

preceding year bears to the whole number so performed in the district. In fixing the court reporter's salary the judge shall give due consideration to the general economic conditions then prevailing. Each reporter shall have and maintain his residence in the district in which he is appointed, but if any reporter be appointed in two or more districts he may reside in either or any of them. The reporter, in addition to his salary, shall be paid such sums as he shall pay out as necessary railway, traveling, and hotel expenses while absent from the city or village in which he resides in the discharge of his official duties, such expenses to be paid by the county for which the same were incurred upon presentation of a verified itemized statement thereof approved by the judge; and the auditor of such county, upon presentation of such approved statement, shall issue his warrant in payment thereof.

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CHAPTER 191—S. F. No. 574

[Not Coded]

An act relating to police relief association in certain villages; amending Laws 1931, Chapter 48, Sections 6 and 7, as amended.

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

Section 1. **Police relief association in certain villages.** Laws 1931, Chapter 48, Section 6, as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 122, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1939, Chapter 304, Subdivisions 1 and 2, as amended by Laws 1945, Chapter 300, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1947, Section 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Powers of association.** Said association through its officers shall have full charge, management and control of the pension fund herein provided for, which said fund shall be derived from the sources herein stated: from gifts of real estate or personal property, and from the rents and sales thereof or the income therefrom. It shall also be the duty of the village recorder, treasurer or other disbursing officers of such village where a police relief association has been duly incorporated and organized under the provisions of

this Act, to deduct each month from the monthly pay of each member of such police department who is a member of the association and entitled to the benefits therefrom, a sum equal to *three and one-half* per cent of such monthly pay and to place the same to the credit of said police pension fund; it shall also be the duty of every police officer receiving any reward for services, in making arrests or otherwise, to pay unto said police pension fund all such rewards, and it shall be the duty of the chief of police of any such village to place to the credit of and pay into such police pension fund all monies coming into the hands of the police, when the same shall have been unclaimed for a period of six months, and to sell all unclaimed property coming into the hands of the police when the same shall have been unclaimed for a period of six months, and place the proceeds thereof to the credit of said police pension fund.

Subd. 2. Levy for police pension fund. The village council or other governing body of such village shall each year, at the time the tax levies are made for the general revenues of the village, levy, within the limits now permitted by law, a tax on all the taxable property of such village, in the sum of \$15,000 per annum, which levy shall be transmitted to the county auditor of the county in which the village is situated at the time the other tax levies are transmitted and shall be collected and the payment thereof shall be enforced in the same manner as the other taxes of such village. The village treasurer, when the monies derived from such tax are received by him, shall credit the same to the police pension fund, together with all penalties and interest collected thereon, and said monies shall not be withdrawn from said fund or transferred to any other fund.

Sec. 2. Laws 1931, Chapter 48, Section 7, as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 122, Section 3, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Association to have control of pension fund. The governing board or board of directors of said association then incorporated shall consist of five members, to be elected annually, who shall first hold their offices for one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, and thereafter each for a five-year term, or until the successor of each is duly elected and qualified, who shall serve without compensation and shall be active members of said paid Police Department, and the mayor or president and village treasurer shall be ex-officio members of said board, and the village treasurer shall be the

custodian of all funds of said association and shall disburse the same as directed by said board. The said village treasurer shall give bond to the board of trustees in an amount not less than the total balance of funds owned and belonging to such relief association as shown by its last annual statement, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties during his continuance in office and for the payment without delay to the officer or persons entitled by law thereto, of all moneys belonging to said relief association, which shall come into his hands by virtue thereof, provided that the premium for said bond may be paid by the said board of trustees out of the special fund of said association. All vacancies occurring in the elective membership of said board shall be filled by a special election called for that purpose. None of said members shall be eligible to vote upon any question relating to his benefits hereunder.

Whenever a member of said association shall cease to be a member of said department, for any reason, other than death or retirement, he shall be paid, on demand, the full amount of the accumulated deductions from pay standing to his credit. Whenever any member shall die without having received a pension, or without having received in pension payments an amount equal to the total amount of the accumulated deductions from his salary heretofore provided for, the full amount of such accumulated deductions, less such pension payments, if any, as have been made to said member shall be paid in one lump sum to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by such member, or if none, to the legal representatives of such member, provided, however, if no valid claim is established therefor, such accumulated deductions shall remain with and become the property of said association.

Any Police Relief Association, duly incorporated pursuant to the provisions of this Act is further authorized to establish a death benefit fund to be paid to members of such Police Relief Association from any funds voluntarily contributed by members of said Association or funds which they may receive from sources not specifically enumerated herein.

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