

(d) Subject to section 365.37, a contract for which competitive bids are not required and involving not more than \$500, when the commodity or service contracted for cannot be otherwise obtained either in the governmental unit or in a contiguous like governmental unit.

(e) *A contract with a volunteer fire department for the payment of compensation to its members or for the payment of retirement benefits to these members.*

(f) *A contract with a municipal band for the payment of compensation to its members.*

Approved February 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 42—H. F. No. 148

(Not Coded)

An act relating to Firemen's Relief Association and firemen's pensions, and pensions to their families, in certain cities of the fourth class; amending Laws 1941, Chapter 196, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Laws 1941, Chapter 196, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Firemen, pensions.** *Subdivision 1.* In any city of the fourth class situated in a county having not less than 24,000 nor more than 26,000 inhabitants, and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$10,000,000 nor more than \$14,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and containing not less than 550,000 nor more than 552,000 acres, and having a Firemen's Relief Association, such association shall pay retirement pensions as set forth in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. To any member who has retired as of January 1, 1955, not more than \$60 a month. This amount may be increased by not more than \$2 a month for each year over 20 years of active duty, but no such member shall receive over \$80 a month.

Subd. 3. To any member who retires after January 1, 1955, not more than \$100 a month. This amount may be increased by not more than \$5 a month for each year over 20 years of active duty, but no such member shall receive over \$150 a month.

Subd. 4. When a pensioner or an active member of such relief association dies, a widow who was his legally married wife residing with him while he was on the payroll shall receive not less than \$50 and not more than \$70 a month for life or until she remarries. In the event the deceased was a service or deferred pensioner, the marriage must have taken place at least three years before his retirement from the department.

Subd. 5. When a pensioner or active member of such association dies leaving a child or children who were living while he was on the payroll of the fire department or born within nine months thereafter each child shall receive:

(1) if the mother is living not more than \$15 a month, until he reaches, at least 16 but not over 18 years of age. The total pensions for widow and children of any deceased member shall not exceed \$100 a month;

(2) if the mother is not living, an amount the board of trustees of the association determines is necessary to properly support him until he reaches at least 16 but not over 18 years of age. The total pension for all children of a deceased member shall not exceed \$100 a month.

Sec. 2. Validation. *All retirement pension payments made to members who have retired prior to the enactment of this act not in excess of the amounts authorized under Laws 1941, Chapter 196, or Laws 1953, Chapter 253, are hereby legalized and validated.*

Approved February 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 43—H. F. No. 221

An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food; regulating apiaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 19.18, Subdivision 9, Section 19.34 and repealing Section 19.39.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 19.18, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. Person. *The term "person" includes individuals, associations, partnerships, firms and corporations.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 19.34, is amended to read: