

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.

Approved March 14, 1919.

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-

standing any rule, by-law, municipal charter provision or other provision to the contrary.

Sec. 2. Who shall be entitled to relief.—That the members of said bureau, except unassigned officers thereof, shall only be entitled to make application in the relief association connected with the department to which they have been assigned for duty in the office of the superintendent of said bureau on the 25th day of January, 1919. Such unassigned officers shall be eligible to membership in either of such associations. Credit for time earned shall be allowed only by the Police Benevolent Association for the service so previously spent in the police department, and the bureau, and by the Fire Department Relief Association for the service so previously spent in the fire department and the bureau. After joining said relief association, any transfer or assignment in said bureau of said employees shall not affect said membership in said relief associations. Any appointee to said bureau from and after the passage of this act shall only be entitled to join the Fire Department Relief Association in the event that he is filling a vacancy in the fire department service.

Sec. 3. Dual membership prohibited.—The members, employes and officers of said alarm, telegraph or signal service, shall not be entitled, however, to membership in both associations at the same time.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts not consistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 18, 1919.

CHAPTER 69—S. F. No. 358.

An act to amend Section 4146, General Statutes of 1913, as amended by Chapter 346, Laws of 1917, relating to admissions to the state schools for the deaf and the blind.

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

Section 1. County to pay annual fee of \$60 and report to be rendered to board of control.—Section 4146, General Statutes of 1913, as amended by chapter 346, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4146. Any deaf or blind resident of the state of suitable age and capacity for instruction, may be received, kept and taught therein, under such conditions as the state board of control may prescribe. He shall be provided by the person legally liable for his support with sufficient funds to furnish him with proper clothing, postage and transportation. If any such person be a pauper, or if the person legally liable for his support be unable to make these provisions for him, of which facts the certificate of the probate