

and may be made payable solely from the special assessments or may contain a pledge of the general credit of the village as the council shall determine. Bonds issued hereunder may be exchanged for the outstanding obligations to be refunded thereby or may be sold at public sale in the manner provided by Mason's Minnesota Statutes, Section 1943, and the proceeds used to pay and redeem the outstanding obligations at their maturity or at their optional date or any date fixed by mutual agreement of the holder thereof and the village council.

Sec. 9. State Board of Investment may purchase bonds.

—The State Board of Investment is authorized to purchase bonds issued pursuant to this act in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as expressed in Laws 1933, Chapter 389, and amendments thereof, and all the powers granted to the State Board of Investment by Laws 1933, Chapter 389, and amendments thereof, shall apply in connection with the purchase of bonds issued hereunder.

Sec. 10. Limitations on power of council.—Nothing herein shall authorize any village council to reduce the total amount of special assessments for any project without the consent of the holders of the obligations payable from such special assessments unless the village council shall covenant to pay out of its general revenue fund the amount of any deficit in the special assessment fund arising from such reduction.

Sec. 11. Proceedings validated.—In event that any village, which is subject to the provisions of this act, has heretofore adopted proceedings for the cancellation or reduction of special assessments theretofore levied for any sewer or water project, which proceedings would have been authorized by this act, all such proceedings are hereby validated.

Sec. 12. Act remedial.—This act is an additional remedial law and shall not be construed to amend or appeal any existing law relating to village indebtedness. The powers herein granted are severable and no power shall be held invalid by reason of the invalidity of any other power herein granted.

Approved March 29, 1943.

CHAPTER 219—H. F. No. 899.

An act authorizing the county board of any county having a population of not less than 60,000 nor more than 75,000 inhabi-

tants according to the last federal census and consisting of not less than 35 nor more than 49 congressional townships to fix the salaries of the county auditor, county treasurer, judge of probate register of deeds, clerk of district court, county attorney, superintendent of schools, and the sheriff of such county, and relating to the disposition of the fees of such offices, and to provide clerk hire in the office of the register of deeds and the clerk of the district court in such county.

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

Section 1. Salaries and fees of county officers in certain counties.—The county board of any county having a population of not less than 60,000 nor more than 75,000 inhabitants according to the last Federal census and consisting of not less than 35 nor more than 49 congressional townships shall fix by resolution the salaries of the county auditor, the county treasurer, the judge of probate, register of deeds, clerk of the district court, sheriff, county attorney and superintendent of schools at not more than \$4,000.00 per year. The salaries and fees set after the passage of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1943. Thereafter, the salary shall be fixed for each office by the county board at the first meeting in January following the election at which such office was filled, and the salaries so set shall not be changed during the term of office to which any person was elected.

Sec. 2. Disposition of fees.—The fees of such offices shall be paid into the general revenue fund of the county at the end of each calendar month and such fees shall not be a part of the salary or compensation of such officers.

Sec. 3. County Board to fix clerk hire.—The county board of each such county shall, by resolution at any regular session, fix the amount to be allowed for clerk hire in the office of the register of deeds in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$6,500.00 and the clerk hire in the office of clerk of district court in a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Sec. 4. Payments heretofore made legalized.—Payments in the form of salaries heretofore made to the county auditor, county treasurer, judge of probate, register of deeds, clerk of the district court, county attorney, superintendent of schools and sheriff of any such county not in excess of \$3,500.00 per year are hereby validated and legalized, provided the fees of such officers were paid into the general revenue fund of any such county by the duly elected officers.

Sec. 5. Same.—Payments for clerk hire in the offices of the clerk of district court and of the register of deeds heretofore made in any such county are hereby legalized and validated.

Sec. 6. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 29, 1943.

CHAPTER 220—H. F. No. 945.

(AMENDING SECTION 84.10 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to wild rice, declaring the continuance of an emergency, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6131-5, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 217.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 6131-5, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 217, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“6131-5. Wild rice harvested in certain lakes by Indians only.—The legislature of the state of Minnesota hereby declares that the emergency heretofore found, continues to exist in the state, and therefore it shall be unlawful prior to November 1, 1945, for any person to take wild rice grain from any of the waters within the original boundaries of the White Earth, Leach Lake, Nett Lake, Vermillion, Grand Portage, Fondulac and Mille Laes Reservations except said persons be of Indian blood, or residents of the reservation upon which said wild rice grain is taken.”

Approved March 29, 1943.

CHAPTER 221—S. F. No. 443.

An act fixing the salaries of county commissioners, county auditor, county treasurer, and probate judge in certain counties; and amending Laws 1933, Chapter 16, as amended.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Laws 1933, Chapter 16, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1937, Chapter 69, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Salaries of county officers in certain counties.—In each county of this state now or hereafter containing not less than 81 nor more than 85 full and fractional congressional town-