

*curity on or before July 31 of such preceding calendar year. Such experience ratio shall be computed to the fifth decimal point. Provided, that any employer who has not submitted contribution and wage reports or has not paid the contributions due and payable to the department of employment security on or before July 31 of the preceding calendar year with respect to taxable payrolls for previous periods within the experience period shall be entitled to have such taxable payroll included as a factor in the computation of his experience ratio and contribution rate upon filing with the commissioner written application therefor supported by affidavits showing to the satisfaction of the commissioner that good cause for such delinquency exists and submitting said reports and payment of contributions on or before September 30 of said preceding year.*

Approved February 19, 1957.

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CHAPTER 26—H. F. No. 377

*An act relating to firemen's relief associations in cities of the first class; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 69.29.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 69.29, is amended to read:

69.29 **Exclusion from membership.** Each firemen's relief association *may* exclude all applicants for membership who are not physically and mentally sound so as to prevent unwarranted risks for the association. Additional requirements for entrance fees and annual dues for membership in the association may from time to time be prescribed in the bylaws of the association. *Each firemen's relief association may exclude from active membership all members who reach 65 years of age regardless of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 197.45 and 197.48.*

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CHAPTER 27—H. F. No. 44

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*An act to legalize and validate proceedings heretofore taken by cities of the second class in the initiation and construction of and levy of special assessments for city improve-*

*ments and the issuance of improvement bonds to pay the cost thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Cities second class, proceedings legalized.** In all cases where any city of the second class has heretofore initiated improvements of types authorized by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 429, to be financed in whole or in part by the levy of special assessments and the issuance of improvement bonds, and has heretofore charged all or part of the cost of such improvements to a permanent improvement revolving fund maintained pursuant to its charter, and has by resolution or ordinance duly adopted by its governing body determined to finance the cost of such improvements by the issuance of improvement bonds in accordance with Chapter 429, all proceedings heretofore taken in connection with the initiation, construction and assessment of the cost of such improvements and the authorization of such bonds are hereby legalized and validated, whether purporting to be taken pursuant to said charter or Chapter 429, and notwithstanding any defects in said proceedings or any lack of conformity thereof with Chapter 429 or said charter, such proceedings are hereby authorized to be completed and such bonds are authorized to be issued and sold in accordance with said proceedings, provided that all special assessments not heretofore levied shall be levied in accordance with Chapter 429, and such bonds shall be issued in the manner provided in Chapter 429 and Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 475.

**Sec. 2. Statement of condition of permanent improvement revolving fund.** In all such cases the governing body of the city shall cause to be prepared a statement of the condition of its permanent improvement revolving fund, showing the total amount of costs of improvements charged to said fund in excess of moneys on hand in said fund and available for the payment of such costs, including the estimated cost of any of such improvements not yet completed; the total principal amount of special assessments heretofore levied for such fund and not yet collected, plus the estimated amount of any special assessments to be levied for improvements charged to such fund and not yet assessed; and the total principal amount of outstanding bonds or other obligations of fixed maturity payable from such fund. The improvement bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof shall not be issued in excess of the total amount of said improvement costs; and if the total amount of said uncollected special assessments levied and to be levied, less the amount of said outstanding bonds, does not exceed 20 percent of the amount of said improvement bonds, such bonds shall only be issued after approval by a majority of the elec-

tors of the city voting on such question at a regular or special election duly called and held.

**Sec. 3. Remedial.** It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the financial credit of such cities.

**Sec. 4. Limitation.** This act shall not apply to or affect any action or appeal now pending in which the validity of any such proceedings or of any such bonds is called in question.

Approved February 21, 1957.

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#### CHAPTER 28—H. F. No. 83

*An act permitting the photographing, photostating, microphotographing, or microfilming of certain documents by county officers and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17, Subdivisions 1, 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**15.17 Official records. Subdivision 1. Must be kept.** All officers and agencies of the state, and all officers and agencies of the counties, cities, villages, and towns, shall make and keep all records necessary to a full and accurate knowledge of their official activities. All such public records shall be made on paper of durable quality and with the use of ink, carbon paper, and typewriter ribbons of such quality as to insure permanent records. Every public officer, *and every county officer with the approval of the county board*, is empowered to record or copy public records by any photographic, *photostatic, microphotographic, or microfilming* device, approved by the Minnesota historical society, which clearly and accurately records or copies them, *and such public officer or such county officer may make and order that such photographs, photostats, microphotographs, microfilms, or other reproductions, be substituted for the originals thereof, and may direct the destruction or sale for salvage or other disposition of the originals from which the same were made. Any such photographs, photostats, microphotographs, microfilms, or other reproductions so made shall for all purposes be deemed the original recording of such papers, books, documents and records so reproduced when so ordered by any officer with the approval of the county board, and shall be admissable as evidence in all*