

has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business, may renew its corporate existence by amending its articles of incorporation so as to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 308.05 to 308.18, as amended, which amended articles may include a provision extending its corporate duration for a period of not more than 50 years from its original expiration date. Proceedings thus to amend the articles of incorporation of any such corporation shall be completed within two years after the passage of this act.

Sec. 3. Validating certain corporate acts. If any such corporation complies with Section 2 of this act, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said corporate existence shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that the period of duration of such corporation had expired.

Sec. 4. Not to affect pending litigation. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Approved March 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 206—H. F. No. 869

An act relating to firemen's relief associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 424.31.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 424.31, is amended to read as follows:

424.31. Board of trustees of firemen's relief associations. The board of trustees of every firemen's relief association of this state shall be composed of the following persons: Six trustees elected annually by such firemen's relief association from its own members and the following ex officio members taken from the officers of the municipality in which the relief association is located, the mayor or president, the recorder or clerk, the treasurer, and the chief of the fire department thereof; and any such board of trustees of a duly incorporated relief association shall have exclusive control and man-

agement of all funds received by its treasurer under the provisions of sections 424.30 and 424.31, funds derived from the State of Minnesota, and all moneys or property donated, given, granted, or devised for the benefit of these funds, and such funds when received shall be kept in a special fund on the books of the secretary and treasurer of the association and never disbursed for any purpose except the following:

(1) For the relief of sick, injured, and disabled members of any fire department in such village or city;

(2) For payment of pensions to disabled firemen and the widows and orphans of firemen;

(3) For the payment of pensions to retired firemen pursuant to the laws of the state;

(4) For the payment of the fees, dues, and assessments in the Minnesota state volunteer firemen's benefit association so as to entitle the members of any fire department to membership in and benefits of such state association;

(5) For the payment of such death or funeral benefits as may be from time to time stipulated in the by-laws of the respective relief associations; and

(6) For the payment of necessary expenses of administering such fund, including the secretary's and treasurer's salaries.

The term "widow" means a woman who was the wife of a fireman or pensioner during the time he was an active fireman, provided that she was married to him three or more years prior to the time when such fireman retired as a service pensioner. The term "widow" shall not include the surviving wife who has deserted a fireman or pensioner or who has not been dependent upon him for support.

The funds received by any relief association from dues, fines, initiation fees, and entertainments shall be kept in a fund called the general fund and may be disbursed for any purposes authorized by the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the association. The relief association is hereby authorized and empowered to invest its funds in such income-paying properties and securities as the council of the village or city in which such organization is located shall from time to time authorize. Benefits shall in all cases be within the limits authorized by state law and in accordance with the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the association.

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