

unorganized territory to said school district, said territory shall in all things be deemed legally annexed to said school district, and all proceedings had for the annexation of said territory are hereby validated and confirmed;

Provided, that this Act shall not apply to any territory where an action may now be pending in any court involving the legality of any such annexation proceedings.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1915.

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#### CHAPTER 198—H. F. No. 840.

*An Act to empower the council of cities of the third class operating under a home rule charter to erect and maintain dams across streams the navigable portions of which lie wholly within the limits of this state.*

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

Section 1. **Council given power to maintain dams for purpose of creating an artificial lake in a public park.**—The council of every city of the third class operating under a home rule charter and which city owns and maintains a public park on any stream, the navigable portions of which lie wholly within the limits of this state, is hereby empowered to erect and maintain a dam over and across such stream for the purpose of using the back water thereof for an artificial lake or pool connected with such public park, provided that such dam shall be built in such a manner that it will not force the waters of said stream over the high water or meandered borders of such stream.

Sec. 2. **Plans to be approved by chief of engineers, secretary of war and state drainage commission.**—No dam as hereinbefore provided for shall be built or commenced until the location and plans thereof have been submitted to and approved by the chief of engineers and the secretary of war of the United States, and until the location and plans thereof have been submitted to and approved by the state drainage commission of the State of Minnesota, and it shall be unlawful to deviate from such plans either before or after completion of the structure unless the modification of said plans has previously been submitted to and received the approval of the chief of engineers and secretary of war of the United States and said state drainage commission.

Sec. 3. **Authority subject to laws of the state and United States.**—The authority and power herein conferred upon the council of said cities is given subject to all the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Minnesota and the United States relating to such matters.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 199—H. F. No. 1062.

*An Act to establish a state teachers' insurance and retirement fund and to authorize the payment of annuities and benefits from such fund to retired teachers of public schools and of other educational, correctional and charitable institutions supported wholly or in part by the State of Minnesota and to regulate the creation, collection, management and disbursement thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Construction of various terms in determining pensioners.**—The word teacher as used in this act shall include any teacher, supervisor, principal, superintendent, or certified librarian employed in any educational or administrative capacity in the public schools of Minnesota, or in any educational, correctional, or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by this state, excepting those employed in the University of Minnesota. The term "member of the Fund Association," wherever used in this act, shall mean and include every teacher, (as herein defined), who shall contribute to the Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund by the payment of the dues hereinafter provided by this act.

**Sec. 2. Teachers' insurance and retirement fund created and assessments to be paid.**—For the purpose of better compensating the teachers in the public schools and making the occupation of "teacher" in this state more attractive to qualified persons, there is hereby established for the state a fund to be known as the "Teachers' Insurance and Retirement Fund," for the benefit of teachers who have served not less than twenty (20) years except as hereinafter provided. Said fund shall be secured from the following sources:

1st. From assessments on the members of the fund association according to the following schedule:

For the first 5 years of teaching service, \$5.00 per year;

For the second 5 years, \$10.00 per year;

For the next 10 years, \$20.00 per year;

For the next 5 years, \$30.00 per year;

provided that when the regular annual salary as teacher of any member of the fund association shall have reached \$1,500 or more said member shall be assessed upon a percentage basis as follows: One and one-half (1 1/2) per centum per annum, but not more than twenty (20) dollars per year for the first ten years of service as a teacher; and two (2) per centum per annum,