

officer, and will be forthwith enforced by such officer. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the power of any officer to suspend a subordinate for a reasonable period not exceeding 60 days for the purpose of discipline, or pending investigation of charges when he deems such suspension advisable. *The commission, in any city of the second class situate in two or more counties, may, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, incorporate in the civil service rules a rule fixing the term of the office of chief of the department at six years from the date of his appointment and thereafter the office of chief shall be open to competitive examination for all members of the department qualified to take such examinations. In the event of a new appointment being made to the office of chief as a result of competitive examination, the retiring chief shall be assigned a grade and class in the department as may be determined by the commission. Provided that the limitation of the term of chief as herein provided for shall not affect any person permanently holding the office of chief at the time of the passage of this act.*

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1947.

CHAPTER 523—H. F. No. 1503

An act relating to acknowledgments of any persons in the armed forces of the United States and the wives of such persons, and validating acknowledgments heretofore made; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 358.27.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 358.27, is amended to read as follows:

358.27. **Soldiers and sailors abroad.** *Subdivision 1. Acknowledgment of person in armed forces; wife.* Any person enlisted, commissioned, or employed in the armed forces of the United States *and the wife of any such person*, in addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by sections 358.24 and 358.26, may acknowledge the same wherever located before any officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of second lieutenant or higher in the army

or marine corps, or ensign or higher in the navy, or any commissioned officer in active service of any component of the armed forces of the United States as now or hereafter constituted, which officer shall certify thereto over his official signature and title in substantially the form applicable as provided in section 358.26, omitting reference to an official seal. Such certificate shall state that the person so acknowledging is at the time of acknowledgment enlisted or employed in the armed forces of the United States and that the officer taking the acknowledgment is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States. The authentication of acknowledgments provided by section 358.26 is not required. No charge of any character shall be paid to or exacted by any officer taking the acknowledgment.

Subd. 2. Previous acknowledgments validated. Any instrument heretofore acknowledged by the wife of any person named in Subdivision 1 is hereby legalized and validated.

Approved April 23, 1947.

CHAPTER 524—H. F. No. 1519

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An act relating to the parking of motor vehicles in cities of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000 persons or over, providing for the acquiring, establishing, developing, maintaining, controlling and operating of facilities for the parking of motor vehicles in cities of the first class, and for financing the establishment and operation of such facilities, and repealing Laws 1945, Chapter 470.

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

Section 1. Declaration of policy. It is hereby declared that in cities of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000 persons or over, public safety, health and the general welfare requires that in order to reduce traffic congestion, facilitate the flow of traffic, reduce traffic accidents, improve means of ingress and egress into all sections of such communities for fire and police equipment, public service vehicles, and for the convenience and service of the general public, the governing bodies of such cities should be