

interest not exceeding three per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and be a charge upon and lien against the taxes herein authorized to be levied to such extent and with such priority as the Executive Council shall determine. Such certificates shall be signed by the state treasurer and attested by the state auditor under their respective official seals and the auditor and treasurer shall keep due record thereof. The proceeds of the sale of such certificates shall be credited to said Minnesota Public Relief Fund and said certificates and the interest thereon shall be payable from said fund; provided that such interest as may become due upon said certificates prior to the collection of sufficient taxes to meet the same shall be paid out of the revenue fund and the amount necessary to pay such interest is hereby appropriated.

**Sec. 4. State investment board may purchase tax levy certificates.**—The state board of investment is hereby authorized to invest the state trust funds in said tax levy certificates and said state investment board is hereby authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at the rate of not less than three per cent interest in such sums and amounts as said state investment board may, from time to time, have available funds for that purpose and said state investment board, for this purpose is authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at a rate of interest of three per cent, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation for fire sufferers.**—Out of the moneys appropriated by this act the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is to be used by the authorities distributing aid to care for fire sufferers in that part of St. Louis County, Minnesota, known as Palo-Markham, which sum is to be distributed and used for the purpose of furnishing materials to rebuild structures destroyed by fire in 1936 and for such other purposes as may to said authorities seem just and proper.

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#### CHAPTER 210—H. F. No. 357

*An act to amend General Statutes 1913, Section 824, as amended by Laws 1915, Chapter 133, as amended by Laws 1917, Chapter 474, as amended by Laws 1919, Chapter 304, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1921, Chapter 336, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1923, Chapter 307, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1927, Chapter 420, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 305 relative to the salaries and employees in the office of the county auditor in all*

*counties in this state that now have or may hereafter have a population according to the last state or national census of not less than 220,000 inhabitants nor more than 330,000 inhabitants.*

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

**Section 1. Salaries and clerk hire in office of county auditor in certain counties.**—That General Statutes 1913, Section 824, as amended by Laws 1915, Chapter 133, as amended by Laws 1917, Chapter 474, as amended by Laws 1919, Chapter 304, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1921, Chapter 336, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1923, Chapter 307, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1927, Chapter 420, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 305, be amended to read as follows :

That in all counties in this state that now have or may hereafter have a population, according to the last computed state or national census, of not less than two hundred and twenty thousand (220,000) inhabitants, and not more than three hundred and thirty thousand (330,000) inhabitants, the salary of the county auditor shall be and is hereby fixed at the rate of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) per annum; and in each of such counties the county auditor shall appoint and employ one chief deputy who shall be paid at the rate of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800.00) per annum; one deputy and commissioners' clerk who shall be paid at the rate of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) per annum; one deputy and bookkeeper who shall be paid at the rate of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) per annum; one chief clerk who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) per annum; one draftsman who shall be paid at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per annum; one *Chief Counter Deputy* who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) per annum; one *Settlement Clerk* who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) per annum; *five* counter deputies who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) per annum; four (4) general clerks who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,575.00) per annum; one Stenographer and *assistant warrant deputy* who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,380.00) per annum; one *Assistant Settlement Clerk and Warrant Deputy* who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) per annum; one *Supervisor of Tax Records* who shall be paid at the rate of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) per annum; which above named salaries shall be paid out of the County Treasury in equal monthly installments, except as hereinafter provided.

Provided that any such county auditor shall have authority to command and employ, without additional compensation to that of such deputy or other employees usual compensation and when and as often and to such extent as said county auditor may deem proper, the services of any deputy or other employee in said county auditor's office for any work in said office, whether or not such work be the usual work of such deputy or other employee, or be partly or wholly the usual or proper function of some other deputy or employee.

And provided further, that any such county auditor may during any year, at his discretion and as often and for as long as he sees fit, reduce the number of said four general clerks and that the salary amounts which may be saved, together with whatever has been saved during such year through necessary vacancies, among other deputies, clerks and assistants of said county auditor's office, and to any extent needful in said county auditor's judgment, be used in same year by him in hiring extra clerks at the same rate of pay, respectively, as each of said general clerks, for any of the regular work of his office when the same is greater or more hurried than in common throughout the year.

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#### CHAPTER 211—H. F. No. 394

*An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4704, relating to the reporting of accidents, wrecks, and casualties to the railroad and warehouse commission by railroad companies.*

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

**Section 1. Reports of railroad accidents not to be used as evidence.**—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4704, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"4704. It shall be the duty of every railroad company operating a line of railroad in this state to report all accidents, wrecks or casualties occurring in this state to the railroad and warehouse commission. This is intended to include all accidents, wrecks or casualties occurring in the operation of trains or engines on said line or lines of railway within this state, and all other accidents or casualties of whatever nature as may be required under rules adopted by the commission. Any reports to the commission herein required shall be for public inspection. All accidents or wrecks occurring in the operation of trains or engines involving loss of life or personal injury, shall be immediately reported to the commission by telegraph or telephone