

secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums on such bond and the expenses of recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on such bond by any person aggrieved by the violation of the conditions thereof.

Sec. 2. Laws 1955, Chapter 747, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Such referee shall receive from the county as compensation for his services as referee a salary of \$1,500 per annum in addition to his compensation as clerk of such court, payable from the general revenue fund of the county not otherwise appropriated, at the same time and in the same manner and subject to the provisions of law applicable to the compensation of the judge. No such referee shall be counsel or attorney in any action or proceeding nor shall he give counsel or advice, nor shall he appear or practice as an attorney in any matter or proceeding before any court of law or equity. The county shall furnish him with a suitable office in the courthouse or in some other suitable place or places designated by the judge. The judge may assign to the referee from the court's clerks and employees such clerical help as may be necessary to enable him properly to discharge his duties.

Sec. 3. *This act shall take effect upon its approval by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners of St. Louis county and upon compliance with Laws 1959, Chapter 368.*

Approved May 8, 1959.

EXTRA SESSION

CHAPTER 4—H. F. No. 62

An act relating to county commissioner's salaries in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.055.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.055, is amended to read:

375.055 Salaries in counties of less than 100,000. Subdivision 1. **Maximum.** The county commissioners, in all counties of the state having a population of less than 100,000, shall receive as compensation for services rendered by them

for their respective counties, annual salaries, *in an amount set by the county board not to exceed the amounts hereinafter provided* based on the population according to the then last preceding state or federal census, the taxable valuation of real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits; as reported in the abstract of tax lists for the preceding year, and the number of full or fractional congressional townships, as follows:

(a) In counties with less than 6,500 inhabitants \$400 and \$300 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$900;

(b) In counties with 6,500 but less than 12,000 inhabitants \$400 and \$175 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,050;

(c) In counties with 12,000 but less than 16,000 inhabitants \$500 and \$100 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,250;

(d) In counties with 16,000 but less than 21,000 inhabitants \$600 and \$65 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,350;

(e) In counties with 21,000 but less than 30,000 inhabitants \$850 and \$40 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,420;

(f) In counties with 30,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants \$1,050 and \$35 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$3 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,750;

(g) In counties with 50,000 but less than 100,000 inhabitants, \$1,250 and \$25 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$2 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$1,800.

Subd. 2. Salaries set by other acts: In any county where the county commissioners are now receiving a higher salary under any act, in force on the effective date of this act,

whether such acts were temporary or permanent, than the amount which they would receive under the provisions of this section, such salary shall continue in force at the amount so established. Whenever the county board increases or decreases the salaries of the county commissioners, it shall also have authority to revoke or terminate such increases or decreases whenever it is convinced that such increases or decreases are no longer necessary or justifiable.

Subd. 3. Cost of living adjustments. The salary as provided in subdivision 1 hereof shall constitute a base salary; the board of county commissioners, if they so elect, may increase said base salary on the basis of the cost of living salary adjustment as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.43, and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

Subd. 4. Repeal of inconsistent provisions. Except as otherwise herein provided, all acts or parts of acts, which relate to salaries of county commissioners, in any county in the state having a population of less than 100,000 according to the last federal census, are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Subd. 5. Other benefits. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of county commissioners to collect and retain any fees, per diem payment, or other payment which is now authorized by any other provision of the law to collect and retain in addition to the stated amount of his annual salary, or to participate in any group insurance program instituted by the county board for county officers and employees.

Subd. 6. Validation. The salary heretofore paid any county commissioner under the provisions of any existing law insofar as they are inconsistent with this section, which may be found to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, is hereby legalized and made valid.

Subd. 7. Limitation. This section shall not be construed as repealing or superseding any other act, relating to the same subject, enacted by the 1959 session of the legislature, nor shall it be construed as repealing any existing law which provides for a higher salary, in any county, than the amount provided in this section.

Sec. 2. The effective date of this act shall be July 1, 1959.

Approved May 8, 1959.
