

plants and systems has been approved by the water, light, power and building commission of such village and has received the favorable vote of a majority of voters of the village voting thereon at a general or special election. All proceedings heretofore taken by any such village and by any such commission relating to the authorization, issuance and sale of such certificates for such purposes, and the definition of the revenues pledged for their payment, are hereby validated, ratified, approved, legalized, and confirmed and declared to be valid and in full force and effect, and such water, light, power and building commissions are authorized and empowered to complete such proceedings and to issue and deliver such revenue anticipation certificates in accordance therewith, provided that such certificates shall be sold at public sale in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 475.60, and all such revenue anticipation certificates, including any which shall have been sold and delivered before the passage of this act, shall be binding, legal, valid, and enforceable obligations in accordance with their terms.

**Sec. 2. Litigation Pending.** This act shall not affect any certificates the validity of which is questioned in any litigation pending when this act shall take effect.

**Sec. 3. Remedial.** It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the financial credit of such villages; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval. Approved March 6, 1951.

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#### CHAPTER 48—H. F. No. 593

*An act relating to firemen's relief associations and firemen's pensions in certain villages; amending Laws 1935, Chapter 192, Section 1, and Section 5 as amended.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1935, Chapter 192, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Firemen's pensions, certain villages.** In any

village having a population in excess of 5,000 and a valuation in excess of \$8,000,000, exclusive of moneys and credits, and having a fire department relief association organized under the laws of this state and authorized to pay pensions under *Minnesota Statutes, Sections 424.30, 424.31, and 69.01 to 69.06*, such fire department relief association may pay retirement pensions in excess of the amounts so authorized, but not in excess of the following total amounts: \$100 per month to each member of the association who shall have reached the age of 55 years and shall have served 20 years or more as a member of the paid municipal fire department in the village. The monthly payments of \$100 may be increased by adding thereto an amount not exceeding \$3.00 per month for each year of active duty over 20 years of service before retiring; but no such pension or payment shall exceed the sum of \$125 per month. No such pension shall be paid to any person while he remains a member of the fire department.

Sec. 2. Laws 1935, Chapter 192, Section 5, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 413, Section 1, and by Laws 1947, Chapter 101, Section 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. **Tax levy, deductions from pay.** In addition to the moneys in the special fund of the association or provided to be raised therefor under existing laws for the payment of pensions and other benefits, revenues from the following sources shall be paid to the special fund. The village recorder, treasurer, or other disbursing officer of the village shall deduct each month from the monthly pay of each member of the fire department who is a member of the association a sum equal to three and one-half per cent of such monthly pay, but not to exceed three and one-half per cent of the basic monthly pay of a first grade fireman, and to place the same to the credit of the special fund. The council or other governing body of the village shall each year, at the time the tax levies are made for the general revenues of the village, levy, within the per capita or mill limitations permitted by law, a tax on all of the taxable property of the village in the sum of \$15,000 per annum, which levy shall be transmitted to the county auditor at the time the other levies are transmitted and shall be collected, and penalties therefor shall be enforced, in the manner as the other taxes of the village. The village treasurer, when the moneys derived from such tax are received by him, shall pay the same to the treasurer of the firemen's relief association, together with all penalties and interest collected thereon, in the following manner: Of the first levy made after the

passage of this act an amount not to exceed one-half of such levy may, at the discretion of the board of trustees of *the* relief association, be placed to the credit of the general fund of *the* association. The balance of *the* levy, as well as all subsequent levies, shall be credited to the special fund of *the* association and shall not be withdrawn from *the* fund or transferred to any other fund, except for the purposes of this act; *but the* board of trustees may, in its discretion, pay premiums upon the bond of the treasurer and secretary from the special fund and may invest the balance of its funds in certificates of indebtedness of *the* municipality, and the governing body of *the* municipality shall sell its certificates of indebtedness to *the* relief association at the *same* rate it sells *them* to others.

Approved March 6, 1951.

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CHAPTER 49—H. F. No. 666

*An act relating to loads on motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 169.80, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 169.80, Subdivision 2, is amended to read as follows:

Subd. 2. **Outside width.** The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed eight feet except that the outside width of a farm tractor shall not exceed nine feet, and except as otherwise provided in this section.

The total outside width of a trackless trolley car or passenger motor bus, operated exclusively in any city or village, or contiguous cities or villages, in this state, shall not exceed nine feet.

The total outside width of loads of forest products when loaded crossways shall not exceed 100 inches, provided the load is securely bound with a chain attached to front and rear