
CHAPTER 95—H.F.No.595

An act relating to retirement; authorized expenditures of firemen's relief associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 424.31.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 424.31, is amended to read:

424.31 RETIREMENT; FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS; EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION. The board of trustees of every firemen's relief association of this state shall be composed of the following persons: Six trustees elected annually by such firemen's relief association from its own members and the following ex officio members taken from the officers of the municipality in which the relief association is located, the mayor or president, the recorder or clerk, the treasurer, and the chief of the fire department thereof; and any such board of trustees of a duly incorporated relief association shall have exclusive control and management of all funds received by its treasurer under the provisions of sections 424.30 and 424.31, funds derived from the state of Minnesota, and all moneys or property donated, given, granted, or devised for the benefit of these funds, and such funds when received shall be kept in a special fund on the books of the secretary and treasurer of the association and never disbursed for any purpose except the following:

(1) For the relief of sick, injured, and disabled members of any fire department in such city;

(2) For the payment of pensions to disabled firemen and the widows and orphans of firemen;

(3) For the payment of pensions to retired firemen pursuant to the laws of the state;

(4) For the payment of the fees, dues, and assessments in the Minnesota state fire department association, and in the volunteer firemen's benefit association of Minnesota so as to entitle the members of any qualified fire department to membership in and benefits of such state association;

(5) For the payment of such death or funeral benefits as may be from time to time stipulated in the bylaws of the respective relief associations; and

(6) For the payment of necessary expenses of administering such fund, including the ~~secretary's and treasurer's~~ salaries of the president,

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secretary and treasurer .

The term "widow" means a woman who was the wife of a fireman or pensioner during the time he was an active fireman, provided that she was married to him three or more years prior to the time when such fireman retired as a service pensioner. The term "widow" shall not include the surviving wife who has deserted a fireman or pensioner or who has not been dependent upon him for support.

The funds received by any relief association from dues, fines, initiation fees, and entertainments shall be kept in a fund called the general fund and may be disbursed for any purposes authorized by the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the association. The relief association is hereby authorized and empowered to invest its funds in such income-paying properties and securities as the council of the city in which such organization is located shall from time to time authorize. Benefits shall in all cases be within the limits authorized by state law and in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the association.

Approved March 31, 1976.

CHAPTER 96—H.F.No.1957

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An act relating to natural resources; providing general condemnation power upon obtaining consent of landowner; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 84.027, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES; CONDEMNATION WITH LANDOWNER'S CONSENT. Whenever the commissioner of natural resources is authorized by law to acquire any interest in real estate, he may acquire by condemnation with the written consent of the landowner, that real estate which he deems to be in the best interests of the state. This subdivision shall apply only in those situations where condemnation is not otherwise authorized for the acquisition.

Approved April 1, 1976.

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