

days after service thereof. The clerk shall furnish appellant a certified copy of his objections filed therein, and the assessment roll or part complained of, and all papers necessary to present the appeal. The appeal shall be placed upon the calendar of the next general term commencing more than five days after the date of serving the notice and shall be tried as other appeals in such cases. If appellant does not prevail upon the appeal, the costs incurred, if not paid, shall be included in the special assessment.

Sec. 12a. **Application.**—The provisions of this act shall not modify or repeal the provisions of the city charter of any city of the fourth class having a home rule charter, but any such city may, however, avail itself of the benefits of this act by ordinance duly passed by the governing body thereof.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1919.

CHAPTER 66—S. F. No. 203.

An act entitled "An act providing the method of payment of salaries and compensation of county road engineers and their assistants and employes, in any county in this state, now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over \$250,000,000, exclusive of money and credits and an area of over 5,000 square miles."

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

Section 1. **Payment of salaries of engineers, etc., in St. Louis county.**—That in any county in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over \$250,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and having an area of not less than 5,000 square miles, in which the county board of said county maintains a county highway engineering organization, composed of a chief highway engineer, assistant engineers, office clerks, draughtsmen, chainmen, and other employes, all under the direction of the county board of said county, the said county board shall by resolution duly adopted at its first meeting after the taking effect of this act and at its annual meeting in January of each year, and as additions and changes shall occur in the personnel of said engineers and employes in said county road engineering department, certify to the county auditor of said county the name, position, compensation and the date from which said compensation shall be paid, of each of such engineers, clerks, chainmen and other employes engaged in said engineering department. On the receipt of any such resolution of said county board certifying the name, position, compensation and date of appointment of said engineers and employes, it shall be the duty of the county auditor of such county to enter the name of every such road engineer and employe in said engineering department on the records of said county auditor, kept for the recording of the names of county

officers and their employes and said county road engineers and all their assistants and employes in said road engineering department shall be paid their compensation or salary monthly, in the same manner as county officials are now paid; and the same shall be in full compensation for all services rendered to such county by said county road engineers, their clerks, assistants and employes.

Sec. 2. Payment of expenses of engineering department.—That the reasonable and necessary expenses of any such engineers, assistants and employes in said engineering department, while engaged in the performance of their duties shall be paid by such county on duly itemized and verified bills in the same manner as other claims against said county are paid.

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

Approved March 14, 1919.

CHAPTER 67—S. F. No. 226.

An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 235, Laws of Minnesota, 1913, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 119, Laws of Minnesota, 1917, which section provides for the appointment by the commissioner of highways of assistant engineers and prescribing their powers, duties and compensation.

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

Section 1. Salaries of assistant engineers to be fixed by commissioner of highways—First assistant and bridge engineer not to exceed \$3,000.—That section 10 of chapter 235, Laws 1913, as amended by section 6 of chapter 119, Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 10. The commissioner of highways shall appoint a suitable number of assistant engineers and employ such other persons as he may from time to time require and shall fix their compensation, provided that the maximum amount to be paid to any assistant engineer except the first assistant engineer and chief bridge engineer shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum. The deputy commissioner of highways and the assistant engineers shall, before entering upon the duties of their offices, give bond to the state in the penal sum of \$3,000, to be approved by the governor and conditioned for the faithful performance of their official duties. The state, the several governmental subdivisions thereof, or any person damaged by any wrongful act or omission of said deputy commissioner of highways, or any of said assistant engineers in the performance of his official duties, may maintain an action on his bond for the recovery of the damages so sustained.