

as of the time paid; such sums as such teacher would have paid as assessments, had such teacher been a member of said fund as created by Chapter 199, Laws of 1915 together with simple interest on the same at the rate of six per cent from the time the service was rendered until paid, and such additional sum or sums as such teacher may elect to pay, the aggregate of which assessments, interest and additional sum or sums shall not exceed, however, five per cent of such teacher's average yearly salary for the five years of service immediately preceding the school year 1931-1932 or the first thereof but not more than \$100.00 per year multiplied by the number of years of such prior service. Members of the Teachers' Retirement Fund as created by Chapter 406, Laws 1931 shall also have the right to pay assessments, interest and additional sums as provided for in this section for service rendered prior to August 1, 1931 in schools or institutions in Minnesota to which said Chapter 406 applies. Provided, that in the case of any such teacher who has rendered more than fifteen years of such prior service there shall be assigned to such teacher's credit from state funds, if in the judgment of the Teachers' Retirement Fund Board adequate funds are available, as a part of such teacher's savings, for each year of service beyond fifteen, five per cent of the total additional amount that such teacher has a right to pay as hereinafter provided, not, however, exceeding the amount paid by such teacher under such right, and in no event more than 50 per cent of the total additional amount which may be paid. The amount so assigned from state funds shall reduce to the extent thereof the total amount which the teacher may pay under the right as aforesaid. Any money so contributed by the state shall be used only to purchase an annuity as hereinafter provided, and may not be withdrawn in cash as a part of such teacher's savings.

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

Approved March 25, 1937.

CHAPTER 113—H. F. No. 537

An act to amend Chapter 320, Laws 1933, providing for the cleaning up of road sides and fire hazards through the forest areas of this state, for the purpose of utilizing them as established fire breaks and for purposes of beautification.

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

Section 1. **Fire hazards in certain forest areas.**—That Chapter 320, Laws 1933, are hereby amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is the established policy of the State of Minnesota to develop and conserve forests, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and necessary in meeting the exigencies of recent Federal legislation as well as in following out the established state program to provide adequate means of controlling the spread of fires within the forests areas of this state, and

WHEREAS, it is within the police powers reserved in the state to enact necessary and adequate laws to protect the forests of this state, and

WHEREAS, adequate fire breaks are a prerequisite to the perpetuation and protection of forest areas and an asset to the beautification of highways, roads and trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above stated, it is declared that there is sufficient need for calling upon the use of the police powers reserved in the State of Minnesota, and it is enacted:

Section 1. **Roads to be declared established fire breaks.**—That all highways, roads and trails within forest areas are declared to be established fire breaks, and for that purpose the State of Minnesota, through the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation, is authorized to clean up all dead and/or down timber, all underbrush, rotting logs, and stumps, and all other inflammable refuse and debris along each side of such highways, roads and trails, for a distance of two hundred feet on each side from the center thereof, all of such material as above stated to be burned or disposed of under the supervision of a forestry officer in such manner as not to injure the growing timber.

That all dead and usable timber taken out of such road sides shall be piled for the immediate removal thereof by the owners of the land from which the same was removed.

Sec. 2. **Conflicting laws repealed.**—That this law is to take effect from and after the date of its passage and all laws in conflict herewith are, for the purpose of this Act, hereby declared repealed.

Sec. 3. **May permit removal of dead and down timber, etc.**—*The Director of the Division of Forestry may permit under his direct supervision and control, any Civilian Conservation Corps, Works Progress Administration, or other State or Federal relief agency, actually engaged in the improvement and conservation of State Trust fund lands within the boundaries of any state forest, to clean up and remove all dead and/or down timber, underbrush, rotting logs,*

stumps, and all other inflammable refuse and debris which is deemed to be a fire hazard or the removal of any trees in forest stand improvement and cultural operations which is advisable in the interest of good forest management; and to use so much of said cuttings for firewood and other forest development needs while said camps are thus actively engaged in the improvement and care of said forests."

Approved March 25, 1937.

CHAPTER 114—H. F. No. 716

An act authorizing the Director of the Division of Forestry, with the approval of the Commissioner of Conservation to close roads or trails through forest areas which the state itself owns or has easements on and providing further that such trails shall not become legal public roads except as herein provided.

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

Section 1. Director of division of forestry may close roads and trails in forest areas.—Whenever the Director of the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation, shall determine that conditions conducive to forest fire hazards exist in the forest areas of the state as defined by the Forestry act and that the presence of persons in the forest areas tend to aggravate such forest fire hazards, render forest trails impassible by driving thereon during wet seasons and hamper the effective enforcement of state timber trespass and game laws, he may by written order with the approval of the Commissioner of Conservation close any road or trail which may have been constructed by the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation, over tax delinquent land or state trust fund lands or where easements granting such authority have been obtained, on privately owned lands. Provided further that any of the above roads and trails may not be legalized as township or country roads except as provided in Section 7, Chapter 263, Laws 1931.

Approved March 25, 1937.

CHAPTER 115—H. F. No. 860

An act authorizing the State of Minnesota to convey certain land in Interstate Park to the Northern Pacific Railway Company.