

wherein such a relief association is located shall each year, at the time the tax levies for the support of the city are made, and in addition thereto, levy a tax of *five and one-half tenths* of one mill on all taxable property within said city. Provided, however, that in the event the balance in said relief association's special fund, at the time said levy is made, is less than \$300,000.00, as determined by said association's board of trustees, then it shall be the duty of said city's governing body to increase the rate of said tax levy herein provided to *three-quarters* of one mill. The tax so levied shall be transmitted with other tax levies to the auditor of the county in which such city is situated, and by said County shall be collected and payment thereof enforced when and in like manner as state and county taxes are paid.

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 280—H. F. No. 1720

An act permitting county boards in certain counties to call a special election on the question of erecting a county hospital.

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

Section 1. **Special election for county hospital in certain counties.**—The board of county commissioners in all counties of this state now or hereafter containing not less than 425,000 acres and not more than 427,000 acres, and containing not less than 18 nor more than 20 full and fractional townships, may, when petitioned in writing by at least 15 per cent of legal voters voting at the last general election, submit the question of erecting hospital buildings as provided for by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 677 to 682-1, inclusive, at a special election called for that purpose. Such petition may be in the form of one document or of several of substantially like tenor and effect and shall be filed with the county auditor. Any special election called pursuant to the provisions of this act may be called in any manner by law provided for the calling of special county elections for any purpose.

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CHAPTER 281—H. F. No. 1621

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1856, relating to the compensation of secretaries of water, light, power and building commissions in cities and villages having less than 10,000 inhabitants.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1856 be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“1856. **Salary of secretary of water, light and power commissions in certain Municipalities.**—The said water, light, power and building commission shall have the power and authority, and it is hereby given the power and authority to appoint and employ a secretary of said commission, who shall qualify as hereinafter stated, and upon such qualification shall be the secretary of said water, light, power and building commission, provided, that in cities organized under the provision of Chapter 8, General Laws 1895, the city clerk shall be the secretary of said commission; and provided further, that said commission may appoint as such secretary a member of said commission, who shall serve as such secretary only one year in any three years, and such term as secretary shall be during the second year of the term for which he is appointed. Such secretary shall keep an accurate record, in books kept by him for that purpose, of all the proceedings and business transactions of said commission and he is also empowered and it is hereby made his duty to collect water, light and rent charges from patrons for the said city or village as the case may be, and at once pay the same into the treasury of said municipality and he shall make a detailed statement of the same at the regular monthly meeting of said commission, which shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. He shall be furnished by said municipality with all the necessary books and stationery to properly perform all the duties of his office and he shall be required to furnish a corporate bond running to such municipality, in such amount to be fixed by said commission, that he will faithfully perform all the duties of his office as is required of him by law and promptly pay over to the treasurer of said city or village, as the case may be, all moneys and deliver up all property to the council of said city or village, belonging to said municipality, that he may have in his possession. Said bond shall be approved by the said commission and filed with the city or village treasurer, as the case may be. The compensation of said secretary for his services shall be fixed by the said commission in a sum not to exceed *one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125)* per month, the same to be when so fixed full compensation for services performed as secretary of said commission, which compensation shall be paid out of the treasury of said municipality. Said commission shall be authorized and fully empowered, and it is hereby authorized and fully empowered to revoke its said appointment and discharge its said secretary any time it may see fit and whenever it does so revoke such appointment and discharge its secretary it shall have and is hereby given the power and authority to reappoint and employ such other secretary as it may desire or determine.

Approved April 19, 1937.