenses incurred in the carrying on of such work and in the absence of such arrangement, all claims for services by whomsoever rendered and expenses incurred, in connection with the work, shall be certified for payment to the county board, monthly, by the chairman of the county war records committee, and unless as otherwise herein provided the same shall be audited and paid by the board as are other claims against the county.

Sec. 3. Chairman of County War Records Commission to render monthly statements.—The chairman of the county war records committee shall render monthly reports to the county board

showing the progress of the work and no claims filed for services rendered or expenses incurred shall be paid unless such monthly progress report has been made, which reports shall be included in and published with the proceedings of the county board.

Sec. 4. Chairman to appoint field men and other employees.—*The chairman of the county war records committee shall appoint the field men and other employees for the carrying on of the work of the committee and in making such appointments of field men he shall give preference to ex-service men, in strict conformity with the provisions of the existing Soldiers' Preference Law.*

Sec. 5. Chairman to compare records.—*The chairman of the county war records committee, with the aid of such help as may be necessary, shall check and compare, or cause to be checked and compared all materials, the service records collected, and rosters prepared, for a county war records history against the originals in state or national files and shall make full report of such comparisons, whenever possible, in the monthly progress reports to the county board, and the charge for the time spent in the checking and comparison of such records, by whomsoever made, and expenses incurred therewith shall be a proper charge against such county war records fund. To the extent that such checks and comparisons may be made and be of practical value, all officials charged with the custody of such files are hereby authorized to co-operate with such county war records committee to facilitate their work.*

Sec. 6. Chairman to have custody of records.—Bonds.—*The chairman of such county war records committee in such counties shall have custody of all the records and shall be required to give a bond in a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 to be fixed by the county board for the safe-keeping of such records and for the proper expenditure of the funds herein authorized to be expended for such work. Said bond to be approved in manner as are other bonds of county officials. The county board shall provide suitable quarters for the safe-keeping of such records and for the carrying on of such work.*

Sec. 7. Appointment of assistants.—Bonds.—*The field men, office help and others performing any services in connection with the completion of such work shall be appointed by the chairman of said county war records committee, and shall be under the direction and supervision of said chairman. He shall be liable for all their acts, while under his direction and supervision in the performance of their duty, in connection with the war records work. The said chairman may place such employees under bonds for his own protection.*

Sec. 8. Premium on bonds to be paid by county.—Limitations.—*All premiums on bonds not exceeding in aggregate the sum of fifty dollars shall be paid by the county out of said county war records fund, when certified by the chairman of the war records committee as a proper charge against the county.*

Sec. 9. Forms.—*The necessary forms for service records, and all other necessary forms, shall be prepared by the chairman of the county war records committee, and shall be substantially same as the forms prepared, for such uses, by the Minnesota War Records Commission, and the expense for the printing of all such forms and all necessary stationery in carrying on the work shall be a proper charge against the county revenue fund.*

Sec. 10. Records to be prepared in triplicate.—*The chairman of the county war records committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, all records, as well as all manuscripts, in triplicate, the originals to be preserved in the county files; the duplicates to be delivered by order of the county board to the Minnesota State Historical Society, and the triplicate to be preserved in the county files as copy for purpose of publication; for which services the chairman of such county war records committee shall be allowed compensation at the rate of not exceeding ten cents per folio for manuscripts, and the sum of \$150.00 per month for time actually spent in the performance of his duties and all necessary and reasonable expenses connected therewith. The compensation of all field men shall not exceed the sum of \$125.00 per month and necessary expenses. The compensation of all other office help shall not exceed the sum of \$100.00 per month. Field men and others using their automobiles or other means of transportation shall be allowed ten cents per mile for each mile necessary, traveled in the performance of their duties.*

Sec. 11. Chairman to make detailed report on completion of work.—*On completion of the work the chairman of the county war records committee shall make a detailed report of such work to the county board, including a complete financial statement showing receipts and disbursements of each and every individual payment, giving the number of warrant, name of payee, the purpose for which paid, and the amount paid, which report shall be published with the proceedings of the county board and also included in detail, in and published with the annual (financial) statement of the county board. Such report shall be accepted by resolution of the county board. Thereafter the records and files shall be in the custody of the county and the board shall, by resolution discharge the said chairman of said war records committee from further liability under his bond.*

Sec. 12. To be completed by July 1, 1931.—*The work herein contemplated shall be completed and final report to the county board shall be made not later than July 1st, 1931, and no monies shall be paid out for any work after that date.*

Sec. 13. Secretary of Historical Society to furnish certified copies.—*The secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society shall, on request, furnish a certified copy of evidence of appointment of the chairman of such war records committee and such certified copy filed with the county board together with the filing of the required bond shall be sufficient qualification for such chairman to act; but in case of his refusal to act or qualify as herein provided, or in case of his resignation, which resignation shall be filed with the county board, or in case of inability to act on account of illness or permanent removal from the county, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the county board. All other vacancies in the war records committee shall be filled by the chairman of such committee."*

Sec. 14. *This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.*

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CHAPTER 280—S. F. No. 1126

An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Sections 314 and 478, relating to the State Canvassing Board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Canvassing by State Canvassing Board.—That the first paragraph of General Statutes 1923, Section 314, preceding Subdivision (1) of said section be, and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows :

"314. The state canvassing board, as constituted for canvassing the returns of general elections, shall open and canvass the returns of a primary election made to the secretary of state at the usual place and hour of meeting, on the *tenth* day after such primary election. Upon the completion of the canvass, the secretary of state shall certify to the several auditors the names of the persons found to be nominated, and mail to each nominee a notice of his nomination."