

and not more than 37,000 inhabitants, according to the last possible federal or state census, the Board of County Commissioners may allow for salary and compensation of the clerk of the probate court and other assistants not to exceed \$1800.00 per annum.

Sec. 2. Judge of Probate may fix salary.—The amount of such allowable compensation or so much thereof as may be required shall be dispersed for the salary of the clerk and such assistants as the judge of the court may require and appoint from time to time. The judge of the court shall first fix the salary of the clerk in accordance with the requirements of Section 13, Page 72, Laws 1935, and shall apportion the remainder of the allowable compensation or so much thereof as may be necessary to the payment of the salary or compensation of such other assistants as may be appointed from time to time, and shall be paid from the county treasury in the usual course.

Sec. 3. Application of Act.—Whenever, according to the then last state or national census, the population of any county of the state now having a population of less than 33,500 inhabitants shall acquire not less than that number, such county shall at once become subject to the provisions of this act; and whenever, according to such census, the population of any county shall exceed 37,000 inhabitants or fall below 33,500 inhabitants, the provisions of this act at the expiration of ninety days from the filing of the enumeration of such county shall no longer apply thereto.

Sec. 4. All other acts or parts of acts now in effect, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 6, 1937.

CHAPTER 149—H. F. No. 890

An act authorizing all cities, villages and boroughs to indemnify employees of police and fire departments thereof against liability arising out of operation of motor vehicles by them while in the performance of their duties.

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

Section 1. Cities, etc., may indemnify police and fire department employees.—That all cities, villages and boroughs in this state are hereby authorized to indemnify employees of the police and fire departments thereof against loss or expense arising or resulting from claims for bodily injuries, death or property damage made upon any such employee by reason of his operation of a motor vehicle while

in the performance of his duties, and to defend in the name and on behalf of such employee any suit brought against him to enforce a claim, whether groundless or not, arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle by him while in the performance of his duties, and to compromise and settle any such claim or suit and to pay the amount of such settlement or compromise, or the amount of any judgment rendered against him on any such claim, without first requiring such employee to pay same.

Approved April 5, 1937.

CHAPTER 150—H. F. No. 369

An act to amend Laws 1933, Chapter 300, Section 40, as amended by Laws 1935, Chapter 117, Section 9, relating to consolidation and merger of corporations and authorizing the merger and consolidation of foreign corporations with domestic corporations, under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. **Certain corporations may merge.**—Laws 1933, Chapter 300, Section 40, as amended by Laws 1935, Chapter 117, Section 9, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

“Sec. 40. *I. Two or more corporations, except corporations formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of a railroad may merge into one of the constituent corporations or consolidate into a new corporation, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 41 to 44 of this Act. The consolidation of corporations formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of a railroad shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Sections 7506 to 7511, inclusive, Mason’s Minnesota Statutes of 1927.*”

II. One or more domestic corporations formed under this Act, or which have accepted and come under this Act, except corporations formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of a railroad, and one or more foreign corporations with authority to carry on any business for the conduct of which a corporation might be organized under this Act may be

(a) *merged into one of such domestic corporations, or*

(b) *consolidated into a new corporation to be formed under this*