

to be paid by the town to them. The compensation so fixed shall not exceed \$325 per month.

**Sec. 5. Deputy assessors; appointment, salaries.** The board of supervisors of the town may employ such deputy assessors as may be necessary and fix the monthly salary to be paid to them. The compensation so fixed shall not exceed the sum of \$325 per month.

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#### CHAPTER 512—H. F. No. 1735

[Not Coded]

*An act fixing maximum annual salaries for town officers in certain towns in the state.*

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

**Section 1. Towns, salary of treasurer.** In all towns of this state now or hereafter having property of the assessed valuation of not less than \$600,000 and a population according to the 1950 federal census of not less than 1700 and located in the county which is contiguous to a city of the first class and which towns are contiguous to a city of the third or fourth class, the annual town meeting may authorize the following compensation for the following town officers for each service necessarily rendered:

Treasurer the sum of \$250 per year.

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#### CHAPTER 513—H. F. No. 1767

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*An act authorizing certain towns to operate and maintain a water and sewer system acquired by gift.*

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

**Section 1. Towns, sewer and water plant and system as gift, acceptance.** Any town of this state having a population of not less than 700 according to the last official federal census, and not more than 1500 inhabitants and consisting of two congressional townships, which has heretofore acquired by gift a sewer and water plant and system, serving the inhabi-

tants of said township, shall have the power to accept the same as a gift and to operate and maintain the same as a town water and sewer plant and system.

**Sec. 2. Water and sewer commission.** The water and sewer system of any such town shall be operated and maintained by a water and sewer commission consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the town board of supervisors of said town. The first commissioners shall be appointed as follows: one member for a one year term; one member for a two year term and a third member for a three year term and at the expiration of said first terms, members shall be appointed for three year terms thereafter. The appointment of said members shall be made by the chairman of the board of supervisors, subject to approval by a two-thirds vote of the board of supervisors.

**Sec. 3. Duties of commission.** The duties of said water and sewer commission shall be as follows:

1. To operate, manage and maintain the water and sewer system and plant of said town.
2. To appoint a superintendent who shall supervise and administer the said water and sewer system under the direction of said commission; and employ the necessary employees for the conduct and operation of said water and sewer system.
3. To appoint a treasurer who shall be charged with the duties of collecting water and sewer bills, pay all bills at the order of said commission and deposit all funds of said commission in a depository duly designated for such purpose.
4. The said commission shall fix rates for water consumption, as are reasonable and required to operate and maintain said system.
5. The said commission shall pay all charges and debts against said commission and shall be the custodian of its own funds.
6. Said commission shall make rules and regulations as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of said sewer and water system.
7. The commission shall be authorized to enter into contracts binding said commission in amounts not exceeding \$500. Contracts involving the expenditure of over \$500 shall be subject to approval by the town board of supervisors.
8. The said commission may make such purchases and contracts for the operation and maintenance of said water and

sewer system subject to the laws of the state of Minnesota and provisions herein set forth.

9. Salaries of employees shall be set by said commission.

10. The said commission shall appoint from its members, a chairman, vice-chairman, clerk and a treasurer. The chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall have such other duties as the commission shall designate. The clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of said commission and shall keep and maintain all of its records. The vice-chairman shall act in place of the chairman having all powers and duties of the chairman in the event of his disability or absence. All orders for the payment of funds of said commission shall be signed by the chairman and treasurer.

Sec. 4. **Contracts with municipalities, corporations, school districts.** The said water and sewer commission shall be authorized to make and enter into contracts with any adjoining municipality, private corporation or school district for the furnishing of water and sewer service for the same. Any such contracts shall be subject to approval by the town board of supervisors.

Sec. 5. **Legalization of acts and proceedings.** The acts and proceedings of any town as hereinbefore described, which shall have acquired such water and sewer system by gift be and hereby are fully legalized and the creation of any water and sewer system conforming to provisions herein set forth and all acts and proceedings thereof be and hereby are fully legalized.

Sec. 6. **Population change not to affect.** If any such town within this state comes within the classification herein described, it shall not thereafter cease to be governed by the provisions of this section, notwithstanding any change in population.

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CHAPTER 514—H. F. No. 1787

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*An act relating to the purchase and construction of school buildings, the acquisition of sites, and the furnishing and equipment thereof, and the issuance of bonds therefor in cer-*