

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

Section 1. **Appropriation to St. Paul.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$160,645.50 out of funds not otherwise appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary to reimburse the City of Saint Paul for reconstruction of the surface of Como Avenue between Snelling and Raymond Avenues, which street abuts property owned by the State of Minnesota, upon which the City of Saint Paul cannot levy assessments.

Section 2. **Restrictions.** Said sum to be paid to the City Treasurer of the City of Saint Paul, upon certification by the City Clerk of said City to the State Treasurer, setting forth the following facts :

- (a) That the reconstruction has been completed.
- (b) The total cost of the reconstruction.
- (c) The percentage amount to be reimbursed to the City of Saint Paul by the State of Minnesota, based upon the percentage of abutting property owned by the State in proportion to the total amount of abutting property.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 872—S. F. No. 1337

An act relating to the commissioner of highways and highway engineers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

Subd. 2. **Qualifications, salary, term.** Such county highway engineer may be selected from a list of eligible competent highway engineers, which list shall be submitted by the commissioner of highways to the county board in May of the year in which the term of office shall expire, and shall be appointed for a term of four years, except that in counties over 150,000 population the term shall be two years; provided, that when a new county highway engineer is appointed he may be appointed for one year only and thereafter his appointment shall be made as hereinbefore set forth. The county highway engineer shall be a citizen of the state and must have resided therein for not less than three years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. The salary of the county highway

engineer shall be fixed by the county board and be payable the same as other county officers are paid. His salary shall not be reduced during his term of office; provided, that the salary of the county highway engineer may be reduced in the same proportion as the salary of the county board in such county.

Any engineer employed by the state when properly certified by the commissioner of highways may be employed as county highway engineer and during the period of such employment and for the purposes of such employment he may be granted leave of absence from the state service, notwithstanding any limitation on leaves of absence contained in the civil service act.

The director of civil service shall allocate a state civil service classification to any *city, village or county highway engineer* as may be from time to time requested by the commissioner of highways. Such allocation shall be made on the same basis and subject to the same provisions of law as pertain to engineering and similar positions in the state classified service. The director shall give consideration to the education, professional attainments, and experience of such *city, village or county highway engineer* for purposes of transfer to the state service. All *city, village or county highway engineers* who have had not less than two years service prior to such transfer may be transferred to such state classification so allocated without examination, but subject to a six months probationary period, in the state classified service. The director of civil service shall establish procedure for such transfer.

The commissioner of highways may certify any *city, village or county highway engineer* that he may deem qualified to the director of civil service as eligible to take any specific promotional examination held for civil engineer or civil engineering aid as classified by the state civil service commission. The service rating of such engineer shall include past service with the state and as *city, village or county highway engineer*, if he had prior service with the state highway department as a supervisory engineer.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 873—S. F. No. 1434

An act relating to municipal parking facilities and the procedure relative to the bonds issued therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 459.14, Subdivisions 1 and 3.