

CHAPTER 21—H. F. No. 4

[Not Coded]

An act relating to distressed areas of the state, and appropriating money therefor.

WHEREAS, there exists within the state of Minnesota certain areas, particularly in the northeastern area of the state which have a high rate of unemployment, depressed business and agricultural conditions; and

WHEREAS, the problem of distressed areas is a matter of state as well as national economic concern; and

WHEREAS, the abundance of natural resources and the skill and character of the people are such that the long term future of the area is assured; and

WHEREAS, a constructive solution to the immediate and long range problems of these areas can only be achieved through a unified program of federal, state and local governments, and the resources of private capital; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to continue to make every possible effort to contribute its share to the solution of these problems and bring immediate economic relief to these areas; and

WHEREAS, by previous legislative act, Extra Session Laws 1958, Chapter 2, similar relief was provided, the results of which proved to be most beneficial both from the standpoint of conserving the property and natural resources of the state and providing employment to various economic distressed areas, it is the purpose of this legislation not only to bring immediate relief to these areas, but also to demonstrate the faith of the state in their potential for economic recovery and the continued effort of the state to cooperate in the solution of these problems all to the end that private capital, local governments and the Congress of the United States will join in the effort to accomplish fundamental economic stability in these areas.

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

Section 1. **Distressed area work projects.** Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the commissioner of conservation from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$1,500,000 to be expended by him for work projects authorized by law for the conser-

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vation of the natural resources and property of the state, not otherwise undertaken by him by reason of the unavailability of appropriated funds. Such appropriation may also be expended by the commissioner under this act for work projects relating to landscaping on the grounds of a branch of the state university situated in an area of economic distress. Unexpended balances of the appropriation hereunder shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 16.17, or any other law.

Subd. 2. Persons who may be employed. This appropriation shall only be used to employ needy persons, except skilled and supervisory personnel, in areas of economic distress and to provide necessary materials and equipment therefor.

Sec. 2, Subdivision 1. Governor to determine projects. The moneys appropriated by section 1 shall be separately accounted for and used only on projects within the purpose of this enactment and as determined by the governor upon the recommendation of the commissioner of conservation and after consultation with the legislative advisory committee.

Subd. 2. Governor to consult with legislative advisory committee. The governor shall consult with the legislative advisory committee before making the determinations required by this section in the same manner as he consults with the legislative advisory committee in making expenditures from the general contingent fund as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1957, Chapter 356.

Sec. 3. Subdivision 1. Purpose to be considered. The purpose of this act is to provide for the conservation of the natural resources and to provide for employment in areas of economic distress. The governor after consultation with the legislative advisory committee shall determine and define areas of economic distress and in so doing shall consider all relevant factors, including but not limited to conditions of unemployment and conditions relating to the deterioration or losses of farm crops.

Subd. 2. Eligibility for employment. Eligibility for employment on work projects authorized by this act shall be governed by procedures established by the department of conservation. Any procedures or rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith may be made by the department of conservation without compliance with any existing law or statutory provision relating to the promulgation of rules and

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regulations by departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the state.

Sec. 4. This act is effective from and after its passage.

Approved February 23, 1961.

CHAPTER 22—S. F. No. 99

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the city treasurer of the city of South Saint Paul.

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

Section 1. **South St. Paul, treasurer's salary.** The council of the city of South Saint Paul may, by a majority vote of all its members, fix a rate of compensation to be paid the city treasurer which shall be paid in addition to compensation now authorized by any home rule charter, in order to provide any adjustment needed because of increased costs of living.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the council of the city of South Saint Paul and upon compliance with Laws 1959, Chapter 368.

Approved February 23, 1961.

CHAPTER 23—S. F. No. 139

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the city assessor of the city of South Saint Paul.

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

Section 1. **South St. Paul, assessor's salary.** The council of the city of South Saint Paul may, by majority vote of all of its members, fix and determine the salary of the city assessor and appropriate money for the payment of such salary as so determined, and define his duties.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall become effective

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