

not be abolished unless two-thirds of the electors voting at the election vote in favor of the proposition.

Subd. 2. **Home rule charter provisions.** Nothing in subdivision 1 shall preclude any municipality from abolishing the board or modifying its powers and duties by home rule charter provisions or from supplanting the merit system provided by this act by a different provision in a home rule charter. The provisions of this act shall thereafter become inapplicable to such city except as otherwise provided in the charter.

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CHAPTER 676—H. F. No. 526

An act relating to taxes on and measured by net income; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 290.06, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1919, Section 290.06, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

290.06. Subd. 3. **Credits.** The taxes due under the foregoing computation shall be credited with the following amounts:

(1) In the case of an unmarried individual, and, except as provided in paragraph 6, in the case of the estate of a decedent, \$10, and in the case of a trust, \$5.00;

(2) In the case of a married individual, living with husband or wife, and in the case of a head of a household, \$30. If such husband and wife make separate returns the personal exemption may be taken by either or divided between them;

(3) In the case of an individual, \$10 for each person

(other than husband or wife) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer. One taxpayer only shall be allowed this credit with respect to any given dependent. In the case of the head of the household, a credit for one dependent shall be disallowed. A payment to a divorced or separated wife which is includible under this act in the gross income of such wife, shall not be considered a payment by the husband for the support of any dependent. A husband who makes periodic payments to a divorced, separated or remarried wife, who is not a resident of this state shall be entitled to the same personal credit as provided in paragraph 2;

(4) (a) *In the case of an unmarried individual who has attained the age of 65 before the close of his taxable year, an additional \$10;*

(b) *In the case of an unmarried individual who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional \$10;*

(c) *In the case of a married individual, living with husband or wife, an additional \$15 for each spouse who has attained the age of 65 before the close of the individual's taxable year, and an additional \$15 for each spouse who is blind at the close of the individual's taxable year. If such husband and wife make separate returns, these credits may be taken by either or divided between them;*

(d) *For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (4) of this subdivision, an individual is blind if his central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.*

(5) In the case of a corporation, an amount computed by applying to the tax a fraction equal to one-tenth of the average of the following ratios:

(a) The ratio of the fair value of tangible property, real, personal and mixed, owned and used by the taxpayer in this state in connection with his trade or business during the taxable year to the total fair value of such property of the taxpayer owned and used by him in connection with the trade

or business everywhere; cash on hand or in bank, shares of stocks, notes, bonds, accounts receivable or other evidence of indebtedness, special privileges, franchises, good-will or property the income of which is not taxable or is separately allocable, shall not be considered tangible property nor included in the apportionment;

(b) The ratio of the total wages and salaries paid or incurred during the taxable year in this state to the total wages and salaries paid or incurred during the taxable year everywhere;

(6) In the case of an insurance company, it shall receive a credit on the tax computed as above equal in amount to any taxes based on premiums paid by it during the period for which the tax under this act is imposed by virtue of any law of this state, other than the surcharge on premiums imposed by Extra Session Laws 1933, Chapter 53, as amended;

(7) If the status of a taxpayer, insofar as it affects the credits allowed under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall change during the taxable year, or if the taxpayer shall either become or cease to be a resident of the state during such taxable year, such credit shall be apportioned, in accordance with the number of months before and after such change. For the purpose of such apportionment, a fractional part of a month shall be disregarded unless more than one-half of a month, in which case it shall be considered as a month. In case of death during a taxable year a credit shall be allowed to the decedent, in proportion to the number of months before his death, and to his estate, in proportion to the number of months after his death, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5.00 shall be allowed to the decedent and his estate, respectively;

(8) In the case of a nonresident individual, credits under paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be apportioned in the proportion of the gross income from sources in Minnesota to the gross income from all sources, and in any event a minimum credit of \$5.00 shall be allowed.

Sec. 2. The provisions of this chapter are applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950.

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