

such company is hereby authorized to insure county fair buildings whether the same are situated either within or without the limits of a duly incorporated village or city.

No law relating to insurance companies now in force in this state shall apply to township mutual fire insurance companies unless it shall be expressly designated in such law that it is applicable to such companies.

Approved April 1, 1935.

CHAPTER 105—S. F. No. 1455.

An act authorizing the commissioner of conservation to acquire lands for the Talcot Lake Project and other projects of a similar character and to use the procedure authorized by Chapter 52 of the Laws of 1935, as far as applicable, in acquiring such land.

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

Whereas, the federal government has allocated \$75,000 for the improvement of Talcot Lake in Murray and Cottonwood Counties and the lands in the vicinity thereof as a public hunting ground and game refuge on condition that the state acquire title to the necessary land on or before March 30, 1935, and

Whereas, the acquisition of such lands and the improvement thereof for said public purposes will be of great advantage to the state, and

Whereas, other projects of a similar character are pending in which the federal government may provide funds for improvement in case the state promptly acquires title to the necessary land:

Section 1. Commissioner of conservation to acquire certain lands.—Authority is given to the Commissioner of Conservation to acquire and to use the procedure set forth in Chapter 52 of the Laws of 1935, as far as applicable, in acquiring the land necessary for the Talcot Lake Project in Murray and Cottonwood Counties, such land to be paid for from any available funds of the Department of Conservation or from money provided by the United States government.

Sec. 2. Authority of Commissioner.—Authority is likewise given to the Commissioner of Conservation to acquire and to

use the procedure set forth in said Chapter 52, so far as applicable, in acquiring any land necessary for other projects of a similar character in which the United States shall provide the funds for necessary improvements.

Approved April 1, 1935.

CHAPTER 106—H. F. No. 147.

An act amending Laws 1931, Chapter 307, Sections 2, 11 and 24, as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 374, Section 1, relating to the public employees retirement association.

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

Section 1. Public Employees Retirement Association established.—Laws 1931, Chapter 307, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 374, Section 1, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 2. There is hereby established a public employees’ retirement association, the membership of which shall consist only of public employes and employees of said association. Membership in said association shall be optional on the part of the present public employes, but all new public employes except elective public officers shall become members of said association by acceptance of public employment. In all governmental sub-divisions, heretofore operating under and affected by the provisions of this act *prior to January 1, 1933* present *public* employes who apply for membership therein after January 1, 1932 shall pay a membership fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, but no present *public* employe shall be eligible to apply for membership in the retirement association after *July 1, 1935*. In addition to such membership fee, every present *public* employe who becomes a member of the retirement association shall pay in a sum equal to all accrued deductions from his or her salary which would have been made had such employe become a member of the retirement association *July 1, 1931*, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum compounded annually. In all governmental sub-divisions *wherein the governing body thereof has duly accepted the provisions of this act subsequent to January 1, 1933 and prior to May 1, 1935*, present *public* employes who apply for membership in the retirement association after January 1, 1934 shall pay a membership fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, but no such present *public* employe shall be eligible to apply for membership in the retire-