

For the purpose of this act no substitute fireman, or anyone serving on probation, or any fireman in a city having a relief association in its fire department who is not a member of such association, shall be deemed to be a fireman within the meaning of this act.

*The term widow shall mean a woman who was the wife of the fireman or pensioner during the time he was an active fireman; provided, that she was married to him three or more years prior to the time when such fireman becomes, or would have become, if he had lived, eligible to receive a service pension.*

*The term widow shall not include the surviving wife who has deserted a fireman or pensioner, or who has not been dependent upon him for support, nor shall it include the surviving common law wife of such fireman or pensioner.*

The treasurer of every such relief association, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give a good and sufficient bond to said relief association conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and for the safe keeping and paying over, according to laws, of all moneys which come into his hands as such treasurer.

Provided, further, that no such moneys shall be paid to any such relief association hereafter organized, unless such organization is made with the consent of the council of the city to which such organization belongs.

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

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#### CHAPTER 524—H. F. No. 997.

*An act authorizing and empowering cities of Minnesota of over 50,000 inhabitants and not governed under a home rule charter to establish, construct, equip, maintain and operate public comfort and toilet stations in such city and to acquire by purchase, lease of condemnation lands, sites and buildings necessary therefor and to make rules and regulations relative thereto and provide penalties for violations of such rules and regulations.*

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

Section 1. Minneapolis authorized to maintain public comfort stations and issue \$50,000 bonds for the same.—Each city of this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants and not governed under a charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4 of the state constitution, in addition to all other powers now possessed by the city, is here-

by authorized and empowered to establish, construct, equip, maintain and operate public comfort and toilet stations in the city and acquire lands, sites and buildings therefor, by purchase, lease or condemnation, as it may deem best in each particular case; and each such city is hereby further authorized and empowered, acting by and through its city council or other chief governing body of the city, by ordinance or resolution duly passed by a majority vote of the members elect of the city council or other chief governing body of the city, to issue and sell bonds of the city to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in par value and to use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of defraying the cost and expense of establishing, constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating public comfort and toilet stations in such city, and for acquiring lands, sites and buildings for such stations.

**Sec. 2. Bonds to be issued regardless of present indebtedness.**—The bonds authorized by section 1 of this act or any portion thereof may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or in any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, and the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued by it under this act and for the payment of the accruing interest thereon, and the city council or other chief governing body of the city shall each year include in the tax levy a sufficient amount for the payment of such interest as it accrues and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

**Sec. 3. 30 years, 5%, and form of bond.**—No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned to run for a longer term than thirty years from the date thereof or bearing a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent per annum. The place of payment of the principal and interest of such bonds and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined by the city council or other chief governing body of the city. All said bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of the city issuing the same and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures of such officers to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon. None of said bonds shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest and then only to the highest responsible bidders therefor.

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

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