during such war or emergency, and has returned after his honorable discharge from such service and resumed active duty in said fire department, the period of his absence in such service of the United States shall be counted in computing the period of service hereinbefore provided for, but during such period of military or fire prevention service he shall not be considered as an active member of his association."

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 259-H. F. No. 1156

An act relating to compensation of county auditors in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of county auditor in certain counties.—In any county in this state containing more than 20,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants, and containing not less than 20 and not more than 25 full and fractional congressional townships, and containing more than 453,000 and less than 454,000 acres, the county auditor shall be paid a salary of \$3,000 annually.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 260-H. F. No. 1264

An act relating to the issuance, negotiation, and payment of drafts by certain cities of the first class.

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

Section 1. Certain cities may issue drafts for payment of bills, etc.—This act shall apply to any city of the first class now or hereafter operating under a charter adopted pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, which charter authorizes the payment of all employees of said city, including those of any of its boards or departments upon payrolls prepared as directed by such char-