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## CHAPTER 23-S. F. No. 95.

An act to provide for the retirement of employees over sixty-five years of age who have served more than twenty years for counties in this state, which employees are unable to perform their duties by reason of physical or mental infirmities.

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

Retirement of county enfployees under certain Section 1. conditions .- Whenever an employee who has reached the age of sixty-five years and been twenty years in the service of any county in this state shall become incapacitated physically or mentally, from performing his duties as such employee, and shall make a written application to the county commissioners of such county setting forth the nature and extent of his disability, the county com- . missioners shall make such investigation as they shall deem advisable, and if they shall determine that such disability exists and such employee has reached the age and served the time provided by this act and that such employee is unable properly to perform the duties of his employment, they may thereupon, by order duly entered in the minutes of said county commissioners, direct the retirement of such employee, and such county commissioners may, by and in such order of retirement, authorize the payment to such employee of an amount equal to his monthly salary each month for a period not exceeding three months, which amount shall be paid in the same manner as are salaries of other county employees, and which retirement shall create a vacancy in the office of employment which may be filled by other appointment as provided by law; provided, however, this act shall not apply to counties having a population of less than three hundred and thirty thousand inhabitants.

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

Approved September 22, 1919.

## CHAPTER 24—S. F. No. 125.

An act providing that upon the repeal of any special law which prior to its repeal exempted the taxable property of any city or village from taxation for county road and bridge purposes, the taxable property in the city or village to which the special law so repealed was applicable, shall not, after the repeal of such special law, if repealed subsequent to September 1, 1919, be subject to taxation for the payment of any bonds or other road and bridge indebtedness, issued by or incurred by the county in which such city or village is situate prior to the repeal of such special law.

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

Section 1. Lands not subject to taxation for certain purposes under certain conditions.—That whenever heretofore the taxable property in any city or village shall have been exempted, under the terms of any special law from the payment of a tax for road and bridge purposes to be expended outside the corporate limits of such city or village and levied by any county board and such special law shall subsequent to September 1, 1919, be or have been repealed, the taxable property in any city or village to which such special law was applicable shall not be subject to taxation for road and bridge bonds theretofore issued by the county in which such city or village is situate, nor for the payment of any road and bridge indebtedness so theretofore incurred by such county prior to the repeal of such special law.

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

Approved September 22, 1919.

## CHAPTER 25-S. F. No. 130.

An act amending Chapter 122, Laws 1917, entitled, "An act authorizing and empowering any city of this state having a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants, to provide for a heating plant, the same to be of municipal or private ownership," and further providing for the supplying by the city of steam or hot water to such heating plant when operated under private ownership, under such plan as may be provided by contract and to enable the city to purchase and acquire such plant at the actual cost thereof, or otherwise, for the issue of bonds to provide the necessary funds for such purpose.

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

Section 1. Municipal heating plants authorized.—That section 1 of chapter 122, Laws 1917, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Any city of this state having a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants, is hereby authorized and empowered:

(a) To grant to any person, persons, company or corporation, the right of the use of the streets, alleys and other public grounds of such city for the erection, operation and maintenance of any heating system to furnish heat to the inhabitants of such city, the same to be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the governing body of such city shall determine, including therein the right to sell to such person, persons, company or corporation, at a profit to such city, any steam generated or water heated by any plant owned and operated by such city, and to make contracts and arrangements for the furnishing of heat to the inhabitants of such city thereby, and for the regulation and control of such heating system.