

not more than 2600, situated in a county containing over 5000 square miles, a police pension fund is established. The governing body of such city shall levy a tax sufficient to provide funds for the payment of pensions authorized in section 2. One-half of such tax as levied may be in excess of any limitation imposed upon the taxing power of such city by any law.

Sec. 2. **Voluntary retirement.** An annual pension shall be paid upon voluntary retirement from service in the police force of the city in an amount equal to one-half the average annual base pay paid the retired policeman during the three years immediately preceding his retirement. A person qualified under this act must be at least 65 years of age and must have served at least 35 consecutive years on the police force of the city immediately preceding his retirement.

Approved April 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 688—H. F. No. 2044

An act relating to state mining leases and relating to conveyances of land to the state for storage of iron ore or other materials; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 93.20, Subdivision 28, as amended.

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

Section 1. **Rentals, royalties, form of lease.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 93.20, Subdivision 28, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 575, Section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 28. It is further understood and agreed as follows:

(1) The part _____ of the second part will open, use and work the mine or mines on said land in such manner only as is usual and customary in skillful and proper mining operations of similar character when conducted by the proprietors on their own land and in accordance with the requirements, methods, and practices of good mining engineering, and in such manner as not to cause any unnecessary or unusual permanent injury to such mine or mines or inconvenience or hindrance in the subsequent operation of the same or in the development, mining, or disposal of any iron ore or other valuable mineral left on or in said land.

(2) Subject to the approval of the commissioner of conservation, all iron ore and other material produced or accumulated in connection with any operations hereunder and

not otherwise lawfully disposed of shall be deposited or disposed of by the part _____ of the second part at such places and in such manner as will not hinder or embarrass such subsequent operations or activities; provided, that any such material containing iron or other minerals in such quantity or form as to have present or potential value shall be deposited only on the land covered by this lease, or on other land belonging to the state and available for the purpose.

(3) Land conveyed to the state upon condition that it shall be used for the storage of iron ore or other materials having present or potential value belonging to the state, subject to termination or reversion of title when no longer needed or used for that purpose, shall be deemed suitable and available therefor. The commissioner may accept such a conveyance in behalf of the state if he shall determine that the conditions thereof conform with the foregoing provisions and will fully protect the interests of the state in the materials to be so stored, but no consideration shall be paid for such conveyance unless authorized by law. *The existence of mineral reservations with rights to use or destroy the surface in connection therewith, shall not prevent lands being deemed suitable and available if the commissioner finds that the lands are located off the generally recognized limits of the iron formation, and the commissioner finds that no minerals of any present or foreseeable commercial value are known to exist thereon.* The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 500.20 shall not apply to any conveyance of land to the state pursuant to this subdivision and shall not limit the duration of any covenant, condition, restriction, or limitation created by any such conveyance.

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CHAPTER 689—H. F. No. 76

An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.15, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 807, Section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Payments, limitation.** The manner and amount of old age assistance payments shall be fixed with due regard to the conditions in each case in accordance with the