

CHAPTER 362—S. F. No. 693

An act to amend Laws 1925, Chapter 116, Section 1, Subdivision 4, as amended by Laws 1927, Chapter 58, relating to the salaries of certain village officers.

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

Section 1. **Salaries of village officials in certain cases.**—That Subdivision 4 of Section 1, Chapter 116, Laws 1925, as amended by Chapter 58, Laws 1927, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

“(4) In villages, not included in any of the foregoing classifications, having both a population of not less than *Four Hundred* inhabitants and an assessed valuation of not less than *One Million* (\$1,000,000) Dollars, the salary of the President is fixed at thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars per month, and the salary of each trustee at twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per month.”

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

Approved April 25, 1931.

CHAPTER 363—S. F. No. 722

An act relating to the burial of soldiers, within or without the state, providing of headstones, markers and sockets, care and preservation of battle flags and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 4370, 4371, 4372, 4374 and 4385.

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

Section 1. **Burial of soldiers.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4370, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

“4370. *The adjutant general shall cause to be decently buried, within or without the state, at a cost to the state of not more than*

one hundred dollars, the body of any soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who served the United States as such in the Civil or Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, Mexican Border Campaign or the recent war with the German Empire and its Allies, and of any person not a soldier who actually served in this state, or is a resident thereof, in the Indian war of 1862, and who dies within the state or is brought thereto for interment, and has not left sufficient means to defray the expenses of suitable burial. Such interment shall not be made in any place used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the relatives or comrades of the deceased, if they so desire, shall be permitted to conduct the burial services. *The adjutant general shall furnish at a cost or not to exceed seven dollars a United States flag for each such veteran. All funds appropriated for the purposes of this act shall be disbursed by the adjutant general in the same manner which other funds of the department are disbursed. The adjutant general shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.*"

Sec. 2. **Headstones.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4371, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"4371. *The adjutant general shall cause to be placed a headstone at the grave of every such person, bearing his name, and if ascertainable, the date of his birth and death, and the designation of the organization to which he belonged or in which he served. The cost of such headstone shall not exceed fifteen dollars, finished and in place. It shall not be furnished by the state until the adjutant general shall have applied unsuccessfully to the federal government therefor. When the federal government furnishes such stone, without a base, the adjutant general, at a cost to the state of not more than seven dollars and fifty cents, shall cause the same to be properly placed. When such headstone heretofore has been furnished and erected other than by the state or the federal government and does not bear the designation of the organization to which such person belonged or in which he served, upon written request of the next of kin of such person or of the state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, the board, at a cost to the state of not more than seven dollars and fifty cents, shall cause to be graven thereon the designation of the organization to which such person belonged or in which he served.*"

Sec. 3. **Expense.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4372, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"4372. The expense of such interments, of headstones not furnished by the *federal* government, and of base stones shall be borne by the state. The person in charge of the interment shall report all expenditures, with vouchers approved by the *adjutant general*, and the state auditor shall issue his warrant for the amount. The sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated annually for the defraying of such expenses.

Sec. 4. **May provide markers.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4373, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"4373. That the *adjutant general* shall upon the petition of any five reputable freeholders of any township or municipality, or of any *patriotic or ex-service men's organization* procure for and furnish to said petitioners some suitable and appropriate metal socket for the grave of each and every soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who served with honor in the forces of the United States and who is buried within the limits of the state, to be placed on the grave of such a soldier, sailor, marine or nurse for the purpose of permanently marking and designating said grave for memorial purposes."

Sec. 5. **Petitions to state names.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4374, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"4374. That in all petitions to the *adjutant general* the petitioners shall state in said petition the names of soldiers buried and number of such graves in their said township or municipality at the time of petitioning."

Sec. 6. **Preservation of flags.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4385, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"4385. The flags and colors carried by Minnesota troops in the Civil War, *Spanish American War*, *Mexican Border Campaign* and *World War* shall be preserved in the capitol, under the especial care of the *adjutant general*. They shall be suitably encased and marked, and, so far as the *adjutant general* may deem it consistent with their safety, shall at all times be publicly displayed."

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