

Sec. 3. (3) The commissioner of highways shall adopt a suitable marking design with which he shall mark or blaze the highways heretofore described over which the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail" is located.

Approved May 18, 1965.

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CHAPTER 446—H. F. No. 729

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*An act relating to the firemen's relief association in the city of Bloomington; providing certain benefits for volunteer firemen and their survivors; authorizing tax levies.*

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

Section 1. **Bloomington, city of; firemen's relief association.** In lieu of a service pension as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 424.17, the firemen's relief association in the city of Bloomington may provide a volunteer fireman who qualifies under the terms of Minnesota Statutes, Section 424.17, with a service pension or a disability pension of not more than a sum equal to one third of the salary as payable from time to time during the period of pension payment to policemen of the highest grade, not including officers of the police department, in the employ of the municipality, such pension to be payable for his natural life in conformity with the bylaws of the association.

Sec. 2. In lieu of the widows pension provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 424.24, the firemen's relief association in the city of Bloomington may provide a pension to the widow of a volunteer fireman who qualifies under the terms of Minnesota Statutes, Section 424.24, of not more than a sum equal to one fourth of the salary as payable from time to time during the period of pension payment to policemen of the highest grade, not including officers of the police department, in the employ of the city, such pension to be paid as the bylaws of the association provide for her natural life; provided that if she remarry, such pension shall cease and terminate as of the date of her remarriage.

In event there are surviving children as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 424.24, the firemen's relief association of the city of Bloomington may provide for a pension of not more than four percent of the monthly salary as payable from time to time during the

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period of pension payment to policemen of the highest grade, not including officers of the department, in the employ of the city, for each child up to the time each child reaches the age of not less than 16 years or more than 18 years as the bylaws of the association provide; provided, the total pension hereunder for the widow and children of the deceased member shall not exceed one third of the monthly salary of a policeman of the highest grade, not including officers of the police department, in the employ of the municipality during the period of the pension payment.

Sec. 3. The firemen's relief association of the city of Bloomington may provide a pension for children of deceased members after the death of their mothers, of such amount as the board of trustees of the association shall deem necessary to properly support such children until they reach an age of not more than 18 as the bylaws of the association provide; provided the total pension hereunder for children of the deceased member shall not exceed a sum equal to one third of the monthly salary of a policeman of the highest grade, not including officers of the police department, in the employ of the municipality during the period of the pension payment.

Sec. 4. Bylaws of the relief association may further provide that when any member of the association or any pensioner who is a former member dies, there may be paid a death or funeral benefit not to exceed \$500 to defray or assist the family of the deceased in defraying the funeral expenses of the deceased.

Sec. 5. A volunteer having performed service in the department for more than ten years, but less than 20 years, when his position is eliminated, may be paid a service pension when he reaches the age of 50 years, determined on a prorata basis proportionate to the ratio which his years of service bear to 20 years of service. Pension payable under sections 2, 3, and 4 hereof shall also be paid on a prorata basis.

Sec. 6. If the city of Bloomington shall convert the volunteer fire department to a full time paid fire department and if any volunteer should become a full time fireman, his volunteer time shall apply toward his retirement under the terms of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 424, provided, however, that benefits shall be determined on a prorata basis so that volunteer benefits are paid for the volunteer time and benefits under chapter 424 shall be paid for the time spent as a paid fireman.

Sec. 7. Subdivision 1. The treasurer of the city of Bloomington and the secretary of the firemen's relief association of the city of Bloomington, maintaining and administering the firemen's pension fund, shall during the month of June of each year, prepare and

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certify an estimate of the necessary appropriation which, including the members' contributions, will be sufficient to meet the current normal cost determined by the entry age normal cost method based upon a three percent interest assumption, plus an additional amount sufficient to retire the present accumulated deficit within 40 years of the passage of this act. This estimate of pension appropriations shall be submitted to the city council of the city of Bloomington prior to the setting of the yearly budget of the city for the following year. During the first year after passage of this act and at least once every four years thereafter the city firemen's relief association shall obtain an actuarial survey and report, prepared by an approved actuary as defined in Chapter 11, Laws of 1957, to assist in the preparation of the annual estimates required by this section.

Subd. 2. The city shall levy a tax for the firemen's pension fund equal to the net amount so certified, in the manner and at the time that it levies other taxes. When the fund has reached a point sufficient to fully fund the Bloomington firemen's relief association, the tax levy shall be established at an amount sufficient to maintain the fund in a completely funded status as new obligations are incurred. The proceeds of this tax shall be paid into the firemen's pension fund.

Subd. 3. Each volunteer shall contribute the sum of \$144 per year to the relief association in the manner and at the times provided for in the bylaws.

Sec. 8. The pensions provided for herein shall be paid to all volunteers in addition to any other pension due them from other employment.

Sec. 9. Moneys in the pension fund shall be disbursed only for purposes authorized by articles of incorporation or bylaws of the association. When any moneys in the fund are invested in order to earn income and when any change in the bylaws relative to disbursement is made, the officer of the association shall obtain the approval of the Bloomington city council.

Sec. 10. The bylaws of the association referred to in this act shall not be effective unless approved by the Bloomington city council.

Sec. 11. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of the city of Bloomington and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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