

paragraph, or if the designated beneficiary pre-deceases the employee, a refund shall be made as provided for in section 422.09, in lieu of a life income under the option 4-5 year certain plan.

If the employee does not elect to designate a beneficiary to receive a life income under the option 4-5 year certain plan, as herein provided, the designated beneficiary, if of the class of persons set forth in the preceding paragraph, may elect within 60 days after the date of death of the employee to receive a life income computed and determined as though the employee had retired on the date of his death under the option 2 plan of retirement, as provided for in this act, and had designated such persons as his beneficiary.

Upon reinstatement of a former employee to the service, credit for such past service or for any part thereof shall be granted only upon repayment of the amount of the separation refund, with interest, from the time of separation; provided this provision shall not apply to service rendered prior to the date that sections 422.01 to 422.23 become effective.

Approved March 15, 1957.

CHAPTER 134—S. F. No. 21

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing certain counties to issue bonds for the construction of county buildings.

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

Section 1. Todd county, bonds for county buildings. In any county having over 20,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 Federal census, and having a taxable valuation for the year 1955 of more than \$8,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000, and having no bonded indebtedness, and having, for at least three years immediately preceding the passage of this act, made a maximum levy of two mills pursuant to authorization of Laws 1949, Chapter 693, the county board may, by resolution adopted by two-thirds of its members, issue and sell bonds in any amount not to exceed \$150,000, or so much thereof as the board deems necessary for the purpose of constructing, altering, repairing and equipping the buildings required for administering the county government.

Sec. 2. Issuance, sale. Such bonds shall be issued and sold in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Stat-

utes, Chapter 475, except that the bonds authorized herein may be issued by such resolution of the county board without the approval or a vote of the electors.

Sec. 3. Proceeds of bonds. The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited with the County Treasurer and held subject to the order of the board for the purposes for which the bonds were issued.

Sec. 4. Payment of bonds. The full faith and credit of the county shall at all times be pledged for the payment of such bonds and the interest thereon, and the county board shall each year include in the tax levy a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of interest as it accrues and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds in the same manner as other county taxes are levied, certified and collected. Provided, however, that the proceeds from the two-mill levy authorized by Laws 1949, Chapter 693, shall, to the full extent thereof, be appropriated to such annual payments as they accrue, and all monies now in the fund authorized by said Laws 1949, Chapter 693, shall, in addition to the proceeds of such bond issue, be used solely for the purposes specified in Section 1 of this act.

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CHAPTER 135—S. F. No. 278

An act relating to railroad fire prevention; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.21, Subdivisions 1, 6 and 11.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.21, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.21 Reports by railroad companies. Subdivision 1. **Copies.** When the director has reason to believe that a certain locomotive caused a fire he can order the railroad company to forward to him at once by mail a written report covering the inspection of the fire-protective appliances of such locomotive made next after the occurrence of the fire. Such written report shall be copied from the inspection book required to be kept by the railroad company under sections 88.03 to 88.21. Every person operating a railroad for any purpose shall equip and use upon each *steam or Diesel* locomotive engine a practical and efficient ash-pan and/or spark arrester