

Provided, however, that this act shall apply to all religious corporations formed under the Revised Statutes of the Territory of Minnesota 1851, Chapter 36, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Provided, further, that the acquisition, retention and use prior to the passage of this act by any such religious corporations, of any property, real or personal, for any or all of the purposes specified herein, is hereby declared legal, valid and effectual for all purposes. Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court in this state."

Sec. 2. Law amended.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7966, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7966. **Erection and repair of churches, etc.**—Such trustees may repair and alter churches, make rules, regulations, and orders for managing the temporal affairs of the church, congregation, or society, and dispose of all moneys belonging thereto. They may regulate the renting of pews or slips, and the breaking of ground in their cemeteries. Under the direction or approval of the congregation or society, they may erect, acquire and operate churches, dwellings for their ministers, and other buildings for the use of the church, congregation, or society, hospitals, nurses homes and training schools, missions, camps and recreational grounds and other buildings or facilities for the carrying on of other religious, moral and charitable activities. They may appoint a clerk and treasurer of their board and a collector, regulate their compensation, and remove them at pleasure. The clerk shall enter all rules and orders made by the trustees, and payments ordered by them in a book kept for that purpose.

Provided, however, that this act shall apply to all religious corporations formed under the Revised Statutes of the Territory of Minnesota 1851, Chapter 36, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Provided, further, that the acquisition, retention and use prior to the passage of this act by any such religious corporations, of any property, real or personal, for any or all of the purposes specified herein, is hereby declared legal, valid and effectual for all purposes. Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court in this state."

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 862

An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 208, Session Laws of 1935, being an act relating to firemen's relief associations and firemen's pensions and levies therefor, in cities of the fourth class having a

population of more than 6,000 and not more than 10,000 inhabitants and a valuation of more than \$12,000,000.00, exclusive of money and credits, and an area of more than four square miles, so as to have said act apply to cities of the fourth class having a population in excess of 6,000 and not more than 10,000 and a valuation in excess of \$9,000,000.00.

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

Section 1. Retirement pensions for firemen in certain cities.— That Section 1, Chapter 208, Session Laws of 1935 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1. In any city of the fourth class having a population in excess of 6,000 and not more than 10,000 and a valuation in excess of \$9,000,000.00, exclusive of money and credits, and an area of more than four square miles, and having a Fire Department Relief Association organized under the laws of this State and authorized to pay pensions under Mason’s Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 1919 and 1920 and Sections 3723 to 3728 inclusive, or any amendments thereof, such Fire Department Relief Association may pay retirement pensions in excess of the amounts authorized by said statutes, but not in excess of the following total amounts:

Seventy-five dollars per month to each member of the Association who shall have reached the age of 55 years and shall have served 20 years or more as a member of the paid municipal fire department in such city. The monthly payments of \$75.00 may be increased by adding thereto an amount not exceeding three dollars per month for each year of active duty over 20 years of service before retiring; provided, that no such pension or payment hereunder shall exceed the sum of \$96.00 per month. No such pension shall be paid to any person while he remains a member of the Fire Department.”

Sec. 2. Change in value, area or population not to affect pensions.—Whenever any city shall come under the provisions of this act it shall continue subject to the provisions of this act, notwithstanding any subsequent change in valuation, area or population.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 254—S. F. No. 870

An act to amend Section 8555, Chapter 69, of Mason’s Minnesota Statutes of 1927, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 314, Paragraph 1, relating to lien for threshing grain.