

Sec. 30. Provisions severable.—If any section or portion of a section of this act is declared invalid, the rest of this act shall nevertheless be and remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 31. Pensions to be uniform.—All pensions paid to firemen or their widows pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be uniform except as may be specifically provided for herein.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 268—S. F. No. 544

An act relating to the redistricting of commissioner's districts and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 651.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 651, be amended so as to read as follows:

"651. County board may redistrict commissioner's district.—Each county shall be divided into as many districts, numbered consecutively as it has members of the board. In all counties such districts shall be bounded by town, village, ward, or precinct lines, shall be composed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as practicable an equal population. Counties may be redistricted by the county board after each state or federal census; and when it appears that after a state or federal census 30 per cent or more of the population of any county is contained in one district, exclusive of the inmates of any state penal or corrective institution, or state hospital for the insane, maintained wholly or partly within such district, such county shall be redistricted by its county board. Provided however, that no city of the second class shall be in more than two commissioners' districts.

Provided that the county board shall not have authority or jurisdiction to re-district a county unless said board shall cause at least three weeks' published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for said county for the current year. One commissioner shall be elected in each such district who at the time of the election shall be a resident thereof, and the per-

son so elected shall be entitled to hold said office only while he remains a resident of said commissioner district. When a county is redistricted there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county at the next general election. The board shall determine that not less than two nor more than three members of the board shall be elected for a term of two years and the remainder for a term of four years at the next general election. Thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for four years; provided, that where no change is made in the boundaries of a district, *or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting*, the commissioner in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full period for which he was elected; provided further that where a county has heretofore been redistricted between the time of the general election and the time at which commissioners elected at such general election were required to qualify and no change was made in the boundary of the district to which such commissioner was elected, *or in districts having only one resident commissioner after such redistricting*, such commissioner-elect, after duly qualifying as a commissioner for said district, shall serve for the full period for which he was elected."

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 269—S. F. No. 545

An act relating to the powers of water, light, power and building commissions in certain cities and villages, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1857.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1857, be amended so as to read as follows:

"1857. **Powers of light, water and building commissions.**—Said commission shall have full, absolute and exclusive control, *except as hereinafter provided*, of and power over the water, light, and power plant or plants, and municipal heating plant or plants, and all parts, attachments and appurtenances hereto, and all apparatus and material of every kind and description used or to be used in operating said plants, or any or either of them in all said municipalities aforesaid, including all other public buildings and halls owned by