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

Section 1. Salary of Chief of Fire Department in certain cities.—That in any city of the first class of the State of Minnesota the city council or other governing body in such city is hereby authorized and empowered, by ordinance, to fix and from time to time re-fix the salary of the chief or head of the fire department of any such city.

- Sec. 2. Inconsistent law repealed.—All laws or provisions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. Effective date.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1943.

CHAPTER 376—S. F. No. 877.

An act authorizing the board of county commissioners in any county in this state, now or hereafter having a population of 150,000 or over and an area in excess of 5,000 square miles, to appropriate and expend money from the county road and bridge fund, for the construction or improving of any road, highway or bridge within the limits of any city of the first class in such county, in an amount not to exceed one-half the total sum paid into said fund as taxes levied on the taxable property within such city, and validating certain acts and expenditures therefor.

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

Section 1. County Board may expend county funds within city limits in certain cases.—That in any county of this state, now or hereafter having a population of 150,000 or over, and an area in excess of 5,000 square miles, the board of county commissioners shall have the authority to appropriate and expend within the limits of any city of the first class located in such county such sum or sums of money from the county road and bridge fund, as said board shall deem proper, not exceeding one-half the amount that may have been assessed and collected for such road and bridge fund on the taxable property within said city, for the building, repairing or otherwise improving of any road or highway, including the construction and repairing of any bridge thereon, within the limits of any such city, but said county shall in no event and under no circumstances become liable to keep up or maintain the

roads, highways or bridges, or any of them within the limits of such city, constructed, repaired or otherwise improved by said county board, or be liable in any manner for their want of repairs.

Sec. 2. Expenditures validated.—All acts heretofore performed and all expenditures heretofore made for building, repairing or otherwise improving of any street, road or highway within any city of the first class by any county board and the members thereof are hereby ratified and approved.

Approved April 10, 1943.

CHAPTER 377—S. F. No. 929.

An act relating to borrowing funds for support or relief of the poor, and confirming all bonds issued and all proceedings had for the issuance of such bonds, for the purpose embraced herein, so as to extend the operation of said act until December 31, 1944; limiting in certain cases the amount of bonds that can be issued without a vote of the people; and amending Laws 1941, Chapter 403, Sections 3 and 8.

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

- Section 1. Law amended.—Laws 1941, Chapter 403, Section 3, is hereby amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 3. Issue of bonds for relief of poor.—Bonds or other evidence of indebtedness may be issued pursuant to the authority granted and for the purposes specified herein by following the regular statutory or charter procedure applicable to such political subdivision, provided, however, that any political subdivision now required by statute or by charter to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to a referendum vote, is hereby authorized to issue and sell such public welfare bonds or other evidence of indebtedness without submitting the question of such issue to a referendum vote; by following the procedure hereinafter outlined. It is further provided that any political subdivision now required by statute or by charter to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to a referendum vote, may without a vote of the people, in the year 1941 issue such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed 90% of the amount issued in 1940 for this purpose; in the year 1942 in an amount not to