

ing perpetual duration to such corporations heretofore organized and providing for renewal of the duration of such corporations whose period of corporate existence has expired; and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done by such corporations.

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

Section 1. [22.353] **Perpetual duration granted.** All cooperative corporations heretofore organized or existing under the provisions of sections 22.03 to 22.35 are hereby granted perpetual duration irrespective of the period of duration set forth in their articles of incorporation or any amendments thereto. Any such cooperative corporation may, however, amend its articles of incorporation so as to provide for a limited period of duration for its corporate existence.

Sec. 2. [22.354] **Renewal of expired corporate existence.** Subdivision 1. In any case where the period of duration of corporate existence of any cooperative corporation organized or existing under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, sections 22.03 to 22.35 has expired and such corporation has continued in good faith to carry on and transact business, it may at any time thereafter renew its corporate existence by amending its articles of incorporation so as to comply with the provisions of sections 22.03 to 22.35, which amended articles shall include a provision extending its corporate duration for a limited period or making its corporate existence perpetual. This act shall not affect any pending litigation, nor apply to any corporation whose charter has been declared forfeited by any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Subd. 2. **Validating.** If any such corporation complies with subdivision 1, all corporate acts and contracts done, performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said corporate existence shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid as against the objection that the period of duration of such corporation had expired.

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CHAPTER 515—S. F. No. 1255

[Not Coded]

An act relating to annual salaries of county auditors and county treasurers in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Counties, auditors and treasurers, salaries. In all counties with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, the county boards of the said counties are hereby authorized in their discretion to increase the annual salary of the county auditor and county treasurer or either in an amount not to exceed 20 percent above the amount provided by any law applicable to such counties which was in force and effect on February 1, 1957.

Sec. 2. Increase no longer necessary. If economic conditions should hereafter exist, in any county, of sufficient importance to convince the county board that the increase in salaries provided in Section 1 of this act is no longer necessary or justifiable, the county board may, at any time after January 1, 1959, by resolution, declare that such increase in salaries shall no longer apply to such county. After the county board, of any county, has adopted a resolution declaring that the provisions of Section 1 of this act shall no longer apply to such county, it may fix the salaries of the county auditor and county treasurer at such amount as it shall consider proper, but such amount shall not be less than the amount provided by law and in effect at the time of the passage of this act.

Sec. 3. Application. The increase in salary of 20 percent as provided in Section 1 of this act shall not apply to any county auditor or county treasurer whose salary is now paid under the provisions of Laws 1951, Chapters 318 or 320; Laws 1953, Chapters 182, 185, 250, 421 or 426; Laws 1955, Chapters 347, 374, 403, 405, 473 or 566, as long as such law shall remain in force and effect, unless such law provides for a lesser salary than such officer would receive if his salary was computed according to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 384.151 and 385.373, plus a 15 percent increase under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 384.151 and 385.374, plus the full cost of living increase under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43 plus 20 percent of such total, in which event the salary of such officer may be increased by adding 20 percent to the amount such officer would have received on February 1, 1957, computed under Minnesota Statutes 1953, herein described.

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CHAPTER 516—S. F. No. 1280

An act relating to apiaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 19.18, Subdivisions 1 and 11; 19.19, as amended; 19.20, Subdivision 1; 19.21, 19.22, 19.23, 19.24, 19.25, 19.26,