

CHAPTER 329—S. F. No. 455

An act relating to salaries of county treasurers in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Classification of counties for salary purposes. The county treasurers in all counties of the state, with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census, shall receive as compensation for services rendered by them for their respective counties, annual salaries based on the population according to the then last preceding federal census, the taxable valuation of real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, as reported in the abstract of tax lists for the preceding year and the number of full or fractional congressional townships, as follows:

Subd. (a) In counties with a population of less than 6,500 inhabitants \$1,900 and \$200 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,400;

Subd. (b) In counties with a population of 6,500 but less than 12,000 inhabitants \$1,900 and \$150 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,750;

Subd. (c) In counties with a population of 12,000 but less than 16,000 inhabitants \$2,100 and \$100 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,850;

Subd. (d) In counties with a population of 16,000 but less than 21,000 inhabitants \$2,300 and \$75 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,000;

Subd. (e) In counties with a population of 21,000 but less than 30,000 inhabitants \$2,500 and \$50 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,150;

Subd. (f) In counties with a population of 30,000 but less than 40,000 inhabitants \$2,700 and \$50 for each \$1,000,000

taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,250;

Subd. (g) In counties with a population of 40,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants \$2,900 and \$50 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,500;

Subd. (h) The maximum to be allowed on the basis of area under the provisions of the foregoing classifications shall not exceed \$100.

Sec. 2. Adjustment of salary in certain counties. In any county where the county treasurer is now receiving a higher salary, under the provisions of any law heretofore enacted, than the amount provided under the provisions of this act, the county board may, in its discretion, increase the salary of such county treasurer in an amount which will bring his salary up to the amount received at the time of the passage of this act, and if circumstances or economic conditions should hereafter exist in any county of sufficient importance to convince the county board that the salary of the county treasurer should be increased or decreased, it may, by resolution, increase or decrease such salary in an amount that it may consider proper, but such increase or decrease shall in no case be more than 15 per cent of the amount granted such treasurer under the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Whenever the county board increases or decreases the salary of a county treasurer, it shall also have authority to revoke or terminate such increase or decrease whenever it is convinced that such increase or decrease is no longer necessary or justifiable.

Sec. 3. Certain laws superseded. No county treasurer shall hereafter be entitled to additional compensation under the provisions of Laws of 1943, Chapter 597.

Sec. 4. Severable. If any part, section or provision of this act shall be found to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not invalidate the remainder of the act.

Sec. 5. Repeal of inconsistent acts. Except as otherwise herein provided, all existing acts or parts of acts, which relate to salaries of county treasurers, in all counties of the state having a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with this act.

Sec. 6. Additional compensation protested. Nothing in this act shall limit the right of any county treasurer to collect and retain any fees, per diem payment, or other payment which he is now authorized by any other provision of law to collect and retain in addition to the stated amount of his annual salary.

Sec. 7. Payments legalized. The salary heretofore paid any county treasurer, under the provisions of any existing law which may be found unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, is hereby legalized and made valid.

Sec. 8. Effective date. This act shall take effect from and after May 1, 1945.

Approved April 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 330—S. F. No. 627

An act relating to clerk hire in county offices and amending Laws of 1939, Chapter 319.

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

Section 1. Laws of 1939, Chapter 319, is hereby amended to read as follows:

382.265. Clerk hire in county offices in certain counties. In all counties of this state where the amount of clerk hire now or hereafter provided by law for any county office, including the office of probate judge, shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of said office, the county officer in need of additional clerk hire shall prepare a petition and statement setting forth therein the amount of additional clerk hire needed and file the same with the county auditor, who shall present the same to the board of county commissioners at the next meeting of said board. If the board of county commissioners shall grant said petition *by majority vote of all members elected to the board*; then the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition shall thereupon become effective for said office. Said board shall act on any such petition within 60 days from the time it has been filed with the county auditor. If the board of county commissioners shall determine that the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition is excessive and more than is necessary for said office, it shall