

director prior to July 1, 1953, and on or before June 1 of each year thereafter. Copies of all certifications by the commissioner made pursuant to this subdivision shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. The new adjustment shall become effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year and salaries shall be paid accordingly.

Subd. 4. Salaries based on these yearly basic rates and economic adjustment increments shall be payable semi-monthly.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 41, is amended to read:

Sec. 41. [15.23] **Cost of living indices.** Whereas the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor, herein termed the bureau, is now publishing a revised index showing the average cost of living, *if the revised index is superseded by a different cost of living index published by said bureau, the director shall establish the relative relationship of the revised cost of living index to the new cost of living index and thereafter and then on the basis of such relationship shall determine the increase or decrease in the cost of living during the year under investigation. If the bureau does not publish an index of the cost of living for the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the director shall use the national average as published by the bureau in lieu of the Minneapolis-St. Paul index for the purpose of establishing the economic adjustment increases or decreases authorized in this act.*

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CHAPTER 511—H. F. No. 1204

An act relating to the apportionment and use of moneys accruing to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax of gasoline, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 296.33.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 296.33, is amended to read:

296.33 Funds; allotment, apportionment. On or before the first Tuesday in April of each year the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer, and the state auditor shall estimate the probable sum of money that will accrue during the current calendar year to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline. These officials shall then set aside

the sum of \$1,200,000 to be expended for state aid roads, a sum not exceeding \$75,000 which is hereby appropriated annually from such fund to reimburse the trunk highway fund for the cost of maintaining a county highway division in the department of highways, and an additional sum in such amount as these officials shall determine which sum shall be specially allotted and paid as special allotments as hereinafter provided. The balance of the estimate of the probable sum of money that will accrue during the calendar year to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline shall be apportioned among the several counties of the state for county aid roads as provided in sections 296.32 to 296.42 and the commissioner of highways shall forthwith send a statement of the apportionment to the state auditor and to the county auditor of each county showing the amount apportioned to each county during the year for county aid roads.

The commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor may, from time to time after the sum in such amount as they have determined has been set aside for special allotments, specially allot any portion thereof to any of the several counties of the state when in their judgment any one of the counties shall incur or is about to incur an extraordinary, unusual or particularly burdensome expense in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of county aid or state aid roads or state aid parkways. Of the amount set aside for special allotments in any year not more than \$100,000 shall be allotted for state aid parkways. Any sum specially allotted to any county shall be paid to the county at the time fixed by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor. Any unallotted balance of the sum set aside for special allotments in any year shall be carried forward and added to any sum set aside for special allotments the next succeeding year.

All sums of money heretofore specially allotted to any county by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor for the purpose of enabling the county to meet any extraordinary, unusual or particularly burdensome expense in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of county aid or state aid roads or state aid parkways and not heretofore paid are hereby ratified and confirmed and such sums of money so allotted to any county shall be paid to the county at the time and in the manner fixed by the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer and the state auditor.

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