

Township 52, Range 26; all west of the 4th principal meridian.
Approved April 16, 1953.

CHAPTER 384—H. F. No. 1285.

An act relating to the terms of office of county highway engineers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** Such county highway engineer may be selected from a list of eligible competent highway engineers, which list shall be submitted by the commissioner of highways to the county board in May of the year in which the term of office shall expire, and shall be appointed for a term of four years, *except that in counties over 150,000 population the term shall be two years*; provided, that when a new county highway engineer is appointed he may be appointed for one year only and thereafter his appointment shall be made as hereinbefore set forth. The county highway engineer shall be a citizen of the state and must have resided therein for not less than three years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. The salary of the county highway engineer shall be fixed by the county board and be payable the same as other county officers are paid. His salary shall not be reduced during his term term of office; provided, that the salary of the county highway engineer may be reduced in the same proportion as the salary of the county board in such county.

Any engineer employed by the state when properly certified by the commissioner of highways may be employed as county highway engineer and during the period of such employment and for the purposes of such employment he may be granted leave of absence from the state service, notwithstanding any limitation on leaves of absence contained in the civil service act.

The director of civil service shall allocate a state civil service classification to any county highway engineer as may be from time to time requested by the commissioner of highways. Such allocation shall be made on the same basis and subject to the same provisions of law as pertain to engineering and similar positions in the state classified service. The director shall give consideration to the education, professional attain-

ments, and experience of such county highway engineer for purposes of transfer to the state service. All county highway engineers who have had not less than two years' service prior to such transfer may be transferred to such state classification so allocated without examination, but subject to a six months' probationary period, in the state classified service. The director of civil service shall establish procedure for such transfer.

The commissioner of highways may certify any county highway engineer that he may deem qualified to the director of civil service as eligible to take any specific promotional examination held for civil engineer or civil engineering aid as classified by the state civil service commission. The service rating of such engineer shall include past service with the state and as county highway engineer, if he had prior service with the state highway department as a supervisory engineer.

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CHAPTER 385—H. F. No. 1310

An act relating to the probation department in certain counties; reimbursement of its officers and employees for use of their own automobiles in the performance of their duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 487.04.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 487.04, is amended to read:

487.04 Officers, supplies, expenses. *The county commissioners of such county shall provide the department with suitably furnished office rooms, record books, stationery, postage, expenses of investigation and transportation which shall include payment by any probation officer and employee of the department as compensation or reimbursement for the use by such officer or employee of his own automobile in the performance of his duties mileage at a rate per mile not exceeding the maximum rate fixed by law plus a reasonable allowance, not exceeding ten dollars per month, to defray cost of parking fees incidental to such use, and such other actual expenses as are required for the proper execution of the purposes of this chapter.*

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