

CHAPTER 605—H. F. No. 1247

An act authorizing the city council or other governing body of any city of the first class which city operates under a charter which contains a per capita limitation upon expenditures to fix and refix the salaries of officers and employees not elected by vote of the electors of such cities.

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

Section 1. Salaries. That in any City of the First Class in the State of Minnesota, which City operates under a Charter which contains a per capita limitation upon expenditures, the city council or other governing body in such city is hereby authorized and empowered, by ordinance, to fix, and from time to time refix, at not to exceed the sum of \$7,000 per annum, the salaries of all officers and employees of such cities who are not elected by vote of the electors of such cities.

Sec. 2. No limitation on this power. That such power and authority may be exercised by such city councils or other governing bodies, regardless of the provisions of any law or charter in conflict herewith.

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CHAPTER 606—H. F. No. 1252

An act authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Highways to cooperate in constructing laboratory building.

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

Section 1. Highway testing laboratory. The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Highways are authorized and empowered to cooperate in the construction of a building upon the University campus to be used as a laboratory by the Department of Highways to make tests of materials and carry on experimental research in highway matters, which building shall be constructed and maintained upon such terms and provisions as shall be mutually agreed upon between said Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Highways. There is hereby appropriated out of the trunk highway fund a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00

for the construction of such building, and the maintenance cost of said building thereafter shall be paid from trunk highway funds.

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CHAPTER 607—H. F. No. 1344

An act to establish a classification and salary system in all counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of 500,000 or more, creating a classification and salary commission therein; fixing salaries and sums to be appropriated and spent therefor, and suspending inconsistent laws.

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

Section 1. Classification and salary plan for Hennepin county. In all counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of 500,000 or more, for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the county departments and fixing the compensation of employees and the aggregate sum of money to be used for the employment of help therein, there is hereby established a classification and salary plan as herein set forth.

Sec. 2. Commission. There is hereby created in each such county a classification and salary commission, hereinafter designated "commission," of nine members who shall be the persons at any given time occupying the offices of judge of probate, county attorney, county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of district court, register of deeds, sheriff, county superintendent of schools, and chairman of the board of county commissioners.

The commission shall meet not later than the first day in May, 1945, and annually thereafter at the call of the county auditor, at which time it shall organize by selecting a chairman and such other officers as it shall deem advisable, and shall hold meetings from time to time during the year as it may determine. The commission may adopt and revise from time to time such administrative rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of this act and the carrying out of this plan. The commission shall at all times see that the employees of the various departments of the county government are performing the duties of the positions they hold and for which they are paid. The commission may use the services