reconstructing, enlarging, and improving the public waterworks plant, water reservoir or distribution system in such city or for the purpose of providing or securing a new and additional supply of water from other sources than theretofore used; provided that the aggregate principal amount of bonds in any one issue by any city under the provisions of all laws authorizing bonds to be issued for such purposes shall not exceed \$700,000; and provided, however, that no such issue of bonds shall be valid unless the same be approved by resolution of the city council of such city duly passed by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of such city council.

Approved March 10, 1955.

CHAPTER 132—S. F. No. 119

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the judge of probate in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Judge of probate, salary. In each county having an area of not less than 430 nor more than 450 square miles and a population of not less than 13,000 and not more than 14,500 according to the last federal census, the annual salary of the judge of probate shall not exceed \$4,000 as set by the Board of County Commissioners.

Sec. 2. Fees, judge may keep. Nothing contained in Section 1 limits the right of the judge of probate to collect and retain any fees or any other payment which he is now authorized by law to collect in addition to the stated amount of his annual salary.

Approved March 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 133—S. F. No. 135

[Coded]

An act providing for scholarships for students in accredited schools of nursing and making appropriation therefor.

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

- Scholarships, student nurses. Section 1. [148.296] The state board of education may award [Subdivision 1.] scholarships to students attending a school of nursing in this state accredited in accordance with the laws pertaining to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Such scholarships shall be awarded to those students who are residents of this state and who are in need of economic assistance in securing such nursing education, and shall be awarded on the basis of need and ability. These scholarships shall be used solely to defray tuition and other fees and expenses incidental to such nursing education, and shall be awarded only to students enrolled in a school of nursing which provides students an educational experience in a rural or a state hospital for the mentally ill. No student shall réceive a scholarship of more than \$600. Two-thirds of the scholarship shall be available to the student in the first year of her course, and the remainder thereof shall be divided equally between the remaining years of the course, provided, however, that the practical nurse scholarship shall not exceed \$300 and shall be available to the student in the first year of her course.
- Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] The recipient of any scholarship provided for hereunder must agree to accept an educational experience in a rural hospital or a state hospital for the mentally ill, and must further agree to practice the profession of nursing for at least one year immediately after graduation, in the State of Minnesota.
- Sec. 3. [Subd. 3.] There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, to be used for the purposes specified in this act. Not less than one-third of the amount available for scholarships in each fiscal year shall be awarded for scholarships in accredited schools, located in counties with a population of not exceeding 100,000 persons respectively.

Provided, however, that at the end of six months of each fiscal year any amount remaining unallocated may be awarded for scholarships in any accredited school in the State of Minnesota. Except for amounts that may be necessary to pay any scholarships which have been awarded and not completed or terminated, any unexpended balance of the appropriated sums shall revert to the state treasury at the close of the said fiscal years. Of the amounts appropriated, at least \$71,000 shall be made available for scholarships in each of the fiscal years.

Approved March 11, 1955.