

shall be duly certified to by the State Comptroller, such board of Trustees may thereupon file its duly verified petition for relief, accompanied by such certificate, with the Commissioner of Insurance. The Commissioner of Insurance shall thereupon order and direct a surcharge to be collected of not to exceed 2% of the fire, lightning and sprinkler leakage gross premiums, less return premiums, on all direct business received by any foreign or domestic fire insurance company on property in such city of the first class, or by its agents for it, in cash or otherwise, during the calendar years 1934 and 1935, sufficient to bring the balance in said special fund up to \$300,000.00. Said surcharge shall be due and payable from such companies to the State Treasurer in semi-annual installments on June 30th and December 31st of said calendar years 1934 and 1935, and if unpaid within thirty days of such dates a penalty of 10% shall accrue thereon and thereafter such sum and penalty shall draw interest at the rate of 1% per month until paid.

Sec. 2. **Funds to be turned over to treasurer of relief association.**—The State Auditor of this state on July 31, 1934, and semi-annually thereafter, shall issue and deliver to the treasurer of such relief association in such city his warrant upon the State Treasurer for an amount equal to the total amount of said surcharge on said premiums within such city theretofore so collected and transmitted to the State Treasurer by such insurance companies.

Sec. 3. **State Treasurer to pay warrants.**—The State Treasurer shall, upon presentation to him of the warrant of the State Auditor specified in the foregoing section, pay out of the general revenue fund of the state the amount thereof to the treasurer of such relief association presenting the warrant.

Sec. 4. **Emergency declared.**—An emergency exists and this Act shall be construed as a relief measure for firemen's relief associations in any city of the first class.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 6, 1934.

CHAPTER 54—S. F. No. 104

An act authorizing the County Board of any county now or hereafter having an area of 1830 square miles and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$3,000,000 and not more than \$6,000,000

exclusive of monies and credits, to set aside a sum not exceeding \$2000 as a contingent fund for the county sheriff and providing for the payment therefrom of his necessary expenses incurred in the business of the county.

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

Section 1. Contingent fund for county sheriff in certain counties.—That in all counties of this state now or hereafter having an area of 1830 square miles and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$3,000,000 and not more than \$6,000,000 exclusive of monies and credits as officially equalized by the State Tax Commission, the county board of any such county may set apart yearly or at any of its regular adjourned meetings a sum not exceeding \$2000 as a contingent fund for the sheriff of such county for defraying his necessary expenses in the investigation of criminal cases and paying his necessary mileage and expenses incurred in the business of the county.

Sec. 2. Method of disbursement.—All disbursements from such fund shall be made upon written request of the county sheriff accompanied by a verified and itemized account requesting the issuance of an auditor's warrant which said statement shall be approved by and said warrant counter-signed by a judge of the district court.

Approved January 6, 1934.

CHAPTER 55—H. F. No. 267

An act authorizing all villages of this state situated in counties having an assessed valuation of not more than \$2,000,000.00 and a population of not more than 5,000 inhabitants to acquire, either by lease, gift, purchase, devise, condemnation or otherwise in fee simple, land, buildings, and other structures for a municipal field and airport, and providing for the payment thereof.

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

Section 1. Villages may acquire airports.—Every village of this state, situated in counties having an assessed valuation of not more than \$2,000,000.00 and a population of not more than 5,000 inhabitants is hereby authorized by resolution of the council to