

Section 3. \* Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 424.17, is amended to read:

**424.17 Relief, determination of entitlement.** Each relief association shall, in its by-laws, define the sickness and disability entitling its members to relief, and specify the amounts thereof, and also specify the amounts to be paid to its disability and service pensioners, and to widows and children of deceased members, and to fix the age limit of children to which pensions may be paid. When the total assets of the association shall amount to \$50,000 or more, it shall have the right to pay to its members the maximum amounts specified in sections 424.01 to 424.29. *The by-laws of such association shall provide for payment of a service pension to volunteer firemen who are members of the association, which service pension shall be paid in a lump sum, in an amount not exceeding \$100 per year of service, to a retiring member or widow or minor children of a deceased member who qualifies for a service pension by reason of having reached the age of 50 years, and who has done active duty for 20 years or more as a volunteer fireman of the fire department in the municipality where the association exists, and who has been a member of such fire department relief association at least 10 years prior to his retirement or death. No other pension or benefit shall be payable to members of the association who are volunteer firemen. In determining the period of service of any individual member of the association for the purpose of computation of service requirements in connection with payment of any pensions or other benefits specified by the by-laws of the relief association, or any provision of sections 424.03 to 424.29, service of a volunteer or paid fireman of the fire department or the municipality in which the relief association is situated, and membership in a firemen's relief association in such municipality prior to said municipality becoming a city of the second class, shall be taken into account on the same basis as if said municipality had been a city of the second class during all of the time such service was rendered.*

Approved March 30, 1955.

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CHAPTER 290—S. F. No. 997

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to public drainage systems and providing for assessment of lands benefited by the repair thereof in certain counties.*

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

**Section 1. Counties, repair of public drainage systems.** In any county having a population according to the 1950 federal census of more than 15,500 and less than 17,000 inhabitants and containing more than 45 and less than 65 full and fractional congressional townships and having a present assessed valuation of more than \$7,000,000 and less than \$7,500,000, where repair of the county or judicial ditch system or any part thereof benefiting the lands originally assessed for the construction of such ditch system has been affected by the order of the county board but where assessment against such lands for the cost of such repair may be void for any reason, the county board of the county within which such repairs have been made is authorized to re-assess the cost of such repairs upon all lands originally assessed for the construction of the said ditches which have participated in any of the benefits of such repair, in the manner and amounts as may be determined by such board, subject, however, to the following provisions and restrictions:

(1) No assessment shall be made until a hearing before the board has been held, notice of which shall be given by two weeks published notice prior thereto in the official county newspaper and further by such notice as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.101, at which all persons, corporations or municipalities interested in or affected by any such re-assessment may appear and be heard with regard thereto.

(2) No re-assessment shall be levied against any land for an amount greater than the benefits accruing thereto by reason of such repair.

(3) Such re-assessment shall be made payable in annual installments to be specified in the order providing therefore, such installments not to exceed five years if the re-assessment does not exceed 50 percent of the original cost of the ditch, and not to exceed ten years if the re-assessment does exceed 50 percent thereof.

(4) Any payment made on behalf of any land under the original void assessment for such repair shall be credited toward payment of any re-assessment regarding such land.

(5) Following the levying of any such re-assessment and before the first of January next following, the county auditor shall enter the amounts of any assessment or installments thereto to become due in the following calendar year upon the tax lists against the lands assessed by the county board located within the county in accordance with the action of the county board and the same shall be collected in the same manner as

real estate taxes. When any such re-assessment is levied the county auditor shall file for record in the office of the register of deeds an additional tabular statement in substance as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.631.

Sec. 2. **Appeal.** Any person aggrieved by any such re-assessment may appeal therefrom in the same manner as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.631.

Sec. 3. **Application.** This act shall not apply to or affect any action or appeal now pending in which the validity of any such proceedings is called in question.

Approved March 30, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 291—S. F. No. 1058

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the salary of the mayor and councilmen in certain cities of the third class.*

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

Section 1. **Cities third class, salaries of mayor and councilman.** In any city of the third class having a population over 15,000 and less than 16,000 according to the 1950 federal census, operating under a charter, the salary of the mayor shall be \$1,200 per year and the salary of each councilman shall be \$600 per year, said salaries to be paid in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 2. **Effective.** This act shall become effective on June 1, 1955, unless within 30 days after its passage ten percent of the registered voters of any such city shall petition the city council for a referendum on the question, in which event this act shall not become effective unless approved by the referendum vote.

Approved March 30, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 292—S. F. No. 1109

*An act relating to the annexation of land to second, third, or fourth class cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 413.143, Subdivisions 1 and 9.*

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