

*and less than 42,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, any sums to be distributed by the county treasurer in accordance with subdivision 3 hereof shall be distributed only among the various funds of the respective towns and school districts wherein such grounds and refuges lie on the same basis as if payments were received as taxes on such lands payable in the current year would be distributed among said funds.*

Approved April 7, 1955.

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CHAPTER 394—H. F. No. 1562

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to water and gas mains in cities of the first class having not more than 150,000 inhabitants.*

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

**Section 1. Duluth, may extend certain water or gas mains.** There is hereby conferred authority upon any city of the first class having not more than 150,000 inhabitants, to construct, lay, keep, maintain, enlarge, or extend water mains or gas mains in any public highway or public road located partly within and partly without the corporate limits of such city, for the purposes of furnishing water or gas to owners or occupants of lands immediately fronting on either side of such highway or road.

**Sec. 2. Charges.** The governing body of any such city may adopt such rules and regulations and prescribe such charges, rentals, rates, or fees for supplying water or gas, as aforesaid, as may be reasonably necessary or incidental for such purposes.

**Sec. 3. Powers additional.** The powers granted by this act are in addition to all other powers now possessed by any such city with reference to constructing, laying, keeping, maintaining, enlarging, or extending water mains or gas mains.

Approved April 7, 1955.

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CHAPTER 395—H. F. No. 1579

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the salary of the county treasurer in certain counties.*

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

**Section 1. County treasurer, salary.** In any county having over 7000 and less than 9000 inhabitants according to the most recent federal census and containing over 70 full and fractional congressional townships, the county board shall establish the salary of the treasurer at an amount between \$4200 and \$5200 per annum.

**Sec. 2. Fees paid to county.** In such counties the treasurer shall receive no fees, but all fees payable to the treasurer under any law for any service shall be collected by him and paid into the county revenue fund.

**Sec. 3.** This act take effect July 1, 1955.

Approved April 7, 1955.

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CHAPTER 396—S. F. No. 297

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to license plates for motor vehicles; increasing the fees and taxes imposed upon motor vehicles, vehicle dealers, and drive-a-way contractors and fees for tax exempt and duplicate number plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.12.*

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

**Section 1.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 168.12, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**168.12 License plates. Subdivision 1. Number plates, visibility.** The registrar, upon such approval and payment, issues to the applicant *the number plates required by law, bearing an abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned. The number assigned may be a combination of a letter or sign with figures.* The color of the plates and the color of the abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned shall be in marked contrast. The plates shall be lettered, spaced, or distinguished to suitably indicate the classification of the vehicle according to regulations of the registrar. *These number plates shall be so treated as to be at least 100 times brighter than the conventional painted number plates. When properly mounted on an unlighted vehicle, these number plates when viewed from a vehicle equipped with standard headlights, shall be visible for a distance of not less than 1,500 feet and readable for a distance of not less than 110 feet. The*