

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.

It shall be the duty of said commissioner of highways, his deputy and the assistant engineers, to give advice, assistance and supervision with regard to road and bridge construction and improvement throughout the state, as may be required and as the rules and regulations of the commissioner of highways may prescribe and to render such other engineering and surveying services as may be required by the governor for any of the state departments.

The commissioner of highways, his deputy, the assistant engineers and other persons employed by said commissioner shall be allowed their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties outside of the state capital or outside the county in which they reside.

All of the files and records of the highway department shall, under reasonable regulations, be open to public inspection, and copies thereof certified by the commissioner of highways as being true copies, shall be received in evidence in any court in this state with the same force and effect as the originals. The attorney general shall be ex-officio attorney for the commissioner and shall give him such legal counsel, advice and assistance as he may from time to time require.

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

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CHAPTER 68—S. F. No. 23.

An act entitled "An act defining the right to membership in any incorporated fire department relief association or police department relief association receiving municipal or state aid of all employes and officers, whether elective or appointive, connected with a fire department or police department, alarm, telegraph or signal system, in all villages or cities in this state now or hereafter which may have a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more in which a separate bureau or police and fire alarm is provided by law."

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

Section 1. Membership in police or fire department relief associations.—All employes, whether elective or appointive, and all officers in the service of any municipal police or fire department, telegraph, signal or alarm service, shall be entitled to membership in any incorporated police department relief association or fire department relief association that receives municipal or state aid in cities of fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants or over, in which a separate bureau of police and fire alarm is provided by law and such applicants in said association shall at the time of joining be given credit only on the first application made under this act for the time of said actual service in any fire department or police department and signal service, as in this act provided, notwith-