

Sec. 13. **To be paid in equal monthly installments.**—The county officers annual salary and clerk hire herein provided for shall be paid by auditor's warrants, in twelve equal monthly installments. Claims for expenses herein authorized shall be made by presentation to the County Board of itemized and verified accounts, which shall be audited, allowed and paid in the same manner as other claims against the County.

Sec. 14. **Limitations on clerk hire.**—Provided, however, that no sums whatever shall be paid or allowed for clerk hire in excess of the amounts actually paid or due for help necessarily employed. Additional sums for clerk hire may be authorized by the County Board upon written application being made by any county officer to the County Board; *this application may also be made by any person not now employing any clerks in their office, it being the intention that the sums paid for clerk hire in all County offices shall be equal in accordance with the work of said clerks, their experience and the necessary amount of work to be performed. The salary and fees of any county official shall not be in excess of the sum of \$3,200 for any one year; any excess over and above the said amount of \$3,200 shall be paid into the general revenue fund of the county.*

Sec. 15. **Limitations of Act.**—This Act shall also be subject to Sections 976 and 977 Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927.

Sec. 16. **Effective upon passage.**—This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Sec. 17. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 12, 1937.

CHAPTER 194—H. F. No. 841

An act providing for tax levies for general corporation purposes in certain villages having a population of more than 2500 and less than 3000, according to the last federal census, and an assessed valuation, exclusive of monies and credits, of more than \$3,000,000.00, of which valuation more than 70 per cent consists of iron ore.

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

Section 1. **Tax levy in certain villages.**—This act shall apply to villages having a population of more than 2,500 and less than 3,000 according to the last federal census, and an assessed valuation exclu-

sive of monies and credits, of more than \$3,000,000.00, of which valuation more than 70% consists of iron ore.

Sec. 2. **Same.**—If the assessed valuation of any such village (exclusive of monies and credits) as equalized by the Minnesota Tax Commission or State Board of Equalization, within three years following passage and approval of this act, shall be reduced so that the valuation upon which the County Auditor spreads the levy of any such village, is more than 20% less than the assessed valuation upon which taxes for the year 1936 were spread, such village for a period of four years following such reduction may levy 25 mills for general corporation purposes instead of 20 mills now permitted by law.

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CHAPTER 195—H. F. No. 853

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1120½, as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 433, and as amended by Laws of 1935, Chapter 90, relating to the detachment of territory from certain villages.

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

Section 1. Detachment of certain territory from villages.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1120½ as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 433, and as amended by Laws of 1935, Chapter 90, should, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"1120½. The owner or owners of any unplatted tract or tracts of land constituting a compact and contiguous tract of not less than 40 acres, situated within the corporate limits of any village in this state, occupied and used solely for agricultural purposes or the owner of any platted lands occupied and used solely for agricultural purposes constituting a compact and contiguous tract of not less than 10 acres not within 20 rods of the platted portion of such village and situated within its limits, may petition singly; or if there be more than one such owner, jointly, the board of county commissioners of the county in which said tract or tracts of land is situated, for an order detaching said tract or tracts from said village. Upon filing of the said petition in the office of the county auditor of said county the board of county commissioners thereof shall, at their next meeting thereafter, fix a time and place for the hearing of such petition, which time shall be not less than 30 days thereafter, and shall direct a notice of such hearing to be issued and signed by the county auditor of said