such amount, it shall be the duty of the retirement board to restrict the total amount available for distribution in annuities for any such month accordingly and all annuities payable shall be proportionately reduced. The balance of any annuities not paid in full by reason of such restriction shall be paid proportionately during the first and subsequent months when such salary deductions and assessments exceed the total of all outstanding annuities then payable."

Approved March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 168-H. F. No. 258.

An act authorizing, legalizing and validating certain expenditures of towns, boroughs, villages, cities and counties under certain conditions.

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

- Section 1. Expenditures of certain towns, boroughs, villages, cities and counties legalized and validated.—Any expenditure or appropriation by towns, boroughs, villages, cities or counties made or authorized since December 7, 1941, and prior to the cessation of hostilities in the so-called "second world war" as declared by the proper federal authority, for the purpose of paying rent, clerical assistance or other expenses in connection with the operation of selective service boards, rationing boards, civilian defense or similar activities made necessary by and connected with such "second, world war" are hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that no legal authority exists therefor.
- Sec. 2. Municipalities may expend monies during second world war—limitations.—Any such municipality may until the cessation of hostilities of said "second world war" make any necessary expenditures such as those referred to in Section 1 hereof, provided the said expenditures do not exceed an amount equivalent to two-tenths of a mill levy on the taxable property in said municipality for any one taxable year.

Approved March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 169-H. F. No. 452.

An act relating to the establishment of fire departments in cities of the fourth class operating under a home rule charter,