

"2. For county purposes, such amount as may be levied by the county board, the rate of which tax for general revenue purposes shall not exceed five mills, *unless such maximum mill levy will not raise the sum of \$40,000.00 based upon the last preceding assessed valuation of such county, in which case the county board by unanimous vote may levy at such rate as will raise the amount levied by the board but not exceeding said sum of \$40,000.00.*

Approved April 20, 1927.

CHAPTER 314—S. F. No. 916.

An act to amend Sections 2524, 2526, 2531, General Statutes 1923, known as the military code, and to repeal Section 2523 thereof, relating to the appointment and tenure of office of the commissioned personnel, enlistment contracts of the enlisted personnel, and the pay and allowances of the several branches and grades of the Minnesota naval militia.

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

Section 1. **Officers, how elected or appointed.**—That Section 2524, General Statutes, 1925, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"2524. *Line and Staff officers below the grade of Captain shall be selected and appointed by the commanding officer and commissioned by the governor. Officers above the grade of Commander shall be selected and appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the adjutant general.*"

Sec. 2. **Term of service—enlistments.**—That Section 2526, General Statutes, 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"2526. Men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years shall be mustered in for the term of four years unless sooner discharged by competent authority. Every recruit shall sign an enlistment paper, the form of which shall be prescribed by the adjutant general, and which shall contain an oath of allegiance to the state and the United States."

Section 3. **Pay and allowance.**—That Section 2531, General Statutes, 1923, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"2531. For each day's service in complete uniform at the annual tour of duty or service, when ordered by the governor, there shall be paid to each *officer, warrant officer, petty officer, enlisted man or seaman the same pay and allowance as are prescribed by federal law for like grades in the United States Navy.* Provided that there may be allowed annually to the battalion commander and staff and to each division or company of the naval militia the same inspection allowance and the same allowance for

incidental expenses as is now paid commanding officers and men of the Minnesota national guard, said allowances to be paid under the same regulations as govern the payment of the like allowances to a regiment or company of infantry of the Minnesota national guard."

Sec. 4. **Law repealed.**—That Section 2523, General Statutes, 1923, be and the same hereby is repealed.

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 315—S. F. No. 79.

An act to authorize the prosecution of certain claims of the State of Minnesota against the United States, and providing a contingent appropriation of a percentage of the amounts recovered as compensation for the collection thereof.

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

WHEREAS, It is believed that the State of Minnesota has certain claims against the United States for expenditures made and obligations assumed by said State on behalf of the United States on account of raising and equipping troops employed by said State in aiding to suppress Indian hostilities within said State and upon the borders thereof and for troops furnished in aiding the United States in suppressing the rebellion in 1861-1865, and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is desirous of proceeding the recovery of such claims against the United States;

Section 1. **Attorney General to prosecute claims—assistants.**—The Attorney General is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to retain attorneys to take exclusive charge of prosecuting and collecting and recovering from the United States any such claim or claims which may be developed, and to prosecute at their own expense said claims before such tribunals of the government as may be deemed best for the interests of the State, detailed report to be made from time to time and whenever requested by the Attorney General of the progress of prosecution of said claims; provided, that no composition of any of said claims shall be concluded without the written approval of the Attorney General.

Sec. 2. **Compensation of assistants.**—That the compensation of said attorneys for said service shall be twenty-five percent of the sums and amounts collected and received by the State, such compensation to be contingent upon collection and payment thereto to the State, with no further liability on the part of the State of Minnesota, and the amount of such